Press Release

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AMICE Board elected for a three-year term

AMICE announces three new Board directors

At its General Meeting today in Mainz, Germany, the members of The Association of Mutual Insurers and Insurance Cooperatives in Europe (AMICE), the voice of the mutual and cooperative insurance sector in Europe, elected a new AMICE Board for a three-year term. Joining the Board as new standing members are Spiros Barkouzos, Chief Risk Officer, Syneteristiki, Tom de Troch, CEO, Fédérale Assurance and Belinda Walther Weger, Head of Public Affairs, La Mobilière.

The AMICE Board now comprises:

- Virginia Antonini, Reale Mutua (IT)
- Spiros Barkouzos, Syneteristiki (GR)
- Grzegorz Buczkowski, Saltus TUW (PL)
- Stéphane Cossé, Covéa (FR)
- Jari Eklund, Lähi Tapiola (FI)
- Cornélia Federkeil, AAM (FR)
- Michael Garvey, IPB (IE)
- Klaus-Jürgen Heitmann, HUK-Coburg (DE)
- Róbert Lilli, KÖBE (HU)
- Allan Luplau, Sygeforsikringen “danmark” (DK)
- Pablo Mongelos García, Seguros Lagun Aro (ES)
- Christophe Ollivier, FNMF (FR)
- Robert Otto, Achmea (NL)
- Norbert Rollinger, R+V (DE)
- Galit Saar, Länsförsäkringar AB (SE)
- Oliver Schoeller, Gothaer (DE)
- Tom de Troch, Fédérale Assurance (BE)
- Jorge Vázquez Morenés, Mutua Madrileña (ES)
- Ana Vicente, Mutua dos Pescadores (PT)
- Belinda Walther Weger, La Mobilière (CH)

Grzegorz Buczkowski was unanimously reappointed as President of AMICE for a third three-year term. Christophe Ollivier and Oliver Schoeller were unanimously reappointed as Vice-Presidents, and Róbert Lilli was unanimously reappointed as AMICE’s Treasurer.
Tom Meeus (Fédérale Assurance, BE), Odilo Bürgy (La Mobilière, CH) and Dimitrios Zorbas (Synerteristiki, GR) retired from the AMICE Board. AMICE's President thanked them for their valuable contributions to the work of the Association and welcomed three new Board members. Spiros Barkouzos, Tom de Troch and Belinda Walther Weger all bring strong leadership and diverse expertise and insight to AMICE's work.

AMICE President, Grzegorz Buczkowski, said: “The new AMICE Board reflects the profile of our members across Europe, by size, location and structure. This diversity enables AMICE to understand its members across the spectrum, and best represent their views and interests at the European level. I am personally delighted to welcome such a strong group of new directors to our Board, and look forward to serving with them in the coming years.”

He continued: “I thank the AMICE members for electing me President for a further term, and for their confidence in our Board under my Presidency.”

Sarah Goddard, Secretary General of AMICE said: “I warmly welcome the new AMICE Board, under whose guidance AMICE will be embarking on a new strategy during its three-year term. Collectively we will continue to use our trusted voice to advocate for appropriate and fair treatment of all mutual and cooperatives insurers in a European Single Market. The AMICE Board plays a crucial role in guiding the work of the Association, and I highly value all the expertise and assistance received by AMICE from all our directors.”

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About AMICE (Association of Mutual Insurers and Insurance Cooperatives in Europe)

The Association of Mutual Insurers and Insurance Cooperatives in Europe aisbl (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.

Typically, mutual/cooperative insurers have no external shareholders, and profits are applied to the benefit of mutual members/policyholders in accordance with the long-term culture of the mutual business model. Mutual and cooperative insurance follows the principles of solidarity and sustainability, and is characterised by customer-membership and a democratic governance.

EU mutual and cooperative insurers account for more than 30% of the European insurance market share, and range from some of the smallest to some of the largest insurers in Europe.

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