



ECA 2024

THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITY MEETING IN ROME

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The 5th European Congress of Actuaries (ECA 2024) was a landmark event held on June 6 and 7, 2024, at the Rome Marriott Park Hotel in Italy. Organized by the Actuarial Association of Europe (AAE) in collaboration with the Italian Society of Actuaries (ISOA), the congress brought together over 400 experts, decision makers, and professionals from more than 30 countries. The theme for this year's congress was 'Managing Uncertainty in a Changing World - Assessing Risks Sustainably for the Well-Being of Society', reflecting the pressing need for actuaries to address contemporary global challenges for the profession and industry.

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Under this theme, the comprehensive and engaging program combined plenary sessions and technical presentations in a parallel format to cover a broad spectrum of topics pertinent to the actuarial profession. For the plenary sessions, the AAE was particularly pleased to welcome well-known representatives from many important stakeholders of the European community – Petra Hielkema (EIOPA), Ronnie Garreud (CRO Forum) and Fabio Massimo Castaldo, MEP, held inspiring keynotes, Larisa Dragomir (DG FISMA), Charles Cowling (IAA) and Gemma Sanchez Danes (EFRAG) joined the discussion rounds as panelists. These sessions were particularly well-received and demonstrated the important role that actuaries play in many areas of the financial industry.

In addition, the biannual congress is always a good opportunity to not only address current topics to external stakeholders, but also to >



the community itself. Inga Helmane, current Chairperson of AAE, introduced the AAE's three-year strategic plan to the participating members of AAE's member associations.

ECA 2024 also offered numerous parallel sessions where the engaged experts presented on various actuarial topics. These sessions covered a wide range of areas, but primarily addressed pressing current topics related to developments in the areas of artificial intelligence, ESG and cyber risks.

The recordings of all sessions are now available on [the ECA 2024 event page on www.actuview.com](https://www.actuview.com).

For the participants, ECA 2024 was both an ideal opportunity for professional development and a platform for personal contacts and collaboration. And not only individual actuaries appreciated this aspect of the congress. The AAE is particularly pleased that next to the GOLD partner Swiss Re another 36 companies supported the event, which clearly underlines the importance of the profession for the whole industry. The central exhibition and break area facilitated interactions between delegates and exhibiting congress partners, also fostering a sense of community and shared purpose.

The highlight of the social program was the Italian evening event, which provided a delightful blend of cultural experiences and informal networking opportunities. Attendees enjoyed authentic Italian cuisine, entertainment, and the chance to build meaningful connections with colleagues from across Europe.

To conclude, ECA 2024 successfully brought together a vibrant community of actuaries to share knowledge, discuss innovations, and collaborate on solutions to contemporary challenges. The congress underscored the vital role of the actuarial profession in managing uncertainty and supporting sustainable development across various sectors. Participants left with a renewed sense of purpose and a deeper understanding of how they can contribute to a resilient and sustainable future according to a global approach.

For more details on the event, visit [the European Congress of Actuaries 2024 official website](https://www.actuview.com). Due to the success of this year's congress the AAE has already decided to start the process for preparing the ECA 2026. So, stay tuned for more. <

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