

## Press Release

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# Mutual connections for European insurers to be reinforced in Stockholm

European mutual and cooperative insurers will meet in Stockholm, Sweden on 3-5 June at their biennial Congress to examine the mutual connections within the sector. The Congress, [AMICE's](#) flagship event for its members, brings together senior representatives from insurers run on mutual/cooperative principles – a sector representing more than 30% of the total European insurance market.

The Congress, hosted by Swedish mutual insurers [Folksam](#) and [Länsförsäkringar](#), will bring together European policymakers, experts and industry leaders. Speaker highlights will include:

- Keynote intervention by [Fredrik Reinfeldt](#), former Prime Minister of Sweden
- Panel discussion with [Gabriel Bernardino](#), Chairman of EIOPA
- Congress moderated by [Mia Odabas](#), economics journalist

Grzegorz Buczkowski, AMICE President:

*“The theme of our Congress will be “Mutual connections”, in which we will be highlighting the connections between mutual/cooperative insurers and their members/policyholders, their work forces and wider society. We will also be considering the connections with the European institutions and between Europe and its citizens, where the mutual/cooperative insurance sector provides financial stability and protection to hundreds of millions of European members/policyholders.”*

The Congress will be opened by Fredrik Reinfeldt who has been active in Swedish and international politics for 25 years. He was Prime Minister of Sweden 2006-2014, during which time he transformed the Swedish economy and labour market. As a result of this, Sweden became one of the most profiled reform countries in the developed world. During his eight-year membership of the European Council, he was the last President of the rotating presidency before the introduction of a full time President of the European Council. Today he is a globally respected economist and lecturer on governance, leadership and political reforms.

For more information and registrations visit the AMICE [Congress website](#).

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Notes to the editors

### About AMICE (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 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 the 28 EU Members States, the mutual and cooperative sector has a market share of over 30% representing close to EUR 400 billion in insurance premiums.

With close to 100 direct members and representing about 750 more insurers indirectly through five national associations, AMICE speaks for a significant part of the insurance sector.

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