

DUTCH STANDARD OF ACTUARIAL PRACTICE 2 (DSAP2) ACTUARIAL FUNCTION REPORT UNDER DIRECTIVE 2009/138/EC

FINAL STANDARD including issuer considerations and reference to regulatory requirements

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Sources being used for regulatory requirements cited:

- Level 1 (L1): DIRECTIVE 2009/138/EC OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND OF THE COUNCIL of 25 November 2009 on the taking-up and pursuit of the business of Insurance and Reinsurance (Solvency II) ("Solvency II Directive") and amendments published in 2011/89/EU, 2012/23/EU, 2013/23/EU, 2013/58/EU, 2014/51/EU, 2016/2341/EU, 2017/2402/EU, 2018/843/EU and 2019/2177/EU
- Level 2 (L2): Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2015/35 of 10 October 2014 supplementing Directive 2009/138/EC of the European Parliament and
 of the Council on the taking-up and pursuit of the business of Insurance and Reinsurance (Solvency II) and amendments published in Commission
 Delegated Regulations 2016/467/EU, 2016/2283/EU, 2017/669/EU, 2017/1542/EU, 2018/1221/EU, 2019/981/EU, 2019/1865/EU, 2020/442/EU,
 2020/988/EU, 2021/526/EU and 2021/1256/EU
- 3. Level 3 (L3-SoG): EIOPA BoS 14/253 "Final Report on Public Consultation No. 14/017 on Guidelines on system of governance", 28 January 2015

Other sources used:

- 4. European Standard of Actuarial Practice 1 (ESAP1) General Actuarial Practice, approved as a model standard by the General Assembly of the Actuarial Association of Europe on 3 October 2014 and revision approved by the General Assembly of the Actuarial Association of Europe on 11 October 2019
- 5. AAE Glossary: Glossary of defined terms used in European Standards of Actuarial Practice, approved by the General Assembly of the Actuarial Association of Europe on 11 October 2019 and revision approved by the General Assembly of the Actuarial Association of Europe on 1 October 2021

Editorial remarks:

- This Document in tabular format consists of four columns:
 - The first column refers to the article number of standard DSAP2.
 - The second column represents the text of the standard DSAP2
 - o The third column cites relevant law and regulation.
 - The fourth column includes issuer considerations and comments, as well as an allocation of the standard text to the four principles underpinning the standard as stated in the Basis for Conclusions document of the AAE model standard ESAP2 issued 31 May 2013.

Note that the texts in the fourth column refer to ESAP1 and ESAP2 and have not been changed into DSAP1 and DSAP2 references.

- Defined terms are formatted with a <u>dotted blue underline text</u>, similar to the formatting in the main DSAP2 document. This formatting applies in the second column only as for readability reasons it has not been applied in the fourth column.
- This version has been changed compared to the DSAP2 approved by the AG General Assembly on 29 November 2016:
 - Account has been taken of comments received on the AAE model standard ESAP2.
 - Changes in the Solvency II Directive and the Solvency II Delegated Regulation published after the approval of DSAP2 have been assessed and where appropriate reflected in the revised version of DSAP2.
 - Definitions included in DSAP2 have been removed from DSAP2 and reference to the AAE Glossary for definitions have been included. The AAE
 Glossary has been extended with definitions that were included in DSAP2 but not in the AAE Glossary. Inconsistencies between definitions in
 DSAP2 and the AAE Glossary have been solved in the AAE Glossary.

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Section 1.	General		
1.1	Purpose		
1.1.1	This DSAP provides guidance to actuaries when issuing an Actuarial Function Report (AFR) in connection with an undertaking's compliance with the reporting requirements in Article 48(1) of the Solvency II Directive and in paragraph 8 of Article 272 of the Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2015/35.	L1 - Article 48(1): "Insurance and reinsurance undertakings shall provide for an effective actuarial function to: (e) inform the administrative, management or supervisory body of the reliability and adequacy of the calculation of technical provisions; (g) express an opinion on the overall underwriting policy; (h) express an opinion on the adequacy of reinsurance arrangements;" L2 - 272(8): "The actuarial function shall produce a written report to be submitted to the administrative, management or supervisory body, at least annually. The report shall document all tasks that have been undertaken by the actuarial function and their results, and shall clearly identify any deficiencies and give recommendations as to how such deficiencies should be remedied."	Solvency II regulation requires undertakings and groups to set up an effective actuarial function to undertake the tasks which are listed in L1 Article 48(1). The actuarial function shall produce a written report about the actuarial function's work and its results to be submitted to the administrative, management or supervisory body, at least annually.
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	AFR should be able to place a high degree of reliance on		Groupe Consultatif to develop a model
	the AFR, its relevance, transparency of assumptions,		standard on the actuarial function holder

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	completeness and comprehensibility, including the communication of any uncertainty inherent in the results stated in the AFR. In particular it does this by ensuring that the AFR - includes sufficient information to enable intended users to judge the relevance of the contents of the AFR; - includes sufficient information to enable intended users to understand the implications of the contents of the AFR; and - such information is presented in a clear and comprehensible manner.		report under the Solvency II Directive (GCASP2)", 30.9.2011.
1.1.3	This standard will contribute to ensuring consistent, efficient and effective practices within the Actuarial Function (AF) across undertakings in the European Union concerning the preparation of the AFR. This will strengthen and contribute towards harmonised and consistent application of EU legislation.		Purpose as set out in "Proposal for the Groupe Consultatif to develop a model standard on the actuarial function holder report under the Solvency II Directive (GCASP2)", 30.9.2011.
1.2	Scope		
1.2.1	This DSAP applies to actuaries performing actuarial services when issuing an AFR in connection with an undertaking's compliance with Article 48(1) of the Solvency II Directive and paragraph 8 of Article 272 of the Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2015/35.	see 1.1.1 L2 - 268(3): "The persons performing a function shall promptly report any major problem in their area of responsibility to the administrative, management or supervisory body."	An actuary who provides these services may be acting in one of several capacities, such as an employee, officer or director of the principal, or be external to the principal. Reporting promptly, as referred to in L2 - 268(3), is not formally within the scope of this DSAP but depending on the matter which is to be reported some guidance may nevertheless be relevant.
1.3	Underlying Principles		
1.3.1	This DSAP is based on four principles, which should be		These principles have been stated in a

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Nererence	borne in mind in any assessment of compliance with this DSAP.		similar way in the Basis for Conclusions document issued 31 May 2013 by the Groupe Consultatif.
1.3.2	Principle 1 : Actuarial services related to the AFR must be carried out consistently with Solvency II regulations and guidelines.		This principle addresses compliance with Solvency II regulation.
1.3.3	Principle 2: Actuarial services related to the AFR should be carried out in a way which is proportional to the nature, scale and complexity of the underlying risks of the undertaking (Principle of Proportionality). Principle 3: Actuarial services related to the AFR should	L2 - 56(1): "Insurance and reinsurance undertakings shall use methods to calculate technical provisions which are proportionate to the nature, scale and complexity of the risks underlying their insurance and reinsurance obligations."	ESAP1 1.5.2 "Nothing in an ESAP should be interpreted as requiring work to be performed that is not proportionate to the scope of the decision or the assignment to which it relates and the benefit that intended users would be expected to obtain from the work (Principle of Proportionality)." L2 regulation does not explicitly apply the principle of proportionality to reporting. This principle emphasizes the importance of the principle of proportionality also for the work of the AF and for the AFR. In particular statements made as part of DSAP2 need to be seen under this principle. This principle requires in particular
1.0. 1	be consistent with the code of professional conduct of the actuarial profession and with any applicable general actuarial standards.		compliance with ESAP1.
1.3.5	Principle 4: The AFR should be structured according to the needs of the intended users, in particular the Administrative, Management or Supervisory Body	L3 - SoG Guideline 39 - Monitoring and reporting: "The undertaking should establish	The AF should consider the preference of the undertaking's AMSB on the depth of reporting and on the potential inclusion of

