

## OPSG meeting

**DATE:** 12 June 2024

**TIME:** 09:30 – 15:30H CET

**LOCATION:** FRANKFURT

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# MEETING CONCLUSIONS

### AGENDA ITEM 1: APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

1. The OPSG Chairperson welcomed the attendees to the in-person meeting.
2. The OPSG Chairperson went through the meeting agenda and presented the topics designated for discussion during the meeting.

### CONCLUSIONS AND ACTION POINTS

3. The draft meeting agenda (EIOPA-OPSG-24-11) was adopted.

### AGENDA ITEM 2: UPDATE BY OPSG CHAIRPERSON

4. The OPSG Chairperson informed the group about upcoming deadlines and deliverables.
5. The OPSG Chairperson briefly outlined ongoing work by the group.
6. The OPSG Chairperson and the Vice-Chairs extended their gratitude to the whole group for their dedication and contributions through their term.

### CONCLUSIONS AND ACTION POINTS

7. Following the update, OPSG Members agreed to finalise work on pending items, ideally by the end of June.

### AGENDA ITEM 3: UPDATE BY EIOPA

8. The EIOPA Chairperson and Executive Director expressed their gratitude to the group for their dedicated efforts throughout their mandate, emphasizing their cooperation and own initiative reports.
9. EIOPA'S Executive Director updated OPSG members on the following topics:
  - Sustainable Finance Disclosure Regulation (SFDR);
  - Advisory Committee on Proportionality (ACP);
  - Second batch of Digital Operational Resilience Act (DORA) Policy Products.
10. EIOPA'S Executive Director briefly outlined recent internal organisational changes in EIOPA, as reflected in the organization chart, which had been implemented to better align EIOPA's structure with strategic priorities and considering the horizontal nature of digitalization and sustainability as well as to improve synergies and facilitate cooperation across departments.

### CONCLUSIONS AND ACTION POINTS

11. OPSG members welcomed the information provided by EIOPA'S Chair and Executive Director.
12. EIOPA communicated that it would attach the revised organizational chart to the conclusions and action points for members' reference (cf. attached).

### AGENDA ITEM 4: RESULTS OF EIOPA'S SURVEY TO THE OPSG

13. EIOPA presented the results and key findings from the survey that has been distributed in May to the stakeholder groups.
14. OPSG members who had not participated in the survey had the opportunity to present their views and contributed with additional insights during the meeting.

### CONCLUSIONS AND ACTION POINTS

15. OPSG members engaged in discussions encompassing various topics, including content of work and the effectiveness of different working modalities, particularly favoring presentations but also maintaining written inputs. The session saw diverse perspectives, emphasizing the importance of lean meeting agendas to ensure productive dialogue. Views on rapporteurs' roles and managing diverging opinions were also presented.
16. EIOPA will carefully consider the feedback and views expressed by the OPSG members during the meeting and in the survey, also in view of the renewed membership of the stakeholder groups.

### AGENDA ITEM 5: OPSG ACTIVITY REPORT

17. The OPSG Chair informed members about the content of the draft group's Activity Report, which the group was expected to finalise by the end of its mandate.
18. Topic leaders presented their views on six areas of the review: Adequacy and Proportionality, Cross-Border Activities and Transfers, Information to Member, Defined-Contribution Schemes, Sustainable Finance and Diversity and Inclusion.
19. The OPSG discussed and agreed on the comments made on EIOPA's advice on the review of the IORP II Directive.

### CONCLUSIONS AND ACTION POINTS

20. The OPSG will aim at finalising the Activity Report by the end of the group's mandate on 30 June.

#### **AGENDA ITEM 6: CHALLENGES RELATED TO PEPP**

21. OPSG member Jan Sebo presented the progress on the own initiative report, "Practical Examples of Obstacles Encountered by Providers and Consumers in Setting Up Cross-Border PEPPs". The report highlights national implementation of PEPP, including divergences across Member States in terms of national provisions, distribution aspects, and taxation.

#### **CONCLUSIONS AND ACTION POINTS**

22. OPSG members proceeded with a discussion on the potential of PEPP and the regulatory and market barriers affecting its uptake. They debated the importance of competitiveness, the challenges of providing advice under current fee structures and whether simplification of the product or removal of regulatory obstacles would be more beneficial. Concerns were raised about improving PEPP for small and micro-companies. There was emphasis on addressing the fee cap as a short-term priority as the PEPP regulation foresees to review every two years from the date of application of the regulation, and the removal of some of the requirements of mandatory advice (for basic PEPP) in the context of a broader review of the regulation. Members discussed a proposal to review the current requirements on risk mitigation techniques for the basic PEPP, aiming at releasing capital, as these requirements appear to be too complicated. Increasing tax harmonization at the EU level was considered unrealistic but reference was made to the possibility of action before the Court of Justice of the EU in reference to discriminatory tax practices between PEPP and national products. The group noted resistance from some Member States and underlined the importance of focusing on demand-side factors for PEPP's success. Members called for further analysis on improving PEPP, highlighting the need for a competitive, simple product that supports cross-border mobility.
23. OPSG member Jan Sebo will incorporate the comments he received in the report as quickly as possible.

#### **AGENDA ITEM 7: IORP LIQUIDITY RISK MANAGEMENT**

24. EIOPA provided an update on the work on IORP liquidity risk management. In line with EIOPA's advice on the review of the IORP II Directive and its annual work program for 2024, EIOPA is expected to develop an opinion on the supervision of liquidity risk management of IORPs.
25. EIOPA encouraged OPSG members to provide their insights regarding whether IORPs facing substantial liquidity risks should adhere to proposed high-level principles for managing liquidity risk. Additionally, EIOPA sought opinions on whether IORPs investing in derivatives through external funds should ensure that these funds maintain sufficient liquidity buffers, and if so, whether these buffers should be standardized or determined through rigorous stress testing methodologies.

