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María Ruiz de Velasco is an advisor to the Board of Directors at SIBS SGPS S.A.

She is a dual-qualified lawyer (Spain and UK) with over 15 years' experience in Financial Regulation.

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Past experience includes being Deputy Director in the Regulatory Policy and International Affairs Department at the Portuguese Securities Commission (CMVM). During this time, she was a member of the Investor Protection and Intermediaries Standing Committee (IPISC) and of the Financial Innovation Standing Committee (FISC) at the European Securities and Markets Authority (ESMA).

She also worked as a Compliance Officer at different financial institutions in the UK (Morgan Stanley, Alliance Bernstein and LaSalle Investment Management), Portugal (Banco Espírito Santo) and Spain (Fintonic).

Maria is a Chartered Fellow of the Chartered Institute for Securities and Investment (UK) and, more recently, was invited to lecture on the subject of Financial Regulation at ISCTE Executive Education and Centro de Estudios Garrigues.