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Reference	(AMSB).	monitoring and reporting mechanisms within the internal control system which provide the AMSB with the relevant information for the decision-making processes."	issuer additional topics in the AFR. The acceptance of the AFR and any recommendations depends on meeting the expectations of the key stakeholder. In particular this standard does not prevent items or tasks appearing in the AFR which are not specifically referred to in this
			are not specifically referred to in this standard. The tasks assigned to the AF and the related reporting (AFR) can be understood as part of the monitoring and reporting mechanisms mentioned in L3 - SoG Guideline 39, which states that information provided to the AMSB should be relevant to its decision-making.
1.4	Relationship to DSAP1		
1.4.1	Insofar as possible, this DSAP does not repeat guidance already provided in DSAP1. Any actuary who asserts compliance with this DSAP (as a model standard) must also comply with DSAP1. References in DSAP1 to "this DSAP" should be interpreted as applying equally to this DSAP2, where appropriate.		The content of ESAP1, approved by the General Assembly of the AAE on 3 October 2014, is almost identical to ISAP 1, approved as a model standard by the International Actuarial Association (IAA) on 18 November 2012. ESAP2 refers to actuarial function reporting, whilst ESAP1 refers to general actuarial practice, and is therefore more general. The 'Actuarial Function Report – AFR' in ESAP2 is more specific than the 'Report' addressed in ESAP1. ESAP2 can be regarded as a 'Practice-Specific Standard' using the terminology of ESAP1 1.2.2.
1.4.2	A failure to follow the principles in this standard need not		

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	be considered a departure if it does not have a <u>material</u> effect. The contents of this standard should be read in that context, even where the term <u>material</u> is not explicitly used or where the word "must" is used.		
1.5	Language		
1.5.1	Some of the language used in all DSAPs is intended to be interpreted in a very specific way in the context of a decision of the actuary. In particular, the following words are to be understood to have the meanings indicated: a. "must" means that the indicated action is mandatory and failure to follow the indicated action will constitute a failure to comply with this DSAP, unless the departure is due to a conflict with law (DSAP1 1.3.1) or code of professional conduct (DSAP1 1.3.2). b. "should" (or "shall") means that, under normal circumstances, the actuary is expected to follow the indicated action, unless the departure is due to a conflict with law (DSAP1 1.3.1) or code of professional conduct (DSAP1 1.3.2). However, in all other cases, if following the indicated action would produce a result that would be inappropriate or would potentially mislead the intended users of the actuarial services, the actuary should depart from that guidance and disclose that fact and provide the reason for not following the indicated action as described in DSAP1 1.3.3. c. "may" means that the indicated action is not required, nor even necessarily expected, but in certain circumstances is an appropriate activity, possibly among other alternatives. Note that		This text is identical to the one used in ESAP1 1.6.1 (except for some minor editorial changes). The content of ESAP1 1.6.1 is key in understanding the ESAP2 standard and therefore is also included in ESAP2.

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	rather with its normal meaning. d. "any" (as in e.g. "any report") means all such items if they exist, while acknowledging they may not exist. Such a reference does not give rise to a requirement to create such an item.		
1.5.2	This DSAP uses various terms whose specific meanings are defined in the AAE Glossary. These terms are highlighted in the text with a dashed underscore and in blue (e.g. actuary).		This text is identical to the text in ESAP1 1.6.2 (except for a minor editorial change). The content of ESAP1 1.6.2 is key in understanding the ESAP2 standard and therefore is also included in ESAP2.
1.6	Cross-references		
1.6.1	This DSAP refers to the content of the <u>Solvency II</u> <u>Directive</u> and the Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2015/35 supplementing the <u>Solvency II Directive</u> , both as amended as per the approval date of this DSAP. If the <u>Solvency II Directive</u> or the Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2015/35 is subsequently amended, restated, revoked, or replaced after this date, the <u>actuary</u> should apply the principles in this DSAP to the extent they remain relevant.		ESAP2 is a standard on specific actuarial services following the Solvency II Directive and its associated Commission Delegated Regulation. The latest amendment of the Solvency II Directive reflected in ESAP2 is per Directive 2019/2177/EU (18 December 2019, published 27 December 2019). The latest amendment of the Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2015/35 reflected in ESAP2 is per Commission Delegated Regulation 2021/1256/EU (21 April 2021, published 2 August 2021).
1.7	Effective Date		
1.7.1.	This standard applies to actuarial services relating to an Actuarial Function Report performed after 31 May 2022.		

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Section 2.	Appropriate Practices		
2.1	General principles		
2.1.1	The Actuarial Function Report and its core parts		
2.1.1.1	The Actuarial Function (AF) must produce a written report (the Actuarial Function Report (AFR)) to be submitted to the Administrative, Management or Supervisory Body (AMSB), at least annually. The actuary should consider that the intended user is the AMSB but may also include other functions of the undertaking or any related undertaking and the relevant supervisory authorities.	L2 - 272(8): "The actuarial function shall produce a written report to be submitted to the administrative, management or supervisory body, at least annually. The report shall document all tasks that have been undertaken by the actuarial function and their results, and shall clearly identify any deficiencies and give recommendations as to how such deficiencies should be remedied."	 Principle 1 Higher frequency may be considered upon request from the AMSB. The AFR should be revisited if exceptional events occur and trigger a need for update. L2 uses "shall". ESAP2's language is "must" rather than "should" because of the force of the L2 text. For efficiency reasons it is allowed to build up the AFR in separate components (cf. ESAP1 3.2.4). The AFR may consist of two or more component reports each of which contributes to the compliance of the aggregate report with this standard. This standard does not require that any single component report on its own complies fully unless it is also an aggregate report. This will allow to have the sections on more static contents (like the ones referring to product background and capital frameworks) separated from dynamic contents (results; adequacy levels; capital requirements). It also permits having sections that are common to multiple legal entities drafted only once. Any executive summary must be

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			in one component only.
2.1.1.2	The AFR should have a form, structure, style, level of detail and content which is appropriate to the particular circumstances, taking into account the intended users. This may lead to an AFR consisting of several component reports focusing on specific content which may be provided to the AMSB separately and at different points of time.		 This requirement is necessary to comply with ESAP1 3.1.1. Principle 4 It is common practice to provide an Executive Summary. This Executive Summary is the obvious place to summarize the tasks undertaken (elements of report) and the concerns / deficiencies / recommendations (conclusions). Each component report may have its own executive summary, presenting the procedures performed and the significant findings and recommendations. A cover note may be issued on top, providing an overview of the various component reports and their main outcomes. The focus of the L2 text is on the requirements to provide detail on deficiencies. This paragraph of ESAP2 - refers to all most important conclusions, irrespective of being a positive, negative or neutral message.
2.1.1.3	The AFR should: (a) state which Actuarial Standards apply to the work that has been carried out and whether the work complies with those Actuarial Standards; (b) state which Actuarial Standards apply to the AFR and whether the AFR complies with those Actuarial		 Principle 3 It is useful to provide assurance to the AMSB that the AFR and related actuarial work complies with actuarial standards.

