



Press Release

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European mutual insurance sector gathering in Ghent on 1-3 June 2016

AMICE, the European association of mutual and cooperative insurers, organises its fifth biennial Congress from 1 to 3 June in Ghent, Belgium. The event will be hosted by the Association of Mutual and Cooperative insurers in Belgium (VVOV-UAAM) and will bring together mutual and cooperative insurers, experts and policymakers from across Europe. Participants will have the opportunity to learn and exchange during the four sessions on customer protection, mutuality and the collaborative economy, digitalisation, and capital maintenance, as well as to network between the sessions and at the social events.

More information can be found in the [Congress brochure](#) and registrations are open on the [Congress website](#).

Belgian Mutual Insurance Award

The AMICE Congress 2016 will be the venue for the announcement and presentation of the first [Belgian Mutual Insurance Award](#). The award is sponsored by UAAM -VVOV and Lieve Lowet, partner at ICODA European Affairs, who will award the prize to the author of an academic research paper that makes a significant and original contribution to the legal study of the organisation of mutual and cooperative insurance.

The topic of this first edition is the treatment of mutual insurers under Solvency II which can be from a European or a Belgian perspective, or from that of any other Member State of the EEA.

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About AMICE (Association of Mutual and Cooperative Insurers 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 cooperatives 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.

In Europe, the close to 2,800 insurers united in the mutual and cooperative sector account for more than half of all insurance undertakings and for a market share of almost 30%. They provide cover for more than 200 million customers and employ more than 400,000 staff within the European Union.

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