

# 12<sup>th</sup> AIDA EUROPE CONFERENCE



11 – 12 June 2026 | Rotterdam The Netherlands



## **Insurance Law: Barrier or Enabler for Innovation, Investment and Global Well-Being?**

**Conference Venue**  
**Haven Hotel Rotterdam, Curio Collection by Hilton,**  
**Leuvehaven 77, 3011 EA, Rotterdam**

*More than ever in recent years, insurance is becoming rapidly entangled in geopolitical change and the moderation of the worldwide landscape as was known for very long. Demographic models are differently evolving in various parts of the world and disrupt risk models, and so does climate change. New generations emerge as insurance customers, with different and alternatively expressed insurance demands and needs impacting both the content of insurance and the communication trends. The discrepant competence of market participants to make use and avail of technological tools requalifies their position in the market. How do regulators react to these changes? How are insurers and other market players positioning themselves?*

*The evolving insurance product types, the borderlines of insurance distribution in the various distribution channels, the increasingly preventive role of insurance, the impact of AI in litigation and the expanding litigation financing models, the extent to which D&O policies cover the growing demands on executives, the legal aspects of parametric insurance, insurance and turmoil zones: all these and more hot aspects will be*



*discussed by the most relevant panelists and await your participation and input through the two days of the AIDA Europe Conference 2026.*

*And this along with the always appreciated gift of spending time with active participants in the insurance evolution, and enjoying exchanges with peers in Rotterdam, a bustling port intrinsically connected with insurance through history.*

**AIDA Europe**

*Association Internationale de Droit des Assurances Europe  
International Insurance Law Association Europe*

*For the Conference Organising Committee*

**Maria Luisa Muñoz Paredes - Pierpaolo Marano**  
Co-Chairs, AIDA Europe

**Natalie Vloemans - Sjoerd Meijer**  
AIDA Dutch Chapter

DAY	TIME	SESSION
<b>Pre-Conference Meetings</b> (closed sessions)		
<b>Wed 10 June 2026</b>	17:00 - 18:30	<b>Meeting of AIDA EUROPE Executive Committee</b>
	17:00 - 18:30	<b>Meeting of the AIDA WORLD Executive Committee</b>
	18:30 - 20:00	<b>Meeting of the AIDA WORLD Presidential Council</b>
<b>All Meetings on Wednesday 10 June 2026 will take place at Ploum, Blaak 28, Rotterdam</b>		
<b>All Conference Meetings on Thursday 11 June and Friday 12 June will take place at the Conference Venue Haven Hotel Rotterdam, Curio Collection by Hilton, Leuvehaven 77, 3011 EA, Rotterdam</b>		
<b>Thu 11 June 2026</b>	08:30 - 09:15	<b>Conference Registration at the Conference Venue Haven Hotel Lobby</b>
	09:15 - 09:45	<b>Welcome/Introduction</b>  <b>Maria Luisa Muñoz Paredes and Pierpaolo Marano, Co-Chairs AIDA Europe</b>



		<p><b>Mop van Tiggele-van der Velde</b>, Chair Vereniging voor Verzekeringwetenschap (AIDA Dutch Chapter)</p> <p><b>Carlos Estebenet</b>, President AIDA World</p>
	09:45 - 10:15	<p><b>Key-note speaker</b></p> <p><b>Richard Weurding</b>, General director Verbond van verzekeraars, The Netherlands</p>
	10:15 - 11:30	<p><b>PLENARY SESSION 1</b></p> <p><b>CHALLENGING RISKS FOR THE INSURANCE INDUSTRY</b></p> <p><b>Moderator</b>  <b>Margarida Lima Rego</b>, Prof. Dr. NOVA Universidade, Lisbon, Portugal</p> <p><b>Panellists/presenters</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Christine Williams</b>, Insurance Law Expert and Barrister, Ridgeway Chambers, London, UK</li> <li>• <b>Annemarie Schouw</b>, Manager Risk &amp; Insurance Tata Steel Europe; Vice president Board, Federation of European Risk Management Associations (FERMA)</li> <li>• <b>Virginia Schreurs</b>, Director European affairs and Sustainability Assuralia, Belgium</li> <li>• <b>Giorgio Grasso</b>, Senior Partner, BTG Legal, Milan, Italy</li> </ul> <p><b>Issues</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Risk &amp; Underwriting Challenges climate change, geopolitics</li> <li>• Customer expectations more customised products required, digital experience</li> <li>• Market dynamics competition, talent shortage, impact of inflation</li> </ul>
	11:30 - 12:00	Coffee Break – Haven Foyer
	12:00 - 13:15	<p><b>PLENARY SESSION 2</b></p> <p><b>CHALLENGES IN THE REGULATORY LANDSCAPE</b></p>
		<p><b>Moderator</b>  <b>Pierpaolo Marano</b>, Co-Chair AIDA Europe, Prof. Dr. University of Malta, Malta / Università Cattolica del Sacro Cuore, Milan, Italy / Latvīje Universitāte, Riga, Latvia</p> <p><b>Panellists/presenters</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Dominik Skrobala</b>, Partner Gbf, Zurich, Switzerland</li> <li>• <b>Vincenzo Troiano</b>, Prof. Dr University of Perugia, Italy</li> <li>• <b>Cheng Li Yow</b>, Partner Clifford Chance, London, UK</li> <li>• <b>Arthur van den Hurk</b>, senior regulatory counsel ASR, The Nederland</li> <li>• <b>Karel Van Hulle</b>, Prof. em. KU Leuven, Goethe University Frankfurt</li> </ul>