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	Standards; and (c) give particulars of any <u>material</u> departures from the Actuarial Standards referred to in (a) and (b) above.		
2.1.2	The Actuarial Function		
2.1.2.1	The AFR must document a summary of all major tasks that have been undertaken by the AF and their results.	see 2.1.1.	 Principle 1 The documentation of all tasks may be given in a separate component report which is delivered once to the AMSB and to which the annual report refers, provided there are no changes of the tasks.
2.1.2.2	The AFR should set out information identifying relevant conflicts of interest and describing how they have been managed including any potential conflicts of interest between the individual undertaking and any group of which it is a part.	"Insurance and reinsurance undertakings shall incorporate the functions and the associated reporting lines into the organisational structure in a way which ensures that each function is free from influences that may compromise the function's ability to undertake its duties in an objective, fair and independent manner. Each function shall operate under the ultimate responsibility of, and report to the administrative, management or supervisory body and shall, where appropriate, cooperate with the other functions in carrying out their roles." L3 - SoG Guideline 46: "The undertaking should take appropriate measures to address the potential conflicts of interests, if the undertaking decides to	 Principle 1 In formulating professional conclusions and opinions, the AF should be objective and free from influence that may compromise the function's ability to undertake its duties in an objective, fair and independent manner. Principle 3 A related requirement is part of the AAE's Code of Professional Conduct (Principle D: "Impartiality – An actuary must not allow bias, conflict of interest or the undue influence of others to override professional judgement"). Principle 4 This gives transparency in disclosing potential conflicts and reliance on other parties.

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		add additional tasks or activities to the tasks and activities of the actuarial function."	
2.1.2.3	In applying 2.3 and 3.2.3.f of DSAP1 the AF should disclose any material reliance on other persons' work and how the AF gained assurance on the reliability of the other persons' work.		 Principle 4 Regarding 'Reliance on Others' ESAP1 2.3 states appropriate practices. "other persons' work" is also used as terminology in the definition of "work" in the AAE Glossary. Note that "work" in "other persons' work" does not have the meaning of "work" as defined in the AAE Glossary.
2.1.2.4	The AFR must identify the individuals responsible for writing the AFR, and, if applicable, the person taking overall responsibility for its production.		 Principle 4 This is to support transparency and accountability, especially in cases where the AFR consists of components which have been written at different points of time or by different individuals Cf. ESAP1 3.2.3.
2.1.2.5	The AFR may provide information to demonstrate that each of the contributors to the AFR, and, if applicable, the individual taking overall responsibility for the AFR, has the relevant knowledge and experience to fulfil the role.	L2 – 273(1): "Insurance and reinsurance undertakings shall establish, implement and maintain documented policies and adequate procedures to ensure that all persons who effectively run the undertaking or have other key functions are at all times fit and proper within the meaning of Article 42 of Directive 2009/138/EC." L2 - 273(2): "The assessment of whether a person is fit shall include an assessment of the person's	 Principle 1 The (key) individuals involved in preparing the AFR fulfil a key position as referred to in L2 - 273(1) and are therefore subject to the assurance procedures required by L2 - 273(2). If the assurance procedures are otherwise made transparent, there may not be any need to include related information in the AFR.

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		professional and formal qualifications, knowledge and relevant experience within the insurance sector, other financial sectors or other businesses and shall take into account the respective duties allocated to that person and, where relevant, the insurance, financial, accounting, actuarial and management skills of the person."	
2.1.3	Content of the Actuarial Function Report		
2.1.3.1	The AFR must clearly identify any deficiencies and give recommendations as to how such deficiencies should be remedied having regard to materiality and proportionality.	L2 - 272(8): " and shall clearly identify any deficiencies and give recommendations as to how such deficiencies should be remedied."	 Principle 1 The identification of deficiencies is an output of the AF's assessment in relation to each of the areas covered in the AFR. It is a matter of professional judgement for the AF as to the measure(s) used, whether quantitative or qualitative, in assessing a potential deficiency and the basis for the AF's findings may be made clear in the AFR. Commentary in relation to the absence of deficiencies may also be appropriate. The regulation requires any deficiency to be identified. To serve the needs of the intended users such deficiencies which are considered not to be significant may be stated in a separate component report of the AFR.
2.1.3.2	The AFR should include sufficient information and discussion about each area covered so as to enable the		 Principle 4 It is best practice to support

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	AMSB to judge its implications.		conclusions and recommendations.
2.1.3.3	The AFR should summarise the key data used to reach the opinions expressed and should draw attention to any material areas of uncertainty and their sources, and also to any material professional judgement made in the assessments by the AF.		 Principle 4 This requirement does not require a comprehensive overview of all internal and external source data used, but a sufficient reference to internal and external source data with additional detail on how known issues with data have been treated. "Normal" uncertainties, like market volatilities, may be stated in a component report which is produced once and deals with such uncertainties in a comprehensive way. In this case the annual AFR may focus on uncertainties which need the special attention of the AMSB.
2.1.4	Feedback on the Actuarial Function Report		
2.1.4.1	The AF should discuss its conclusions and recommendations with management when finalizing the AFR. After submission of an AFR to the AMSB, the AF should seek feedback from the AMSB on the contents of the AFR and should have regard to that feedback when preparing future AFRs.		 Principle 4 This is common practice, not only for reports prepared by actuaries, but also for reports prepared by internal and external auditors.
2.1.4.2	Details of whether recommendations in the AFR have been accepted and, if so, on progress towards implementation, should be summarised in the next AFR.		 Principle 4 This is also common practice.

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2.2	Technical Provisions		
2.2.1	Conclusions on adequacy and reliability of Technical Provisions		
2.2.1.1	The AFR must clearly state the conclusions of the AF with regard to its analysis of the adequacy and reliability of the Technical Provisions. The conclusions should include any concerns the AF has in this regard and identify material shortcomings or deficiencies, with recommendations as to how these could be remedied.	"Inform the administrative, management or supervisory body of the reliability and adequacy of the calculation of technical provisions;" L2 - 272(5): "Information submitted to the administrative, management or supervisory body on the calculation of the technical provisions shall include at least a reasoned analysis on the reliability and adequacy of their calculation The actuarial function shall clearly state and explain any concerns it may have concerning the adequacy of technical provisions."	 Principle 1 The L1 text requires the Actuarial Function to give opinions on the overall underwriting policy and the adequacy of the reinsurance arrangements of the undertaking, while the term 'opinion' is not explicitly used in the context of Technical Provisions. It is not clear if a different meaning is intended by the regulation. When drafting ESAP2 we did not see any different meaning but decided to retain the different wording used by the regulation. Where the AFR concludes that the Technical Provisions are either inadequate or unreliable, a summary of the key concerns and recommendations should be included in the conclusion. It should be noted that considerations related to Technical Provisions in this part should also reflect the calculation of the recoverables from reinsurance contracts and Special Purpose Vehicles. A reasoned analysis as mentioned in L2 - 272(5) should as a minimum include the topics dealt with in 2.2.2 –

