

EIOPA Occupational Pensions Stakeholder Group

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With an academic foundation in Economics and Social Security Sciences from the University of Tilburg, my career has been dedicated to the field of pension policy and advocacy. My professional journey has encompassed roles of increasing responsibility and scope, leading to significant contributions within the Dutch pension sector. Beginning at the Dutch Ministry of Social Affairs and Employment, I served in various capacities working on pension policy development and implementation on the national and international level. Culminating in serving as a manager of a fifty people division and first advisor to the minister

As the General Manager at the Dutch Federation of Pension Funds (Pensioenfederatie), I led a team of 28, steering the organization to become the defining voice of the pension sector in the Netherlands. Managing an organization that represented almost all Dutch pension funds (180 members). My tenure was marked by strategic policy development and leading negotiations with the Dutch Central Bank, Dutch Authority Financial Markets, ministries and other governing institutions. This role underscored the importance of strategic vision and adaptability within a rapidly evolving sector.

Subsequently as Director at the Dutch Trade Unions (FNV), allowed me to directly engage in negotiations and advocacy for pension agreements and pensioners' interests. My current focus on implementing the 2023 Dutch new Pension Law and serving as chairman of BPL (industrywide pension fund) as employee representative. In these roles I continue to show my commitment to the welfare of pensioners and the integrity of the pension system.

My career is characterized by a steadfast dedication to innovation, negotiation, and collaboration to navigate and shape the complex landscape of pension policy. My colleagues have recognized me as a pioneer, a trait that has been central to my efforts to advance the interests of pensioners and the broader pension system.