#### **CONCLUSIONS AND ACTION POINTS**

26. EIOPA confirmed that the consultation paper on the draft opinion would be finalized in the following months, incorporating OPSG's views and suggestions: it was expected to be approved by

EIOPA's Board of Supervisors in summer, subject to public consultation in autumn and published in the first quarter of 2025.

27. OPSG members exchanged their views on liquidity risk management, addressing whether IORPs should comply with high-level principles, the feasibility of requiring derivative-holding funds to maintain liquidity buffers. Views varied on the application of standardized tests, with considerations on the impact of such tests on beneficiaries' costs. Discussions also highlighted differences in derivative usage among IORPs and the need to define materiality in liquidity risks to avoid undue regulatory burden.

#### **AGENDA ITEM 8: EUROPEAN PENSIONS DASHBOARD PILOT**

28. EIOPA presented the pilot for a European Pension Dashboard (EPD), in line with its technical advice to the Commission on pension dashboard development and data collection. The initiative aims to a holistic picture of pension systems across EU Member States and help identify and raise awareness about the pensions gap. EIOPA identified challenges including unavailability and inconsistency of data, lack of transparency regarding some indicators, focus on statutory pensions and absence of an EU-wide pension classification taxonomy regarding pillar description. A roadmap outlining required actions will be shared with the Commission to progress this effort.
29. EIOPA invited OPSG members to provide their suggestions regarding the feasibility of the pilot EPD and the proposed next steps for its implementation.

#### **CONCLUSIONS AND ACTION POINTS**

30. OPSG members provided their perspective on EIOPA's initiative regarding EPD. Views expressed support acknowledging the project's ambition and potential benefits. Some concerns were raised about data comparability across different countries and the need for clear definitions was emphasized.

#### **AGENDA ITEM 9: FOLLOW UP TO THE DISCUSSION ON THE CMU**

31. OPSG members discussed on the CMU, following up on the previous meeting's debate on the subject.
32. The discussion highlighted the pros and cons of creating a new long-term savings product, as proposed in the Letta report, by proposing a new EU product or creating an EU label that could be granted to existing national products complying with a set of principle. The importance of value for money for a successful CMU was emphasized. Members believed the idea behind PEPP remained valid, but more thinking was needed to ensure uptake of any such product being developed to bolster retirement savings.

#### **CONCLUSIONS AND ACTION POINTS**

33. OPSG members exchanged their views on the CMU. Discussions touched upon financial literacy, how to effectively promote pension savings and taxation issues.

## AGENDA ITEM 10: AOB

34. No additional topics were discussed under Any Other Business.

## CONCLUSIONS AND ACTION POINTS

35. There were no further actions as no additional topics were discussed under this item.

## OPSG Participants

Chairperson: Bernard Delbecque (Belgium)

Vice-Chairpersons: Aleksandra Maczynska (Poland), Falco Valkenburg (Netherlands)

First name	Last name	Country	OPSG category	Attendance
<b>Pauline</b>	Azzopardi	Malta	Beneficiaries	Present
<b>Francesco</b>	Briganti	Italy	IORPs	Present
<b>Lukasz</b>	Budzyński	Poland/France	IORPs	Present
<b>Marjolijn</b>	Bulk	Netherlands	Employees	Absent
<b>Bernard</b>	Delbecque	Belgium	Professional associations	Present
<b>Valdemar</b>	Duarte	Portugal	IORPs	Present
<b>Bruno</b>	Gabellieri	France	Employees	Present
<b>Christian</b>	Güllich	Germany	Beneficiaries	Present
<b>Olav</b>	Jones	Norway/UK	IORPs	Present
<b>Kęstutis</b>	Kupšys	Lithuania	Beneficiaries	Present
<b>Paul</b>	Le Bihan	France	IORP	Present
<b>Christian</b>	Lemaire	France	IORPs	Absent
<b>Matti</b>	Leppälä	Finland	IORPs	Present
<b>Elisa</b>	Luciano	Italy	Academics	Present
<b>Aleksandra</b>	Maczynska	Poland	Beneficiaries	Present
<b>Ute</b>	Meyenberg	France	Employees	Absent
<b>Flavia</b>	Micilotta	Italy	SMEs	Present
<b>Jerry</b>	Moriarty	Ireland	IORPs	Present
<b>Antonello</b>	Motroni	Italy	IORPs	Present
<b>Stefan</b>	Nellshen	Germany	IORPs	Present
<b>Philip</b>	Neyt	Belgium	IORPs	Present
<b>Nele</b>	Nys	Belgium	Employees	Present
<b>Janina</b>	Petelczyc	Poland	Academics	Present
<b>Gertrude</b>	Pils	Austria	Beneficiaries	Present
<b>Torun</b>	Reinhammar	Sweden	Professional associations	Present
<b>Jan</b>	Sebo	Slovakia	Academics	Present
<b>Onno</b>	Steenbeek	Netherlands	IORPs	Present
<b>Ioannis</b>	Tzanakos	Greece	IORPs	Present
<b>Falco</b>	Valkenburg	Netherlands	Professional associations	Present
<b>Hans</b>	Van Meerten	Netherlands	Academics	Present

### Other participants:

EIOPA's Senior Management and staff members.

# ANNEX I: EIOPA Organisation Chart