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			2.2.9 of this ESAP2.
			In special cases some additional topics may have to be considered.
2.2.1.2	The AFR should include the results of an assessment	L2 - 27(1):	• Principle 1
	whether the Technical Provisions have been calculated in accordance with Articles 75 to 86 of the Solvency II Directive and advise if any changes are necessary in order to achieve compliance.	"In coordinating the calculation of the technical provisions, the actuarial function shall include all of the following tasks: (a) apply methodologies and procedures to assess the sufficiency of technical provisions and to ensure that their calculation is consistent with the requirements set out in Articles 75 to 86 of Directive 2009/138/EC;"	- Trincipie I
		L3 - SoG Guideline 47 - Coordination of the	
		calculation of technical provisions:	
		"The undertaking should require the	
		actuarial function to identify any	
		inconsistency with the requirements set	
		out in Articles 76 to Article 83 of Solvency II	
		for the calculation of technical provisions	
		and propose corrections as appropriate.	
		and propose corrections as appropriate.	
I		The undertaking should require the	
		actuarial function to explain any material	
		effect of changes in data, methodologies or	
		assumptions between valuation dates on	
		the amount of technical provisions."	
2.2.1.3	The AFR must clearly state the sources and degree of	L2 - 272(1):	Principle 1
2.2.1.3	uncertainty the AF has assessed in relation to the	"In coordinating the calculation of the	
	estimates made in the calculation of the Technical	technical provisions, the actuarial function	
	Provisions. The AFR should explain the potential sources	shall include all of the following tasks:	

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	of uncertainty and, where appropriate, illustrate uncertainty by reference to possible scenarios.	(b) assess the uncertainty associated with the estimates made in the calculation of technical provisions;"	
		L2 - 272(5): "Information submitted to the administrative, management or supervisory body on the calculation of the technical provisions shall include at least a reasoned analysis on the sources and the degree of uncertainty of the estimate of the technical provisions"	
2.2.2	Important information about Technical Provisions		
2.2.2.1	The AF should ensure that the factors which have a material impact on the amount of Technical Provisions, including risk drivers and assumptions, are made clear in the AFR.		Principle 4
2.2.2.2	In particular the AFR should draw attention to any material judgements made in the identification of the boundary of insurance or reinsurance contracts and in the calculation of Technical Provisions.		Principles 1 and 4
2.2.3	Disclosure of opening and closing Technical Provisions		
2.2.3.1	The AFR should disclose the opening and closing Technical Provisions, split, to the extent possible, between best estimate and risk margin. A commentary on the impact on the Own Funds of the main items of movement of Technical Provisions should be provided.		 Principle 4 Provides audit trail to prior reports, and other presentations of Technical Provisions The AFR may include a reconciliation of Technical Provisions which shows a breakdown of the change over the reporting period, including, where appropriate, the impact of new business, the impact of actual

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2.2.4	Co-ordination of process		experience diverging from any assumptions made, the effect of any model changes, the effect of assumption changes and the amount of any unexplained movements. • This topic deals with one of the tasks of the AF explicitly mentioned in L1
			regulation.
2.2.4.1	The AFR should include a broad overview of the overall process employed in respect of the calculation of the Technical Provisions.	L1 - 48(1)(a): "Insurance and reinsurance undertakings shall provide for an effective actuarial function to: (a) coordinate the calculation of technical provisions."	 Principle 1 The overview of the overall process should include a description of the key responsibilities and tasks, the review and sign-off process and how potential conflicts of interest have been managed (also addressed in article 2.1.2.2 of this ESAP2). If there is a process description available to the intended users, the AFR may refer to it.
2.2.5	Sufficiency and quality of data		 This topic deals with one of the tasks of the AF explicitly mentioned in L1 regulation. ESAP1 2.5 deals with data quality. In case of potential conflicts between ESAP1 and ESAP2, ESAP1 requirements are explicitly superseded by ESAP2 according to ESAP1 1.2.1.
2.2.5.1	The AFR must include an overview of the controls surrounding the data used in the calculation of Technical Provisions and an explanation of how the AF is comfortable that the data is appropriate, accurate, reliable and complete.	L1 - 48(1)(c): "Insurance and reinsurance undertakings shall provide for an effective actuarial function to: (c) assess the sufficiency and quality of the	 Principle 1 In the Final Report version of the Guidelines on System of Governance the text of Guideline 48 is " Where relevant, the actuarial function provides recommendations on internal

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		data used in the calculation of technical provisions;"	procedures to improve data quality". However, in EIOPA's stand alone Guidelines document the text of
		L2 - 272(1): "In coordinating the calculation of the technical provisions, the actuarial function shall include all of the following tasks: (c) ensure that any limitations of data used to calculate technical provisions are properly dealt with;"	Guideline 48 is " Where relevant, the actuarial function <i>should provide</i> recommendations on internal procedures to improve data quality". This ESAP2 considers the "should provide" wording as leading above the " <must> provide" wording.</must>
		L3 - SoG - Guideline 48 - Data quality: "The undertaking should require the actuarial function to assess the consistency of the internal and external data used in the calculation of technical provisions against the data quality standards as set in Solvency II. Where relevant, the actuarial function should provide recommendations on internal procedures to improve data quality so as to ensure that the undertaking is in a position to comply with the Solvency II framework."	
2.2.5.2	The AFR must identify any material uncertainties or limitations in the data and outline the approach taken to these in the context of the calculation of Technical Provisions. Limitations might include, but are not restricted to, its fitness for purpose, consistency over time, timeliness, information technology systems, availability of individual policy and claims data and of historical data.		• Principle 1

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2.2.5.3	The AFR should give an overview of the business covered by the Technical Provisions, the split of data into homogeneous risk groups and how this split has been assessed for appropriateness in relation to the underlying risks of the undertaking.	L2 - 272(1): "In coordinating the calculation of the technical provisions, the actuarial function shall include all of the following tasks: (e) ensure that homogeneous risk groups of insurance and reinsurance obligations are identified for an appropriate assessment of the underlying risks;"	• Principle 1
2.2.5.4	The AFR should consider relevant information provided by financial markets and generally available data on underwriting risks and explain how it is integrated into the assessment of the Technical Provisions.	L2 - 272(1): "In coordinating the calculation of the technical provisions, the actuarial function shall include all of the following tasks: (f) consider relevant information provided by financial markets and generally available data on underwriting risks and ensure that it is integrated into the assessment of technical provisions;"	• Principle 1
2.2.5.5	The AFR should disclose any concern the AF has on the documentation describing the process of the collection of data and analysis of its quality and other information that relates to the calculation of Technical Provisions, including any concern the AF has on the directory of the data used in the calculation of the Technical Provisions.	L2 - 265(1): "Insurance and reinsurance undertakings shall document the following processes: (a) the collection of data and analysis of its quality and other information that relates to the calculation of technical provisions;" L2 - 265(2): "For the purposes of point (a) of paragraph 1, the documentation shall include: (a) a directory of the data used in the	• Principle 1

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		calculation of the technical provisions, specifying their source, characteristics and usage; (b) the specification for the collection, processing and application of data referred to in Article 19(3)(e); (c) where data are not used consistently over time in the calculation of technical provisions, a description of the inconsistent use and its justification."	
2.2.6	Methods and models	,	 This topic deals with one of the tasks of the AF explicitly mentioned in L1 regulation. ESAP1 2.6 – 2.9 deal with methodology. In cases where methodology is prescribed either by Solvency II regulation or authorities, ESAP1 2.9 should be followed.
2.2.6.1	The AFR must provide an overview about how the appropriateness of the methods and models used in the calculation of the Technical Provisions has been assessed with regard to the main drivers of risk, the lines of business of the undertaking and the way in which the business is being managed.	L1 - 48(1)(b): "Insurance and reinsurance undertakings shall provide for an effective actuarial function to: (b) ensure the appropriateness of the methodologies and underlying models used in the calculation of technical provisions;" L2 - 272(2): "The actuarial function shall assess whether the methodologies and assumptions used in the calculation of the technical provisions are appropriate for the	Principle 1 Where appropriate, the AFR may include a broad overview of the cash inflows and outflows being taken into account in the calculation of Technical Provisions (e.g. major types of premiums, claims, expenses), the time horizon of the projections (e.g. to a specific term or date) and the main projection steps (e.g. data, assumptions, models, output, review). The unit of measurement applying to any graphical or numerical presentations should be clear.

