

<p>Michaela Koller</p> <p>Member of the Occupational Pensions Stakeholder Group (OPSG)</p>	
<p>OPSG category</p>	<p>IORPs representative</p>
<p>Motivation for applying to become an OPSG member</p>	<p>I believe that the development of supplementary pension schemes in Europe deserves adequate attention from stakeholders and regulators alike. Supplementary pension systems will play an increasingly important role in all EU member states in light of an ageing population and resulting burden placed on countries to ensure adequate pay for pensioners.</p> <p>I am perfectly aware that invitations to become a member of the OPSG are in a personal capacity only. However, my work experience will put me in a position to actively contribute to the debates and consultations from the perspective of an industry sector that is heavily engaged in the provision of funded pension systems in all three pension pillars, albeit with varying market shares between countries. In many EU member states, insurers are important providers of occupational pensions and like IORPs, they engage in long-term guarantees and concomitant long-term investments.</p> <p>As a member of the group, I would seek to explain the role of insurers in second pillar pension provision, proactively promote discussion on the above elements and contribute overall to the consultation process that EIOPA is running for the occupational pension work stream.</p> <p>I also believe that my previous experience as a member of the Insurance and Reinsurance Stakeholder Group would put me in an excellent position to become operational as of day one of this new mandate.</p> <p>On the basis of the above, I am happy that my candidacy for the OPSG has been accepted as a representative of a relevant European trade body whose members are active in the area of occupational pensions.</p>
<p>Professional background relevant for your function in the OPSG</p>	<p>Michaela Koller is director general of Insurance Europe, the European insurance and reinsurance federation. She is currently also secretary of the Global Federation of Insurance Associations (GFIA).</p>

Michaela has worked in Brussels for the last 22 years. Prior to joining Insurance Europe in February 2007, she was a member of the management committee of the European Savings Banks Group and the World Savings Banks Institute.

Michaela has served as a member of various consumer/industry groups and advisory groups established by the European Commission. She chaired the insurance and reinsurance stakeholder group of the European Insurance and Occupational Pensions Authority (EIOPA) during its first two-and-a-half-year mandate. She testifies regularly at hearings organised by EU institutions.

Michaela is a German national and holds a law degree from Augsburg University.