		<b>Issues</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Berne financial services agreement</li> <li>• Demographics and well-being from an insurance regulatory perspective</li> <li>• UK fair value: idea of the trends of the UK supervisor, with reference to non-life insurance</li> <li>• IRRD</li> </ul>
	13:15 - 14:45	Lunch – Restaurant Calan Extended
	14:45 – 16:00	<b>PLENARY SESSION 3</b> <b>DATA-DRIVEN INSURANCE: RISKS AND CHALLENGES</b>
		<b>Moderator</b> <b>Maria Luisa Muñoz Paredes</b> , Co-Chair AIDA Europe, Prof. Dr. University of Oviedo, Oviedo, Spain  <b>Panellists/presenters</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Liability risks derived from the use of AI  <b>Shu Li</b>, Ass. Prof. Dr Erasmus University Rotterdam, The Netherlands</li> <li>• Litigation derived from the use of AI (copyright infringement, patent infringement and personal injuries)  <b>Oliver Brand</b>, Prof. Dr University of Mannheim, Germany</li> <li>• Affirmative insurance on AI risks  <b>Peter Wedge</b>, General Counsel Testudo, London, UK</li> </ul>
	16:00 - 17:15	<b>PLENARY SESSION 4</b> <b>DISPUTE RESOLUTION IN INSURANCE</b>
		<b>Moderator</b> <b>Stijn Franken</b> , Partner NautaDutilh, Amsterdam, The Netherlands  <b>Panellists/presenters</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Natalie Vloemans</b>, Partner Ploum, Rotterdam, The Netherlands</li> <li>• <b>Hugo Keulers</b>, Partner Lydian, Brussels, Belgium</li> <li>• <b>Jonathan Sacher</b>, Partner, BCLP London; Committee Member ARIAS UK, London, UK</li> </ul> <b>Issues</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Information</li> <li>• Funding of litigation</li> <li>• Mechanism to curb litigation</li> </ul>
	17:15 - 17:30	<b>Update on AIDA World Congress 2027</b>



	19:30	<b>Conference dinner</b> <b>Eau Lounge, Boompjes 750, Rotterdam</b>
<b>Fri 12 June 2026</b>	08:30-09:00	Pre-session coffee – Haven Foyer
	09:00 - 09:30	<b>KEY-NOTE SPEAKER</b> <b>Arabella Ramage, Legal and Regulatory Director of the Lloyd's Market Association</b>
	09:30-11:00	<b>BREAK OUT SESSIONS HOSTED BY</b>
		<b>Joint AIDA General Principles of Insurance and Personal Insurance and Pensions Working Parties</b> <b>Theme: Preventive Insurance</b>
		<b>Chair</b> <b>Caroline Van Schoubroeck</b> , Prof. Dr. KU Leuven University, Leuven, Belgium <b>Panellists/presenters</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Katarzyna Malinowska</b>, Assoc. Prof. Dr Kozminski University, Warsaw, Poland and <b>Ania Tarasiuk</b>, Partner Tarasiuk Legal, Warsaw, Poland</li> <li>• <b>Aagje Florizoone</b>, Product Manager Wellbeing, KBC , Leuven, Belgium</li> <li>• <b>Diana Cerini</b>, Prof. Dr Università degli Studi di Milano Bicocca, Milan, Italy</li> </ul> <b>Issues</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Risk Prevention and Insurance in the era of new technologies</li> <li>• Prevention in health insurance: a case study</li> <li>• Legal implications of prevention in life and personal insurance contracts</li> </ul>
		<b>AIDA Reinsurance Working Party</b> <b>Theme: The Role of the Courts in Controlling Arbitration</b>
		<b>Chair</b> <b>Jonathan Sacher</b> , Partner, BCLP London; Committee Member ARIAS UK, London, UK <b>Panellists/presenters</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Marc Abrams</b>, Member, Mintz; Former Chair ARIAS US, New York, USA</li> <li>• <b>Paul Dassenko</b>, Arbitrator; Board Member ARIAS US, USA</li> <li>• <b>Eric Evian</b>, CEO CGPA Europe, Chair ARIAS France, Luxembourg</li> </ul>



