

Press Release

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AMICE announces the election of new Board member

The Association of Mutual Insurers and Insurance Cooperatives in Europe ([AMICE](#)), the voice of the mutual and cooperative insurance sector in Europe, announces that Galit Saar, Head of Group Regulatory Affairs and Senior Advisor for the Swedish mutual Länsförsäkringar AB has today been elected to the AMICE Board by AMICE's Annual General Meeting of members.

AMICE has also announced the retirement of Ann Sommer (Länsförsäkringar AB) from its Board with effect from 1st June. Ms. Sommer has been an industry leader in mutual insurance, representing the sector at European and global levels. She has been a Board member of AMICE since the association was founded in 2007.

Commenting on her appointment Ms. Saar said: *"I am honoured and delighted to have been elected to the AMICE Board. Mutual and cooperative insurance providers have a vitally important role in supporting policyholders and wider European society. I am looking forward to working with my Board colleagues and the AMICE community in promoting the sustainable business model of mutual and cooperative insurers."*

Ms. Saar is also a member of the European Insurance and Occupational Pensions Authority (EIOPA)'s Insurance and Reinsurance Stakeholder Group (IRSG). In addition to her new role on the AMICE Board, Ms. Saar chairs AMICE's Regulatory Affairs Working Group.

AMICE President Grzegorz Buczkowski (Saltus TUW, Poland) said: *"I welcome Ms. Saar's election to our Board by the AMICE membership. Her knowledge and expertise of the regulatory and legislative agenda at national and European level have helped shape many of AMICE's policy positions. On behalf of the entire Board, I would also like to take this opportunity to thank Ann Sommer, one of our founding Board members, for all her support and commitment to AMICE. We greatly appreciate Ann's enthusiasm and hard work which helped make AMICE what it is today. We wish her all the best in her new endeavours."*

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The Association of Mutual Insurers and Insurance Cooperatives in Europe (**AMICE**) is the voice of the mutual and cooperative insurance sector in Europe. The Brussels-based association advocates for appropriate and fair treatment of all mutual and cooperative insurers in a European Single Market. It also encourages the creation and development of innovative solutions for the benefit of European citizens and society.

Mutual and cooperative insurance follows the principles of solidarity and sustainability, and is characterised by customer-membership and a democratic governance. The mutual business model, with its focus on using surpluses for the benefit of its members, is the natural way to provide insurance.



More than half of all insurance undertakings in the EU are mutual and cooperative insurers which account for a market share of more than 32%. They provide cover for more than 420 million members/policyholders and employ nearly 440,000 people.

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