

## **EIOPA Occupational Pensions Stakeholder Group**

### **Monica Calu**

I have been a consumer rights activist and jurist for fifteen years and economist. I am the co-founder and chairperson of a Romanian NGOs Consumers United/Consumatorii Uniti Association, and co-founder and board member of the pan-European think-tank Financial Inclusion Europe. I am also a publicist.

In November 2019 I became an individual member in Finance Watch.

Since 2019 I have been advocating for gender equality and for women's rights, as a member of Professional Women's Network Romania and of Business Women Forum Romania.

I have a degree in Economics with specialization in Accounting & Information Systems and I also have a degree in Law (graduated in 2007) and a master diploma in International Relations and European Integration (2017). I am a doctoral student in the final year at the Doctoral School of SNSPA in Romania, in the domain of Political Sciences. My doctoral thesis has the subject: "The international financial system: crisis, institutions, reform of the regulatory and supervisory framework".

In the last ten years I specialized in financial services for consumers, a domain in which I worked due to the interest I have in this area.

Since September 2018 I have been a member of the IRSG at the EIOPA and since May 2019 I have been a member of the Banking Stakeholder Group, at the EBA.

I became an individual expert at the Financial Services User Group (FSUG) within DG FISMA in June 2022.

In the period 2020-2023 (first term) and from February 2024 (second term) I was member of the Advisory Council at the central level at the National Authority for Consumer Protection in Romania representing consumers associations. Since April 2021, I hold a mandate in the Consultative Group for Consumer Protection of non-banking at the Financial Supervisory Authority in Romania, representing consumers.