EIOPA Occupational Pensions Stakeholder Group

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I am Senior Director for Economics and Research at the European Fund and Asset Management Association. Prior to joining EFAMA, I held positions as a policy advisor to the Belgian Finance Minister and as an economist at the IMF in Washington. I have a Ph.D. in economics from the University of Pennsylvania and have taught economics courses at the Catholic University of Louvain for nearly three decades.

Within EFAMA, I am heavily involved in various critical areas related to pensions, including the IORP Directive, the PEPP, and the sustainable finance EU agenda. Recently, I played a key role in launching the European Retirement Week and currently chair the steering group responsible for coordinating the events during the week. I have also led the organization of webinars during the past three editions of the ERW.

As a member of the Pension Committee of the International Investment Fund Association, I contributed to the report titled 'Better Pensions, Better Lives: How investment funds can help individuals save for retirement and reduce fiscal pressures on governments', published in December 2021.

Furthermore, I am overseeing a study commissioned by EFAMA to the OECD on the contribution of capital markets to positive outcomes for members of Defined Contributions pension plans. Portions of this study have been presented to the OECD Working Party on Private Pensions, with the final version expected to be published in December 2024.

I have served as Chair of the OPSG since October 2018, where I have endeavoured to contribute to its tasks in an objective and impartial manner. My motivation to remain engaged with the OPSG remains steadfast.

Significant new initiatives are essential to safeguard the well-being of pensioners in the coming decades, revive the CMU, and provide financing for the green and digital transitions. Given EIOPA's crucial role in advising policymakers on pension issues, I am eager to continue advancing these goals within the OPSG.