

## Press Release

Brussels, 08 March 2023

# New AMICE Board member and Vice-President

The Association of Mutual Insurers and Insurance Cooperatives in Europe ([AMICE](#)), the voice of the mutual and cooperative insurance sector in Europe, has announced the appointment of Thomas Bischof as a new Board member and Vice-President. Mr Bischof is CEO at Gothaer Versicherung AG, Germany. Mr Bischof's appointment will be presented to the AMICE General Meeting of Members for ratification in June 2023.

Mr Bischof has held a number of senior appointments in the German insurance industry, and succeeds Oliver Schoeller on the AMICE Board and as AMICE Vice-President.

AMICE President Grzegorz Buczkowski said: *"I am delighted to welcome Thomas Bischof to the AMICE Board. His extensive experience in the insurance industry will be a great asset to AMICE's work as the European representative body for mutual and cooperative insurers. The AMICE Board looks forward to working with him as it carries out its work representing European mutual and cooperative insurers."*

He continued: *"I would like to thank Oliver Schoeller for his valuable contribution to AMICE's work during his Board tenure."*

The AMICE Board comprises:

- Virginia Antonini, Reale Mutua (IT)
- Spiros Barkouzos, Syneteristiki (GR)
- Thomas Bischof, Gothaer (DE)
- Grzegorz Buczkowski, Saltus TUW (PL)
- Stéphane Cossé, Covéa (FR)
- Tom De Troch, Fédérale Assurance (BE)
- Jari Eklund, LähiTapiola (FI)
- Klaus Endres, R+V (DE)
- Cornélia Federkeil, AAM (FR)
- Klaus-Jürgen Heitmann, HUK-Coburg (DE)
- John Kearns, IPB (IE)
- Róbert Lilli, KÖBE (HU)
- Allan Luplau, Sygeforsikringen "danmark" (DK)
- Pablo Mongelos García, Seguros Lagun Aro (ES)
- Christophe Ollivier, FNMF (FR)
- Robert Otto, Achmea (NL)
- Galit Saar, Länsförsäkringar AB (SE)
- Jorge Vázquez Morenés, Mutua Madrileña (ES)

- Ana Vicente, Mutua dos Pescadores (PT)
- Belinda Walther Weger, La Mobilière (CH)

//ends...

**For further information, please contact:**

Tristan Macdonald  
Communications and Membership Officer  
AMICE  
T: +32 (0)2 609 5647  
E: [tristan.macdonald@amice-eu.org](mailto:tristan.macdonald@amice-eu.org)

Amanda Burton  
Director  
Green Shoots Communications  
T: +44 (0)20 7739 9010  
E: [amanda@greenshootscomms.com](mailto:amanda@greenshootscomms.com)

**Notes to editors**

**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 32% of the European insurance market share, and range from some of the smallest to some of the largest insurers in Europe.

To learn more, visit [www.amice-eu.org](http://www.amice-eu.org)

**Follow us**

Twitter: [@AMICE\\_Mutuals](#) | LinkedIn: [AMICE Company Page](#) | YouTube: [AMICE Channel](#)