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		specific lines of business of the undertaking and for the way the business is managed, having regard to the available data."	
		L3 - SoG - Guideline 49 - Testing against experience: "The undertaking should ensure that the actuarial function reports any material deviations from actual experience to the best estimate to the AMSB. The report should investigate the causes of the deviations and, where applicable, propose changes in the assumptions and modifications to the valuation model in order to improve the best estimate calculation."	
2.2.6.2	The AFR should draw attention to any unusual or non-standard method not within usual market practices which has been used to calculate <u>Technical Provisions</u> , including a description of the rationale for the choice of method.		• Principle 1
2.2.6.3	The AFR should include, where appropriate, an overview of the methods used to calculate Technical Provisions in respect of contracts where the insufficiency of the data has prevented the application of a reliable actuarial method, specifically those cases referred to in Article 82 of the Solvency Il Directive. The AFR should include an assessment of the appropriateness of the approximations used in the calculations of Technical Provisions for such contracts.	L1 - 48(1)(f): "Insurance and reinsurance undertakings shall provide for an effective actuarial function to: (f) oversee the calculation of technical provisions in the cases set out in Article 82;" L1 - 82:	• Principle 1
		"Member States shall ensure that insurance and reinsurance undertakings	

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		have internal processes and procedures in	
		place to ensure the appropriateness,	
		completeness and accuracy of the data	
		used in the calculation of their technical	
		provisions.	
		Where, in specific circumstances, insurance	
		and reinsurance undertakings have	
		insufficient data of appropriate quality to	
		apply a reliable actuarial method to a set	
		or subset of their insurance and	
		reinsurance obligations, or amounts	
		recoverable from reinsurance contracts	
		and special purpose vehicles, appropriate	
		approximations, including case-by-case	
		approaches, may be used in the calculation	
		of the best estimate."	
		L2 - 272(1):	
		"In coordinating the calculation of the	
		technical provisions, the actuarial function	
		shall include all of the following tasks:	
		(d) ensure that the most appropriate	
		approximations for the purposes of	
		calculating the best estimate are used in	
		cases referred to in Article 82 of Directive	
		2009/138/EC;"	
2.2.6.4	The AFR must include an assessment of the	L2 - 272(1):	• Principle 1
	appropriateness of the methods and models used in the	"In coordinating the calculation of the	 The main AFR may state only the
	calculation of options and guarantees included in	technical provisions, the actuarial function	results of such an assessment. The
	insurance or reinsurance contracts and in the valuation of	shall include all of the following tasks:	detailed results and typical areas of
	these options and guarantees in the <u>Technical Provisions</u> .		dispute may be provided in a
		(h) ensure that an appropriate assessment	component report.

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		is provided of options and guarantees included in insurance and reinsurance contracts."	Contractual options and guarantees should be appropriately reflected in the Technical Provisions. This requires two steps: 1) identification and quantification of the options and guarantees, and 2) valuation of these options and guarantees.
2.2.6.5	The AFR should indicate if the AF assesses that the information technology systems used in the calculation of Technical Provisions do not sufficiently support the actuarial and statistical procedures.	L2 - 272(3): "The actuarial function shall assess whether the information technology systems used in the calculation of technical provisions sufficiently support the actuarial and statistical procedures."	Principle 1
2.2.6.6	Where the calculation of <u>Technical Provisions</u> depends on multiple methods or <u>models</u> , the <u>AFR</u> should make reference to any <u>material</u> differences between the results according to these methods or <u>models</u> and what allowance has been made for these differences.		 Principle 4 An example of this might be where one model is used to calculate the best estimate element of Technical Provisions and a different model is used to calculate the capital requirements for the risk margin element of Technical Provisions.
2.2.6.7	The AFR should disclose and justify any material changes in methods or models from those used in the previous AFR and quantify the effect on the Technical Provisions.	L2 - 272(1): "In coordinating the calculation of the technical provisions, the actuarial function shall include all of the following tasks: (g) compare and justify any material differences in the calculation of technical provisions from year to year;"	• Principle 1
2.2.7	Assumptions		 This topic deals with one of the tasks of the AF explicitly mentioned in L1 regulation. ESAP1 3.6 - 3.8 deal with assumptions.

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			In cases where assumptions are prescribed either by Solvency II regulation or by authorities ESAP1 3.8 should be followed.
2.2.7.1	The AFR must include a description of how the appropriateness of the data and methods used to determine the assumptions underlying the Technical Provisions have been assessed.	L1 - 48(1)(b): "Insurance and reinsurance undertakings shall provide for an effective actuarial function to: (b) ensure the appropriateness of the assumptions made in the calculation of technical provisions;"	Principle 1
2.2.7.2	The AFR should disclose the key assumptions underlying the calculation of the Technical Provisions and explain their appropriateness in relation to the main drivers of risk likely to affect the insurance or reinsurance obligations of the undertaking.		Principle 4
2.2.7.3	The AFR should disclose any material changes made to the assumptions used compared to the previous AFR.		Principle 4
2.2.7.4	The AFR should disclose its assessment of the appropriateness of material judgements made in the determination of assumptions. These may include, but are not restricted to, assumptions or interpretations made in relation to the following: • contractual options and guarantees; • policyholder behaviour; • future management actions; • amounts recoverable from counterparties; • areas of future discretion exercised by the undertaking which might impact its insurance or reinsurance obligations; and	The topics listed in the ESAP text are specifically mentioned in the Level 2 requirements: L2 - 23 (Future management actions) L2 - 24, 25 (Future discretionary benefits) L2 - 26 (Policyholder behaviour) L2 - 32 (Contractual options and financial guarantees) L2 - 41 (General provisions on Recoverables from reinsurance contracts and special purpose vehicles)	 Principle 1 We have abstained from citing the voluminous full text in column 2.

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	 obligations which might exist over and above contractual obligations. 		
2.2.8	Comparing best estimates against experience		This topic deals with one of the tasks of the AF explicitly mentioned in L1 regulation.
2.2.8.1	The AFR should include an overview of the process used to compare best estimates against actual experience and must draw attention to any concerns the AF has in regard to the effectiveness of this process.	L1 - 48(1)(d): "Insurance and reinsurance undertakings shall provide for an effective actuarial function to: (d) compare best estimates against experience;"	• Principle 1
2.2.8.2	The AFR should disclose the findings of the AF's review of the quality of past best estimates and the conclusions from this in relation to the appropriateness of data, methods or assumptions used in the calculation of the Technical Provisions. In reviewing the quality of past estimates, the AFR should draw attention to those areas where actual experience has deviated in a material way from the assumptions made and provide a commentary in this regard. It may assist understanding if this commentary distinguishes between deviations which are judged to arise from volatility of the underlying experience and those which are viewed as relevant to the appropriateness of the data, methods or assumptions used. The AFR should disclose any material judgements when such a distinction is made.	L2 - 272(4): "The actuarial function shall, when comparing best estimates against experience, review the quality of past best estimates and use the insights gained from this assessment to improve the quality of current calculations. The comparison of best estimates against experience shall include comparisons between observed values and the estimates underlying the calculation of the best estimate, in order to draw conclusions on the appropriateness, accuracy and completeness of the data and assumptions used as well as on the methodologies applied in their calculation."	• Principle 1
		L3 - SoG - Guideline 49 - Testing against experience: "The undertaking should ensure that the	

