

VIRTUAL MEETING OF THE PENSIONS COMMITTEE

ON MONDAY, 16 JANUARY 2023 FROM 09.00-10.00 CET

MINUTES

1. Opening of the meeting and adoption of the agenda

2. Topics from the PC' conference call held on 20 Dec. 2022.

2.1 IORPs Survey on role of actuaries

The members of PC confirmed that their countries will participate in the Survey (Ireland, UK, Belgium, Spain). Ivančica Rajić noted that in Croatia a majority of pensions funds operate as DC plans and they have not had actuaries.

It was pointed that any information will be useful and based on it a second round will be issue in more concrete direction.

A separate *mail will be sent to colleagues from Germany and Netherland*, since from material perspective it is important to be covered in the research.

2.2 France - art 37.3 of IORP II Directive:

“Members and beneficiaries or their representatives shall receive within a reasonable time, any relevant information regarding changes to the pension scheme rules. In addition, IORPs shall make available to them an explanation of the impact on members and beneficiaries of significant changes to technical provisions.”

Philip Shier shared the current practices in Ireland where the Pensions plans provide to members an information on the changes in their balance on a regular basis.

In order to revert to Valery Jost, Richard Deville would be grateful if the members of the PC could send to him a short mail to state how pension funds fulfil this art 37.3. in their country.

2.3 Austria – valuation of liabilities for “non binary persons”

Florian Moyzisch said that the official unisex statistics can be used for valuation of “non-binary persons”, but in any case the local legislation should prevailed.

Philip Shier had volunteered to put together a brief survey on this topic (perhaps waiting until the IORP Directive consultation is issued to see if there is any reference to this).

3. Topic for a webinar to be organized by PC in December

3.1 Possible dates are 5, 6, 7, 12, 13 and 14th of December.

3.2 The possible topics were discussed as appropriate:

- Review of IORP II Directive;
- Risk management for Pensions;
- Different roles of actuaries in IORPs;
- Post Covid 19 – impact on mortality
- impact of inflation on pension schemes design and how pension funds and plan sponsor monitor the financial risks linked with inflation.

Charles Cowling suggested to send out an e-mail asking the rest of PC' members to nominate the topics of interest.

4. EIOPA publication of the results of the first climate stress test for IORPs

The CFs TF will decide how to present the information (before or during the Spring meeting in Bratislava in April).

The participants were asked for possible comments. Philip explained that in Ireland a discussion will be organized but there are no reactions still. The information was published at the very end of December and people need some time to investigate it.

5. AOB

5.1 Meeting with EIOPA on 20th January. Philippe Demol noted that a meeting between AAE Board and representatives of EIOPA is planned for this Friday. Possible topics that could be discussed in pensions area are:

- Review of IORP II Directive
- Stress test on Climate Scenario

Tatiana noted that the consultation process for the review of Directive is not open still.

Philip Shier volunteered to participate in a working group to respond to the expected consultation on the review of the IORP Directive. He was heavily involved in the review in 2015/16 and therefore could provide some continuity.

Philip Shier provided information shared by Falco Valkenburg in Rome on the expected areas for consultation:

Review IORP II Directive

EIOPA's Board of Supervisors have set up a work program led by Brendan Kennedy (Irish Pensions Regulator and Chief Executive of the Irish Pensions Authority)

Six Work Areas (WA) have been defined:

- *WA 1: adequacy and proportionality*
- *WA 2: cross-border*
- *WA 3: information to members*
- *WA 4: DC*
- *WA 5: SuFi (sustainable finance)*
- *WA 6: diversity and inclusion*

1 February launch of Consultation Paper with a deadline of 30 April

Philip noted that on this stage anything can be raised in the meeting on Friday 20 January. Note that item 6 may address the issue of non-binary members so we might wait until after the consultation is published before getting into this issue.

- 5.2** Philippe Demol suggested *to set up a small working group to work on the review*. A “call for volunteers” will be sent to members of the PC.
- 5.3** Spring meeting is planned for 20 April in Bratislava.

6. Close of the meeting – 10 a.m.