Workshop: Mutuals take on the Green and Demographic Transitions

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In the frame of the ‘Social Economy, the Future of Europe’

1. Introduction
Mutuals what they are and what they do, a focus on the 3 transitions: Green, demographic and digital
Sarah Goddard, Secretary General, AMICE

2. First panel: Mutuals’ take on the green challenge [40’]
Tackling the climate change: Mutuals address the challenge both as insurers and as investors at international, European and national level). Many of AMICE’s members have been early adopters of sustainable activities to respond to the challenges of climate change in Europe, engaging with wider society on a raft of initiatives to assist in tacking the climate change challenge. With the green challenge centre stage in Europe, insurance mutuals are subject to extensive legislative change to meet the needs of European society.
Panel :
• Climate change/the European dimension and the legislative imperative (Belma Yasharova, AMICE)
• Climate change and risk prevention: Canada (Catherine Hock, ICMIF)
• Climate change and the youth: Youth engaging in Mutuals through climate action (Claude Verne, MACIF)

Moderated Sarah Goddard, Secretary General, AMICE

3. Second panel: Mutuals’ take on the demographic challenge [40’]
Together with climate change, the demographic transition is one of the biggest challenges that our social protection systems will have to face in the coming years. The EU is ‘turning increasingly grey’ in the coming decades, which of course threatens the sustainability of our social protection systems. The ageing of the European population and migration flows will have an impact on demand for care, for healthcare services, for pensions, but also on other aspects such as the availability of the workforce, both formal and informal. The panel will allow to showcase some concrete best practice examples of the key role mutuals can play and are playing in overcoming the challenges relating to demographic change and in adapting to a changing demographic landscape.
Panel:
• Intergenerational housing: the project Vivagora and its positive impact on social cohesion, intergenerational solidarity and inequities by Agnès Chapelle, Mutualités Chrétiennes, Belgium
• Supporting informal carers, the backbone of EU care systems by Erich Koch, SVLFG, Germany (remote participation)
• The role of mutuals in ensuring the sustainability and accessibility of pensions by Pedro Bleck da Silva, Montepio, Portugal

Moderated by Jessica Carreño Louro, Coordinator of the Ageing and LTC Working Group, AIM

4. Conclusions
Sibylle REICHERT Executive Director, AIM