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		actuarial function reports any material	
		deviations from actual experience to the	
		best estimate to the AMSB. The report	
l		should investigate the causes of the	
		deviations and, where applicable, propose	
I		changes in the assumptions and	
I		modifications to the valuation model in	
1		order to improve the best estimate	
		calculation."	
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2.2.9	Sensitivity analysis	12 272/5	n · · · · · · ·
2.2.9.1	The AFR must report on the results of an analysis of the	L2 - 272(5): "Information submitted to the	Principle 1
I	sensitivity of the <u>Technical Provisions</u> to each of the		
1	major risks underlying the obligations which are covered	administrative, management or	
	in the <u>Technical Provisions</u> .	supervisory body on the calculation of the	
1		technical provisions shall include at least a	
I		reasoned analysis on the reliability and	
I		adequacy of their calculation and on the sources and the degree of uncertainty of	
I		the estimate of the technical provisions.	
I		That reasoned analysis shall be supported	
l		by a sensitivity analysis that includes an	
		investigation of the sensitivity of the	
I		technical provisions to each of the major	
		risks underlying the obligations which are	
		covered in the technical provisions. The	
1		actuarial function shall clearly state and	
		explain any concerns it may have	
1		concerning the adequacy of technical	
l		provisions."	

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2.3	Opinion on underwriting policy		
2.3.1	Opinion on the overall underwriting policy of the undertaking		
2.3.1.1	The AFR must express an opinion on the overall underwriting policy of the undertaking.	"Insurance and reinsurance undertakings shall provide for an effective actuarial function to: (g) express an opinion on the overall underwriting policy." L2 - 272(6): "Regarding the underwriting policy, the opinion to be expressed by the actuarial function in accordance with Article 48(1)(g) of Directive 2009/138/EC shall at least include conclusions regarding the following considerations: (a) sufficiency of the premiums to be earned to cover future claims and expenses, notably taking into consideration the underlying risks (including underwriting risks), and the impact of options and guarantees included in insurance and reinsurance contracts on the sufficiency of premiums; (b) the effect of inflation, legal risk, sustainability risks, change in the composition of the undertaking's portfolio, and of systems which adjust the premiums policy-holders pay upwards or downwards	 Principle 1 This is one of the tasks of the AF explicitly mentioned in the Solvency II Directive. The Directive does not specify the meaning of 'opinion'. It may be seen as a statement summarizing the key findings of the AF's work, that identifies deficiencies and gives recommendations as to how such deficiencies should be remedied. The opinion shall refer to both the underwriting policy and its implementation. The underwriting policy may be one comprehensive document or may be contained in several separate documents.

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		depending on their claims history (bonusmalus systems) or similar systems, implemented in specific homogeneous risk groups; (c) the progressive tendency of a portfolio of insurance contracts to attract or retain insured persons with a higher risk profile (anti-selection)."	
2.3.1.2	The AFR should set out how the AF has arrived at its opinion on the overall underwriting policy of the undertaking.	see 2.1.1.	The AFR may include an overview of the overall process related to the underwriting policy to support the discussion of the AF's conclusions. This may include a description of the key responsibilities and tasks, the review and sign-off process and how conflicts of interest have been managed.
2.3.1.3	The AFR should explain any concerns which the AF may have as to the suitability of the overall underwriting policy.	see 2.1.1. L1 - 44(1) Risk management: "Insurance and reinsurance undertakings shall have in place an effective risk-management system comprising strategies, processes and reporting procedures necessary to identify, measure, monitor, manage and report, on a continuous basis the risks," L1 - 44(2) Risk management: " The risk-management system shall cover at least the following areas: (a) underwriting and reserving; The written policy on risk management	 Principle 1 To comply with L1 Articles 41 and 44 the undertaking should formulate written policies on underwriting within their Risk Management policies. We expect that these written policies will cover the main part if not the total of the overall underwriting policy as mentioned in the L1 text. The Solvency II regulation does not explicitly specify criteria of suitability of the overall underwriting policy. In special cases some additional topics may have to be considered.

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		referred to in Article 41(3) shall comprise policies relating to points (a) to (f) of the second subparagraph of this paragraph."	
2.3.1.4	The AFR should outline the recommendations to remedy any deficiencies the AF has identified in relation to the overall <u>underwriting</u> policy having regard to <u>materiality</u> and proportionality.	see 2.1.1.	Principle 1
2.3.2	Areas of consideration		
2.3.2.1	An assessment of the suitability of the overall underwriting policy should at least include the areas set out in 2.3.3 to 2.3.7.		Principle 1
2.3.3	Sufficiency of premiums		
2.3.3.1	The AFR must conclude whether the premiums are expected to be sufficient in the light of the operation of the overall underwriting policy. The assessment must take into consideration the impact of the underlying risks (including underwriting risks) to which the business is exposed and the impact on the sufficiency of premiums of options and guarantees included in insurance and reinsurance contracts.	**Regarding the underwriting policy, the opinion to be expressed by the actuarial function in accordance with Article 48(1)(g) of Directive 2009/138/EC shall at least include conclusions regarding the following considerations: (a) sufficiency of the premiums to be earned to cover future claims and expenses, notably taking into consideration the underlying risks (including underwriting risks), and the impact of options and guarantees included in insurance and reinsurance contracts on the sufficiency of premiums;"	 Principle 1 The requirement includes consideration of all kinds of premiums being relevant for the current solvency assessment. This would include also future premiums which need to be included in premium risk assessments or premium reserves. This assessment may be performed using the calculations supporting the Technical Provisions and may be supplemented, for example, by a comparison of pricing bases to the current experience. This assessment may be linked in to the ORSA process and the assessment of Technical Provisions. The AFR may indicate any material differences in the experience analysis

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			compared to assumptions used in the wider business (for example, in the business planning and underwriting processes). The AFR may summarise the major risks which may affect future experience.
2.3.4	Environmental changes		
2.3.4.1	The AFR should describe the external environmental factors which have the potential to influence the profitability of new business including renewals. These factors might include inflation, legal risk, sustainability risks and changes in the market in which the undertaking operates affecting business volumes and business mix.	L2 – 272(6): "Regarding the underwriting policy, the opinion to be expressed by the actuarial function in accordance with Article 48(1)(g) of Directive 2009/138/EC shall at least include conclusions regarding the following considerations: (b) the effect of inflation, legal risk, sustainability risks, change in the composition of the undertaking's portfolio,"	 Principle 1 Such changes could include, but are not limited to, changes in inflation, the impact of legal risks, sustainability risks, a change in the composition of the undertaking's portfolio, the impact of epidemics and advances in medical care or technology.
2.3.5	Adjustments to premiums		
2.3.5.1	For products where premiums may be adjusted in response to experience, the AFR must comment on the effect of systems which adjust the premiums policyholders pay upwards or downwards depending on their claims history (bonus-malus systems) or similar systems, implemented in specific homogeneous risk groups.	L2 - 272(6) "Regarding the underwriting policy, the opinion to be expressed by the actuarial function in accordance with Article 48(1)(g) of Directive 2009/138/EC shall at least include conclusions regarding the following considerations: (b) the effect of systems which adjust the premiums policy-holders pay upwards or downwards depending on their claims	Principle 1

