

## PRESS RELEASE

### **Actuarial Association of Europe appoints new Chief Executive**

*Brussels, 1 October 2019:* It is with great pleasure that the Actuarial Association of Europe (“AAE”) can announce that Cecilia Thorn has been appointed as the new Chief Executive of the AAE starting today. We look forward to a fruitful collaboration and wish her all the best in her new role.



Cecilia Thorn is a Swedish national and lives in Brussels, Belgium. She has 16 years of experience in international and EU public affairs/policy, working in senior positions. Her last position was Head of International Relations for the Financial Reporting Council (since 2011). The FRC is the UK regulator and standard-setter in the areas of audit, accounting, corporate governance, and actuarial policy. She has a well-developed international network that includes senior policy-makers, regulators, standard-setters and other key associations.

Cecilia succeeds Ad Kok, who has fulfilled the position of Chief Executive for five years until his retirement on 1 August 2019. The AAE is grateful to Ad for the way he fulfilled this position and thereby contributed to the further professionalisation of the Actuarial Association of Europe.

Esko Kivisaari, Chairperson of the AAE, said: "I am delighted that Cecilia has accepted the position of Chief Executive of the AAE. I look forward to continuing to build a strong and effective partnership between the executive and the AAE leadership that Cecilia draws on her experience to help deliver our strategy."

Falco Valkenburg, the Vice-Chairperson, said: "With the appointment of Cecilia, we have now fulfilled the vacancy since Ad Kok left the AAE. I am confident that we found in Cecilia a Chief Executive who will fulfil this position in a way that reflects the European developments and the AAE strategy. I am delighted to work closely together with the new Chief Executive in a way that will continue to move our association."

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2. Copies of all AAE press releases are available on the AAE website ([www.actuary.eu](http://www.actuary.eu))
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