

## **EIOPA Insurance and Reinsurance Stakeholder Group**

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In 1988 I finished my PhD in Sociology at the University of Bielefeld on corporatism, a historical French model of democratic control of lobbyism or advocacy in the state legislative procedures. It was based on research work done before in Paris and Aix-en-Provence.

Due to an additional professional training as Scientific Documentalist at the new Technical College of Potsdam I started in 1996 my work as media analyst of the German Association of Insured (BdV) in Hamburg, specialized in social security systems reforms and private retirement provision.

Already in the early phase of the Solvency II project I represented the BdV as a panellist at an EC public hearing in Brussels (in June 2006). From 2012 on my personal engagement at EIOPA hearings and panels, consultations and surveys covered the main issues of insurance- and pension-related EU regulatory projects: Solvency II, IDD, POG, PRIIPs KID, PEPP, IORPs II, SFCR, Retail Investor Strategy, etc.

I have been a member of EIOPA's OPSG from September 2018 on (beneficiaries representative) and of IRSG for one year in 2019/2020 (consumer representative). During the OPSG mandate from 2020 on I was leader of the sub-working group on the Consumer Trends Report (each year) and was appointed for many presentations at EIOPA conferences (CCPFI, Common Meeting of BoS and SGs, special events like IDD Evaluation in March 2023, IORPs II Review in May 2023, etc.).

Many of these positions have closely been developed with Better Finance, the European Federation of Investors and Financial Services Users based in Brussels. In December 2022 I was elected as one of the two Vice-Presidents of Better Finance.

The combination of the expertise from the German Association of Insured (BdV) based on private life and non-life insurances for consumers and from Better Finance based on retail investments and private and occupational pensions constituted the fundamental rationale for my motivation to apply again for an IRSG mandate.