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		history (bonus-malus systems) or similar systems, implemented in specific homogeneous risk groups;"	
2.3.6	Anti-selection		
2.3.6.1	The AFR must include the AF's conclusions concerning anti-selection risks within the undertaking's portfolio of contracts if these risks might have an adverse impact on the Technical Provisions or sufficiency of premiums. The AFR should outline the AF's recommendations for improvements to the underwriting policy which might mitigate these risks.	L2 - 272(6) "Regarding the underwriting policy, the opinion to be expressed by the actuarial function in accordance with Article 48(1)(g) of Directive 2009/138/EC shall at least include conclusions regarding the following considerations: (c) the progressive tendency of a portfolio of insurance contracts to attract or retain insured persons with a higher risk profile (anti-selection)."	 Principle 1 Anti-selection risk can occur where the average profile of the risks underwritten differs materially and adversely from the assumptions made about the risks in the pricing basis. This could be because of more adverse risks self-selecting themselves, because there is a flaw in the underwriting procedure or because better risks are incentivised to take out different contracts, which leave an adverse residual. In respect of anti-selection, the AFR may include: a summary of the experience analysis performed; any trends observed in the experience analysis; and an assessment of the composition of the in-force business against the assumptions made in the pricing process.
2.3.7	Interrelationships		
2.3.7.1	The AFR should outline the extent to which the overall underwriting policy of the undertaking is not consistent with other relevant policies of the undertaking.	see 2.3.7.2	Principle 1

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2.3.7.2	This should at least include an assessment of the consistency with the risk appetite and the reinsurance arrangements of the <u>undertaking</u> and with the <u>underwriting</u> risks that the <u>undertaking</u> reflects in the calculation of the <u>Technical Provisions</u> .	L3 - SoG - Guideline 50 - Underwriting policy and reinsurance arrangements: "The undertaking should require the actuarial function, when providing its opinion on the underwriting policy and the reinsurance arrangements, to take into consideration the interrelations between these and the technical provisions."	 Principle 1 The AFR may include an assessment of whether the underwriting policy is consistent with the approach to product pricing used by the undertaking The AFR may include an assessment of the main risk factors influencing the profitability of business to be written during the next year, including the potential impact on future profitability of external factors (for example: economic factors, inflation, legal risk and changes in the market environment, etc.). The AFR may include an assessment of the likely financial impact of any material planned changes in terms and conditions of the products sold by the undertaking. The AFR may include an assessment of the likely variability surrounding the estimate of expected profitability of the business.

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2.4	Opinion on reinsurance arrangements		
2.4.1	Opinion on the adequacy of reinsurance arrangements	L1 - 23(1) Scheme of operations "The scheme of operations referred to in Article 18(1)(c) shall include particulars or evidence of the following: (c) the guiding principles as to reinsurance and to retrocession;"	
2.4.1.1	The AFR must express an opinion on the adequacy of the reinsurance arrangements.	"Insurance and reinsurance undertakings shall provide for an effective actuarial function to: (h) express an opinion on the adequacy of reinsurance arrangements;" L3 - SoG - Guideline 46 - Tasks of the actuarial function: "The participating insurance or reinsurance undertaking, the insurance holding company or the mixed financial holding company should require that the actuarial function gives an opinion on the reinsurance policy and the reinsurance program for the group as a whole."	 Principle 1 This is one of the tasks of the AF explicitly mentioned in the Solvency II Directive. The Directive does not specify the meaning of 'opinion'. It may be seen as a statement summarising the key findings of the AF's work, that identifies deficiencies and gives recommendations as to how such deficiencies should be remedied. This task also has to be performed at group level, where appropriate. The term 'reinsurance arrangement' as used in the Solvency II Directive refers to contracts mitigating the risks of the undertaking or group which in particular excludes reinsurance business written by the undertaking or group. L3 - SoG - Guideline 46 refers to the 'reinsurance policy' and the 'reinsurance program'.
2.4.1.2	The AFR should explain any concerns which the AF may	L1 - 44(1) Risk management:	The Solvency II regulation does not

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Reference	have concerning the adequacy of the reinsurance arrangements.	"Insurance and reinsurance undertakings shall have in place an effective risk-management system comprising strategies, processes and reporting procedures necessary to identify, measure, monitor, manage and report, on a continuous basis the risks," L1 - 44(2) Risk management: " The risk-management system shall cover at least the following areas: (a) underwriting and reserving; (f) reinsurance and other risk-mitigation techniques. The written policy on risk management referred to in Article 41(3) shall comprise policies relating to points (a) to (f) of the second subparagraph of this paragraph."	explicitly specify criteria of adequacy of reinsurance arrangements. To comply with L1 Articles 41 and 44 the undertaking should formulate written policies on reinsurance and other risk-mitigation techniques within their Risk Management policies. The adequacy of reinsurance arrangements may, as a minimum, be assessed against these policies.
2.4.1.3	If the AF identifies deficiencies the AFR should outline recommendations to improve the reinsurance arrangements, including actions which might be taken to: • eliminate inconsistencies in reinsurance coverage; • reduce the risk of non-performance by reinsurance counterparties; and • extend coverage of material risks.	see 2.1.1.	• Principle 1
2.4.1.4	The AFR should set out how the AF has arrived at its opinion.		 Principle 4 It may be considered whether to include an overview of any areas in the

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			by reinsurance undertakings, for example assistance with business plans, product development, underwriting guidelines, claims management and policy administration. • Where relevant, the AFR may disclose the extent to which the requirements set out in the Regulations in respect of Special Purpose Vehicles have been adhered to. (L2 - 211 - Risk-Mitigation techniques using reinsurance contracts or special purpose vehicles)
2.4.2	Interrelationships		
2.4.2.1	The AFR should outline the extent to which the reinsurance arrangements of the undertaking are not consistent with the undertaking's: • risk appetite; • underwriting policy; and • underwriting risk, and include recommendations as to how any inconsistencies should be remedied.	 L2 - 272(7): "Regarding the overall reinsurance arrangements, the opinion to be expressed by the actuarial function in accordance with Article 48(1)(h) of Directive 2009/138/EC shall include analysis on the adequacy of the following: (a) the undertaking's risk profile and underwriting policy;" L3 - SoG - Guideline 20 - Underwriting and reserving risk management policy: "In its risk management policy, the undertaking should cover at least the following with regard to underwriting and reserving risk: e) how, in the process of designing a new insurance product and the 	Consistency of reinsurance arrangements with the underwriting policy and consistency of reinsurance arrangements with the underwriting risk are separate items as "underwriting risk" is linked to the actual portfolio of insurance obligations. The AFR should discuss inconsistencies between the underwriting risks covered in the reinsurance arrangements and the underwriting risk profile of the portfolio of insurance obligations.

