



EIOPA Occupational Pensions Stakeholder Group



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I applied to continue as member of the OPSG willing to give a positive contribution for private pensions in Europe. In the coming years occupational and individual pensions will be one of majors' political issues in Europe and EIOPA plays a role of critical importance in this context.

My engagement in the activities of the Portuguese Association of Investment and Pension Funds and Asset Management (APFIPP), as Member of the Board of Directors as well as my participation, at the European level, as the Portuguese representant in PensionsEurope and in the Pensions Standing Committee of EFAMA, and since 2018 as Member of the OPSG, with contributions in almost all the topics in discussion, has given me the opportunity to work in a broader environment, benefiting from the exchange and sharing of experiences and knowledges, developing the ability of promoting consensus about the major topics under discussion.

I think that the existing Portuguese Pension Funds governance model, organized with professional regulated and well supervised managers, can add a helpful approach in a European Pension Funds Market that is mostly organized in a different way. And, in the opposite way, I also think that the knowledge acquired might help me to give a modest contribution to convince Portuguese National Authorities that only a balanced system with inputs from the three Pillars will make possible the existence of sustainable and adequate pensions in the future.

After my graduation in Economics with specialization in International and Financial Economy, (ISEG of Lisbon), my professional career was mostly developed in the Pension Fund and Insurance Sectors. Before embracing my current function, I was Director of several departments among the Ageas Insurance Group: Commercial, Marketing, and General Management. For about two years, I had an international career experience, as Member of the Board of Directors of PTE PZU, S.A., as representative of Eureko, in Poland.

Since 2006, I am General Manager of Ocidental Pensões, leader in Portuguese Pension Funds Market and I am also Member of the Management Committee for Life Pensions and Bancassurance of the Ageas Portugal Group.