

Press Release

Achmea opts for a climate-neutral strategy and joins the Net-Zero Insurance Alliance

Zeist, 21 December 2021 – Achmea is joining the Net-Zero Insurance Alliance, underlining its climate ambitions. The company is committed to climate-neutral business operations by 2030 and a climate-neutral investment portfolio by 2040. And in addition aiming for a climate-neutral insurance portfolio by 2050 at the latest.

The Net-Zero Insurance Alliance is a United Nations initiative that brings together leading insurers from around the world to emphasise their role in the transition to a climate-neutral economy. Achmea wants to make a meaningful contribution to this.

Achmea is setting the bar high

Bianca Tetteroo, chair of the Executive Board, on this important step: “We are setting the bar high for ourselves. Based on our vision ‘Sustainable Living Together’, we want to create sustainable value for our customers, our employees and our business and for society. By accelerating this as much as possible, we are taking responsibility now and not shifting it to the future. Past generations could count on us; future generations must be able to do so as well. Climate change is a major theme for Achmea and we want to help our customers and society be resilient against it. And along with our partners, we are committed to working towards combatting further climate change. Joining the Net-Zero Insurance Alliance is a perfect fit for this.”

Achmea is also supporting the Insured Emissions Initiative

With its sustainability ambitions and by joining the Net-Zero Insurance Alliance, Achmea is committed to a transition path that uses science-based targets. In line with this, we are also supporting the Insured Emissions initiative of the Partnership for Carbon Accounting Financials (PCAF), in collaboration with the Net-Zero Insurance Alliance (NZIA), through which we will develop a standard for measuring and reporting CO2 emissions of insurance portfolios.

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About Achmea

Achmea is a financial services provider with strong brands such as Centraal Beheer, Interpolis and Zilveren Kruis. Together they form the largest insurance group in the Netherlands. Achmea has a strong cooperative identity and balances the interests of customers, partners, employees and shareholders. That cooperative identity drives Achmea to work for a healthy, safe and sustainable society.

Achmea customers contributed premiums of approximately €20 billion in 2020. Achmea is the market leader in property & casualty and health insurance in the Netherlands and a major player in income protection and pension & life insurance. Achmea provides mortgages via Centraal Beheer and Woonfonds, among others. Centraal Beheer APF offers customised pension solutions. The asset manager, Achmea Investment Management, has €201 billion in assets under management. Syntrus Achmea manages €37 billion in real estate and mortgages on behalf of more than 60 pension funds and other institutional investors. Achmea is also active in Turkey, Greece, Slovakia, Australia and Canada. The company employs 17,000 FTEs, 3,000 of whom are active abroad.
www.achmea.com

About the Net-Zero Insurance Alliance

The Net-Zero Insurance Alliance brings together the world's leading insurers and reinsurers to play their part in accelerating the transition to net-zero emissions economies. They are committing to climate-neutral insurance portfolios by 2050, consistent with a maximum temperature rise of 1.5°C above pre-industrial levels. All the members are signatories to the UN Principles for Sustainable Insurance under the auspices of the PSI initiative of the UN Environment Programme, an alliance of the UN and the global insurance sector. www.unepfi.org/net-zero-insurance/

About the Partnership for Carbon Accounting Financials

The Partnership for Carbon Accounting Financials is a global alliance of financial institutions working on standards for measuring and reporting on the CO₂ footprint of loans and investments. This allows the members to assess climate-related risks, set targets and align their portfolios with the Paris Climate Agreement.
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