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MEETING OF THE PENSIONS COMMITTEE

HELD IN EDINBURGH, SCOTLAND

ON THURSDAY 10 APRIL 2025 FROM 14.00-17:15 BST

MINUTES

Chairperson: Tatiana Bitunska

Participants: The list of participants is added as Annex 0.1

1. OPENING OF THE MEETING AND ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA.

Tatiana Bitunska welcomed the participants and wished a successful and productive meeting. She expressed gratitude to the IFoA for the hospitality and for the amazing and joyful welcome reception last night.

The agenda was approved without changes as circulated before the meeting (agenda).

2. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

The PC confirmed the Minutes of the meeting held in Budapest on 10th of October 2024 (Annex 2.1), and the notes of the virtual meetings held on 28 January 2025 and 20 February 2025.

3. AAE STRATEGIC PLAN – pension specific topics/deliverables (Annex 3)
The Chairperson of the PC gave a presentation on the Strategic Objectives accepted by the AAE Board and on how PC delivers are linked to the strategic plan.

4. TERMS OF REFERENCE – 5 min (Annex 4)

Tatiana Bitunska noted the current structure of the PC and relevant substructures (the SSsCo and the other Working groups). The Chairperson asked for any suggestions or amendments needed in the working perspective.

4.1. Rename the Mortality WG

With that regard Maria Economou (Chairperson of the SSSC) presented the request for changing the name of the "Mortality WG" to "Demographics WG" without changing the content of the ToR. The reason is the scope of the work and researches of the WG – much wider area than only mortality studies. The PC approved the request.

4.2. Task force on Chronical Diseases - New suggestion

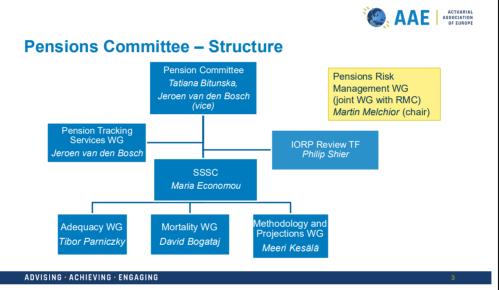
Lionel Candaux noted some past discussions between EIOPA and AAE Attendees in order to understand if there are instances of unfair treatment of people with

chronic diseases within the European insurance market (Conditions of focus were: HIV, Diabetes and Pregnancy ... (it is not a completely closed list)). Lionel suggested to consider creating a Task force involving several committees, addressing how will compensation for disadvantages be financed. The objective would be discussing the AAE's point of view with EIOPA. While actuaries can model the premium surcharge for certain conditions, the choice of financing mechanism is a political issue.

4.3. Update of the PC' ToR

The Chairperson noted the ToR of the PC which has not been changed since 2010. The PC members discussed the need of an update of the ToR.

Susanna Adelhard and Tatiana Bitunska volunteered to work on the needed adoptions of the current ToR and to prepare an updated version before the Annual Meeting 2025.



5. ACTIVITIES OF THE WGS AND TFS UNDER THE PC

- 5.1. **SSSC** the recent activities of the SSSC were presented by the Chairperson Maria Economou. Maria noted:
 - The webinar on 11 of March: "How to address the challenges of Ageing" as a successful event with 270 subscriptions from 44 countries;
 - Colleagues from the SSSC participated in the Eurostat Pensions Expert Group Meeting on 3 April 2025 (Costas Stavrakis, Meeri Kesälä and Tibor Parniczky);
 - The SSSC next paper on Adequacy of pensions and Ageing report will be finalized by the end of April.
 - The 2nd webinar will be organized in November on the topic "How can we Defend the Public Pension Systems?".
- 5.2. **WG on PTS** Update on the current activities was given by Jeroen van den Bosch, the Chairperson of the PTS WG.

Jeroen presented PTS WG activities in support to the ETS project.

- The WG made investigation on how are the current PTSs dealing with their data: what data is available?

What necessary actions are needed for consolidation of data between different National TS? What further research is needed to realize an ETS in 2028? TF for Review of the IORPII Directive - Philip Shier, chairperson of the TF noted that 5.3. the Directive review will continues once the EC announced its position. JOINT ACTIVITIES WITH OTHER AAE COMMITTEES 6. JOINT Meeting IC-PC-RMC – The Chairperson noted the agenda of the joint meeting 6.1. of the IC-PC-RMC PENSIONS RISK MANAGEMENT JOINT WG (PRM) 6.2. Presentation on Quantitative Risk Management (QRM) for pension schemes was prepared by the WG and given by Maitane Mancebo. The members of the WG are trying to find proper measures to value and control the risks. They also considered how to promote Actuarial leadership in RM area. The follow up discussion was quite positive regarding the proposed approach in Risk management for Pensions. Alternative investments and how they could boost the return of PFs – 6.3. presentation was given by Maitane Mancebo. Private equity and Infrastructure were presented as opportunities but also with their challenges (high fees, implementation complexity, etc.). The overview of the PFs assets allocation based on the recent OECD analysis was shown. BREAK – 15 min **INFORMATION EXCHANGE FROM MAs - CASE STUDIES** 7. Changes in the 2nd pillar pensions in Spain and how the market is reacting – 7.1 presentation given by Maitane Mancebo. 2nd and 3rd pillar Pensions in Spain have been voluntary. Only 10% of the Spanish workforce has an occupational pension plan. The 2022' legislation changes aimed to enhance the social welfare by developing sector-wide Occupational Pension Plans. The Occupational Pension Plan for the Construction Sector came into effect on February 1, 2024 and enrolled about 50% of the sector (60,000 companies and 600,000 employees). Metal and some other sectors are in conversations. To exchange information on current issues in member associations – 20 min 7.2 TRANSPERANCY of cost and charges and Value added for customers 8. No information was shared during the meeting. The PC decided to leave this topic for one of the next meetings. **AUTO-ENROLMENT** in the 2nd pillar – existing practices 9. Presentation was given by Charles Cowling. Charles presented the current requirements for eligibility for 1st pillar pension. Because of that in 2012 the Auto-

enrolment in 2nd pillar was introduced for everyone aged above 22, who worked more than 3 months and earned more than £10,000 a year. Charles also noted some developments with the purpose to extend the coverage of the autoenrollment for younger workers. Increasing the total contributions rate from 8% to 12% is under consideration. **WEBINARS** 10. • 6 May 2025 – "Defined Contribution Pensions in the EU" (Annex 10) For info: Webinar held on 11 March 'How to address the challenges of ageing?' by the SSSC. **ANY OTHER BUSINESS** 11. **DATE OF NEXT MEETING** 12. 25 September 2025 (tbc) in conjunction with the AAE Annual Meeting in Paris, France, hosted by the Institute des Actuaires.

Participants Pensions Committee meeting – Chair Tatiana Bitunska Edinburgh | 10 April 2025

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