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		premium calculation, the undertaking	
		takes account of reinsurance or	
		other risk mitigation techniques."	
		L3 - SoG - Guideline 50 - Underwriting	
		policy and reinsurance arrangements:	
		"The undertaking should require the	
		actuarial function, when providing its	
		opinion on the underwriting policy and the	
		reinsurance arrangements, to take into	
		consideration the interrelations between	
		these and the technical provisions."	
2.4.2.2	The commentary on interrelationships should incorporate	L2 - 272(7):	Principle 1
	the AF's assessment of the credit standing of the	"Regarding the overall reinsurance	
	reinsurance counterparties, including the assessment	arrangements, the opinion to be expressed	
	whether the <u>undertaking</u> needs to produce and use its	by the actuarial function in accordance	
	own internal credit assessment of one or more of the	with Article 48(1)(h) of Directive	
	reinsurance counterparties.	2009/138/EC shall include analysis on the	
		adequacy of the following:	
		(b) reinsurance providers taking into	
		account their credit standing;"	
		L2 - 4(5):	
		"Where an item is part of the larger or	
		more complex exposures of the insurance	
		or reinsurance undertaking, the	
		undertaking shall produce its own internal	
		credit assessment of the item and allocate	
		it to one of the seven steps in a credit	
		quality assessment scale. Where the own	
		internal credit assessment generates a	
		lower capital requirement than the one	

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		generated by the credit assessments available from nominated ECAIs, then the own internal credit assessment shall not be taken into account for the purposes of this Regulation."	
2.4.3	Effectiveness of reinsurance arrangements	L3 - SoG - Guideline 22 - Reinsurance and other risk-mitigation techniques - risk management policy: "In the risk management policy the undertaking should cover at least the following with regard to reinsurance and other risk mitigation techniques: c) procedures for assessing the effective risk transfer and consideration of basis risk;"	 Principle 4 The understanding taken from the L3 - SoG - Guideline 22 is that the term 'reinsurance arrangements' is intended to include other risk mitigation techniques whose substance is similar to reinsurance. In particular, this would include the use of SPVs for risk mitigation purposes. It is not specified in L1 regulation if adequacy of reinsurance necessarily includes effectiveness, which would clarify the question if related work has to be performed by the AF or not. In any case the undertaking will have to assess the effectiveness of all risk-mitigation contracts in particular reinsurance arrangements (see L3 - SoG - Guideline 22). In cases where the undertaking assigns this task to the AF, the AFR may cover related reporting to the AMSB as well. In cases where work is done by another function the AFR may refer to the documentation provided by this function. The role of the AF needs to be described in the AFR in this case.
2.4.3.1	The AFR should include assessments of how the		• Principle 4

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	reinsurance arrangements, including any special purpose vehicles, might respond in a number of stressed scenarios or refer to where this is considered in the ORSA. The scenarios might include: • catastrophic claims experience; • risk aggregations; • reinsurance defaults; and • reinsurance exhaustion.		
2.4.3.2	The assessments should include indications of: • the amounts recoverable from reinsurance contracts and special purpose vehicles; and • the impact on the <u>undertaking</u> 's own funds.	L2 - 272(7): "Regarding the overall reinsurance arrangements, the opinion to be expressed by the actuarial function in accordance with Article 48(1)(h) of Directive 2009/138/EC shall include analysis on the adequacy of the following: (d) the calculation of the amounts recoverable from reinsurance contracts and special purpose vehicles."	• Principle 1
2.4.3.3	The assessments should consider, if appropriate, the impact of reinstatements or renewal of reinsurance cover and the potential unavailability of reinsurance cover.	L2 - 272(7): "Regarding the overall reinsurance arrangements, the opinion to be expressed by the actuarial function in accordance with Article 48(1)(h) of Directive 2009/138/EC shall include analysis on the adequacy of the following: (c) the expected cover under stress scenarios in relation to the underwriting policy;"	Principle 1
2.4.3.4	The AFR might include an assessment of the effectiveness of the reinsurance arrangements in mitigating the volatility of the undertaking's own funds.		 Principle 4 If appropriate the AFR may explain any concerns the AF might have as to the

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			appropriateness of the overall
			processes employed in respect to
			reinsurance arrangements to protect
			the financial strength of the
			undertaking.

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2.5	Contribution to risk management		
2.5.1	The AFR should describe the areas where the AF has made a material contribution to the implementation of the risk management system and the work performed. In particular, this should cover the contribution of the AF to the risk modelling underlying the calculation of the capital requirements, including contribution to the modelling of the loss-absorbing capacity of deferred taxes. It should also cover the contribution that the AF has made with regard to the assessment of the expected profit included in future premiums (EPIFP). Other examples might include the role of the AF and its contribution in relation to the internal model, the identification of material deviations in the company's risk profile from the assumptions underlying the standard formula and the contribution of the AF to the ORSA process, including its views in relation to the stress- and scenario-testing undertaken.	"Insurance and reinsurance undertakings shall provide for an effective actuarial function to: (i) contribute to the effective implementation of the risk-management system referred to in Article 44, in particular with respect to the risk modelling underlying the calculation of the capital requirements set out in Chapter VI, Sections 4 and 5, and to the assessment referred to in Article 45." L2 - 260(1)(h) "(ii) involvement of the relevant key functions in the selection and assessment of methods and assumptions to demonstrate the amount and recoverability of the loss-absorbing capacity of deferred taxes, how the outcome of that assessment is reported to the administrative, management or supervisory body, including the assessment of the underlying assumptions applied for the projection of future taxable profit for the purposes of Articles 15 and 207, and an explanation of any concerns about those assumptions, which shall be carried out in each case by either the actuarial function or the risk management function."	 Principle 1 L2 - 308(7) requires that such a description should be part of the Regular Supervisory Reporting, which may be referred to in the AFR. L2 - 260(1)(h)(ii) requires that the actuarial function or the risk management function is the relevant key function involved in the projection of future taxable income and the calculation of the loss-absorbing capacity of deferred taxes. L2 - 272(7) requires that the actuarial function includes an analysis of the undertaking's risk profile. This is drafted in the context of assessing the overall reinsurance arrangements, hence also means such an assessment needs to take place if no reinsurance arrangements are in place to conform that not having reinsurance is appropriate. From L3 - SoG - Guideline 51 one may take it that EIOPA expects the AF to be involved within their domain of expertise if the undertaking is using an internal model. (Note: In the Final Report version of

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Reference		L2 - 295(5) "With regard to liquidity risk, the solvency and financial condition report shall include the total amount of the expected profit included in future premiums as calculated in accordance with Article 260(2)." L2 - 260(2) "The expected profit included in future premiums shall be calculated as the difference between the technical provisions without a risk margin calculated in accordance with Article 77 of that Directive and a calculation of the technical provisions without a risk margin under the assumption that the premiums relating to existing insurance and reinsurance contracts that are expected to be received in the future are not received for any reason other than the insured event having occurred, regardless of the legal or contractual rights of the policyholder to discontinue the policy."	the Guidelines on System of Governance the text of Guideline 51 is "The undertaking should require the actuarial function to contribute to specifying". However, in EIOPA's stand alone Guidelines document the text of Guideline 51 is "The undertaking should require the actuarial function to contribute to specify". This ESAP2 follows the "specify" wording.)
		L2 - 308(7): "With regard to the actuarial function the regular supervisory report shall include an overview of the activities undertaken by the actuarial function in each of its areas of responsibility during the reporting period, describing how the actuarial function contributes to the effective	

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		implementation of the undertaking's risk management system."	
		L3 - SoG - Guideline 51 - The actuarial function of an undertaking using an internal model:	
		"The undertaking should require the actuarial function to contribute to specify which risks within their domain of expertise are covered by the internal model. The actuarial function should also contribute to how dependencies between these risks and dependencies between these risks and other risks are derived. This contribution is based on a technical analysis and should reflect the experience and expertise of the function."	
2.5.2	The AFR may summarise the main findings of these activities, and in such cases should provide appropriate reference to reporting from the risk management function.	L2 - 272(8): "The actuarial function shall produce a written report to be submitted to the administrative, management or supervisory body, at least annually. The report shall document all tasks that have been undertaken by the actuarial function and their results, and shall clearly identify any deficiencies and give recommendations as to how such deficiencies should be remedied."	 Principle 1 Usually risk management related findings would be included in the reporting of the risk management function. The AFR may include additional findings which the AF likes to bring to the attention to the AMSB. In cases where the AF wishes to give specific recommendations reporting in the AFR is required.