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Gertrude Pils is 2nd Deputy Chairwoman of PEKABE (www.pekabe.at), the Austrian Federation of the Occupational Pension Fund Beneficiaries, and thus, representing the stakeholder group "beneficiaries". She was a senior executive in the financial industries with extensive international experience.

Gertrude worked for 28 years in leadership positions at the UniCredit Group (www.unicredit.eu). Inter alia, she was responsible for International Controlling, directed the banking network in Central and Eastern Europe and was Director for the Western Europe and Overseas Region at Bank Austria. She also headed the Global Cross Border Business Management of UniCredit Group. Later on, Gertrude Pils served as CEO and Managing Director of the UniCredit Turn-Around Management CEE holding and was responsible for the real estate management deriving from bad debts in 12 European countries.

Prior to UniCredit, Gertrude Pils held managerial roles at Merkur Insurance (www.merkur.at) and worked as systems analyst and program developer at Siemens. Gertrude is graduated engineer in Technical Mathematics (TU Graz) and studied Business Administration at the WU Vienna. Gertrude also chairs the Supervisory Board of the leading provider of mobile social and health care services in the City of Vienna (www.wienersozialdienste.at).

Gertrude comments on her motivation to join OPSG: "A pension system is as good as it ultimately provides save and sustainable pension payments to its beneficiaries. However, economic and environmental uncertainties, eroding interest rates and increasing financial market volatilities bear enormous risks for all stakeholders in the pension systems. Thus, the mission of EIOPA is of utmost importance, esp. to improve consumer protection and rebuild trust in the financial system. EIOPA can benefit from my broad experience in banking, insurance and pension funds. Moreover, I am familiar with the challenge of harmonization of business models and governance across multiple jurisdictions, markets and cultures, and ready to contribute to the European convergence process."
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