

PensionsEurope publishes a position paper on Pan-European Personal Pension Product (PEPP)

Following the June 2017 [proposal of the European Commission](#) to introduce an EU legislative framework for a pan-European Personal Pension Product (PEPP), PensionsEurope has published a [position paper](#) with its preliminary views on the proposal in January 2018.

PensionsEurope highlights that a European framework for voluntary personal pensions can be particularly needed and useful for those who don't have access to workplace pensions, such as self-employed and workers in new forms of employment, or where personal pensions offered at the national level are not reliable or attractive. The PEPP could be especially useful for young European citizens who have more and more often a career in multiple Member States. However, PensionsEurope has also suggested that some amendments will be needed to the proposal if the initiative is to be successful. In particular, the position paper stressed the importance of ensuring that already existing and well-functioning pension systems will not be affected by the introduction of PEPPs. Moreover, the position paper touches upon several of the main proposed features of PEPPs, such as the authorization regime, potential PEPP providers (and role of IORPs), portability and compartments, switching of providers, investment rules, rules on the pay-out phase, and use of delegated acts.

In the meanwhile, discussions continue within the EU Council and the European Parliament. At the Council, the Working Party on Insurance (PEPP experts) is having monthly meetings. In December 2017, the Estonian EU Presidency proposed a [compromise text](#) on the PEPP Regulation. However, it is clear that, at the moment, there still is no consensus on many important aspects of the proposal (e.g. default investment option, role of IORPs, decumulation phase). The French and German delegations have expressed their reservations via a letter that highlighted their main concerns and their diverging opinions on some of the key PEPP features. Moreover, several Member States expressly asked to remove IORPs from the list of potential PEPP providers.

In the European Parliament, the Committee responsible for the file is ECON, which has appointed the ALDE Dutch MEP Sophia In't Veld as rapporteur for the opinion. In January 2018 MEP In't Veld presented a [working document](#) and next month she is expected to deliver a draft report on PEPPs.

The final vote on her report in the ECON committee is planned for July 2018.

PensionsEurope remains committed in ensuring that the final outcomes on this dossier will be in line with the interests of our members.