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Verena Ross is the Chair of ESMA. In this role, Verena represents the Authority and prepares the work of and chairs its Board of Supervisors and Management Board. Between 2011 and 2021 Verena Ross served as ESMA's Executive Director and was responsible for building up the organisation and overseeing its day to day running. Previously, Verena held senior posts in the UK's FSA and as a member of the Executive Committee. Verena joined the FSA in 1998 to run the Executive Chairman's office during the regulator's start-up phase and was briefly a seconded advisor to the Hong Kong SFC in 2000. She held various positions in the FSA's Markets Division and was Director of Strategy & Risk Division before becoming Director of the International Division. Following studies in Sinology and Economics in Hamburg, Taipei and London (SOAS) she began her career at the BoE in 1994, where she worked as an economist and banking supervisor.