



Greg Van Elsen

Greg Van Elsen joined BEUC, the European Consumer Organisation, in 2014. BEUC acts as the umbrella group in Brussels for its members and its main task is to represent them at European level and defend the interests of all Europe's consumers. Just like the EU itself, BEUC's membership has grown, and its members now include 41 well respected, independent national consumer organisations from 31 European countries.

As senior policy officer Greg Van Elsen works on issues of consumer and investor protection arising in financial services legislation. In this capacity he has worked on several files of financial legislation, including MiFID II and the Insurance Distribution Directive. He is also responsible for tracking digital innovation in financial services from a consumer perspective. In that capacity, he was active in the European Crowdfunding Stakeholder Forum.

Greg Van Elsen is also currently representing consumer interests in two high-level advisory bodies of the European Supervisory Authorities, i.e. EIOPAs Insurance and Reinsurance Stakeholder Group (IRSG) and ESMA's Securities and Markets Stakeholder Group (SMSG).

He has a diverse civil society background, previously working inter alia for Fairfin, a non-governmental organisation advocating sustainable finance. As a policy officer he focused on banking structural reform and socially responsible investing. From 2007 onwards, he spent four years at Oxfam, working on issues of fair trade. Greg Van Elsen holds a master in Applied Economic Sciences (University of Antwerp, 2002) and a master in International Politics (University of Leuven, 2003)".