

EIOPA Occupational Pensions Stakeholder Group

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Graduating in law from Bologna (Italy) in 2002, he pursued a master's degree in International Political Economy in 2007 at the University of Kent (UK). His professional journey has been deeply rooted in the pension sector. From 2006 to 2016, he dedicated himself to the European Association of Paritarian Institutions of Social Protection (AEIP), assuming the role of director in 2009. In 2015, he achieved a PhD in European Law from the University of Modena (Italy), with his doctoral thesis focusing on the establishment of a Pan-European occupational pension scheme. He also coordinated the World Pension Alliance (WPA), a network comprising major pension funds' associations globally.

In 2017, he founded the Cross Border Benefits Alliance-Europe (CBBA-Europe), assuming the role of Secretary General. The main mission of CBBA-Europe is to find solutions to ease the cross-border coverage and management of workplace and personal social protection plans at the EU level. Within CBBA, his advocacy activities in the pension field continued through position papers, responses to public consultations, letters to EU decision-makers, public events in Europe and North America, and active participation in working groups hosted by the EU institutions. CBBA-Europe is also a member of the World Pension Alliance and a participating organization at the European Retirement Week (ERW), which is a joint initiative of the main pensions-related advocacy organizations in Brussels.

During his time in the last OPSG, he primarily focused on the IORP II Directive and the PEPP Regulation. He led a working group for an OPSG paper on the importance of funded pensions in Europe. Additionally, he actively contributed to the OPSG response to the EIOPA consultation on the draft advice for the review of the IORP II Directive. In May 2023, he delivered a keynote presentation on the obstacles to cross-border activities of IORPs at EIOPA's IORP II review workshop. Moreover, he has been passionately engaged in OPSG's Discussion Paper on a Pan-European Occupational Pension (PEOP), closely aligning with the themes of his PhD. He occasionally conducts interviews and writes editorials about pensions for European and Italian newspapers and magazines. Over the years, he has spoken about pension systems and related EU policies at more than 300 public events worldwide, including a presentation at the White House in Washington DC in 2016.