

EIOPA Insurance and Reinsurance Stakeholder Group

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I started my career in 2011 as a public affairs consultant, working for clients in the financial sector on a wide range of issues related with financial regulation, including bank and insurance capital requirements, retail financial services such as consumer or mortgage credit, payments and, of course, retail investment and life insurance products. I gained from this initial experience a clear understanding of the financial ecosystem in Europe, with the many linkages between various types of financial activities and the web of European and national regulation governing these.

Driven by my curiosity and wish to understand further the relations of influence at play in this financial ecosystem, I then embarked on a PhD research project on the influence of financial interest groups on the reform of bank capital requirements, which I completed at the University of Luxembourg in 2022. This project, besides furthering my knowledge and understanding of financial regulation, also provided me with a range of analytical skills that enable me to process the wealth of information stemming from corporate and supervisory reporting, and relate those to key policy issues and consumer concerns.

After completing my PhD, and seeking an opportunity to contribute to positive change for EU citizens, I joined BETTER FINANCE's team as Senior Research & Policy Officer. As the European Federation of Investors and Financial Services Users, BETTER FINANCE is active on a wide range of issues impacting retail investors and policyholders. As part of the team, I employ my skills and knowledge to monitor and contribute to policy debates in particular in the areas of life insurance and packaged retail investment products.

To sum up, in terms of skills, knowledge and expertise, my professional experience to date has equipped me well to usefully contribute to IRSG policy debates, and said experience has also convinced me of the need to actively represent consumers' interests.