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	11:00-11:30	Coffee break – Haven Foyer
	11:30-13:00	<b>BREAK OUT SESSIONS HOSTED BY</b>
		<p><b>Joint AIDA Financial Lines &amp; Cyber Risks and Dispute Resolution Working Parties</b></p> <p><b>Theme Recent Developments in D&amp;O-Insurance and Cyber Insurance</b></p>
		<p><b>Chair</b> <b>David Lloyd</b>, Regional Claims Manager Asia Pacific, HDI Global SE, Sydney, Australia; Co-Chair Dispute Resolution Working Party</p> <p><b>Panellists/presenters</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Impact of the EU Cyber Directive on the personal liability of directors and officers <b>Annemiek Smets</b>, Broking Director, AON, Rotterdam, The Netherlands</li> <li>• You're on notice: Developments in insurance notifications under claims made policies in Australia <b>Ray Giblett</b>, Partner Norton Rose Fulbright, Sydney, Australia and <b>Timothy Chan</b>, Senior Associate Norton Rose Fulbright, Sydney, Australia</li> <li>• Recent German case law on Side A-D&amp;O Insurance <b>Robert Koch</b>, Prof. Dr. jur. University of Hamburg, Hamburg, Germany</li> </ul>
		<p><b>Joint AIDA Distribution of Insurance Products and State Supervision of Insurance Working Parties</b></p> <p><b>Theme: Blurred Lines: Insurance Activity, Distribution and the Challenge of New Market Actors</b></p>
		<p><b>Chair</b> <b>Yannis Samothrakis</b>, Partner Fidal Advocats, Paris, France</p> <p><b>Panellists/presenters</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Insurers' corporate purpose exclusivity requirement and the provision of services that are not insurance in the strictest sense <b>Margarida Torres Gama</b>, Partner, Morais Leitão, Lisbon, Portugal</li> <li>• Defining insurance distribution in the EU</li> </ul>




		<p><b>Pierpaolo Marano</b>, Co-Chair AIDA Europe, Prof. Dr. Università Cattolica del Sacro Cuore, Milan, Italy / University of Malta, Malta / Latvije Universitāte, Riga, Latvia</p> <p><b>Issues</b> Clarifying the boundaries of insurance distribution in EU law, focusing on new market practices and digital channels triggering the application of the IDD</p>
	13:00 - 14:30	Lunch – Restaurant Calan Extended
	14:30 - 16:00	<p><b>AIDA Climate Change and Catastrophic Risks Working Party</b></p> <p><b>Theme: Mind the Gap: Parametrics from a Legal Perspective</b></p>
		<p><b>Chair</b> <b>Shivaun Moreno</b>, Senior Legal Counsel, Hannover Re, Hannover, Germany</p> <p><b>Panellists/presenters</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Key Concepts of Parametric Insurance <b>Georg von Münchhausen</b>, Underwriter Index based and parametric solutions, Hannover Re, Hannover, Germany</li> <li>• Applying Traditional (Re)Insurance Principles to Parametrics <b>María Luisa Muñoz Paredes</b>, Prof. Dr University of Oviedo, Oviedo, Spain</li> <li>• Regulatory frameworks and the future of Parametric Insurance Supervision <b>Conor Donaldson</b>, Head of implementation International Association of Insurance Supervisors (IAIS)</li> <li>• The Calculation Agent: Function and Legal Considerations <b>Juan Pablo Sainz</b>, Deputy General Counsel, Celsius Pro Group, London, UK</li> </ul>
		<p><b>AIDA Marine Insurance Working Party</b></p> <p><b>Theme: Marine Insurance in the Age of Geopolitical Fragmentation - Rising Geopolitical Risks and the Future of Marine Insurance</b></p>
		<p><b>Chair</b> <b>Satoshi Nakaide</b>, Prof. Dr Waseda University, Tokyo, Japan; Former Legal Head at Tokio Marine</p> <p><b>Panellists/presenters</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Richard Sarll</b>, 7 King's Bench Walk, London, UK</li> <li>• <b>Ayşegül Buğra Şar</b>, Ass. Prof. Koc University Law School Istanbul; Director NASAMER, Turkey</li> <li>• <b>Johnny Chang</b>, Prof. CTBC Business School Taiwan, Tainan City, Taiwan; Former Financial Ombudsman President</li> <li>• <b>Frank Stevens</b>, Assoc. Prof. Erasmus School of Law, Rotterdam, The Netherlands</li> </ul> <p><b>Issues</b></p>



		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The "Red Sea" Effect: Constructive Total Loss &amp; Re-routing Expenses</li> <li>• Shadow Fleets and Environmental Risks: Financial Security Requirements</li> <li>• Navigating Geopolitical Lockdowns: Assessing the Impact of Strait Closures on the Global Marine Insurance Market</li> <li>• Constructive total loss in troubled times</li> </ul>
	16:15-16:45	<b>TRENDS AND KEY TAKEAWAYS</b>
		<b>Oliver Brand</b> , Prof. Dr University of Mannheim, Germany
	16:45	<b>CONCLUSION OF SESSIONS AND CONFERENCE</b>
		<b>Maria Luisa Muñoz Paredes and Pierpaolo Marano</b> , Co-Chairs AIDA Europe

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**Early Bird conference fee valid until April 27. Extended until 11 May 2026.**

	EUR
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## **AIDA Europe**

AIDA Europe was established in 2007 as a non-profit organization with the aim of promoting, either directly or through its members, the development of insurance and related laws. It attempts to achieve this mainly through:

- furthering the study and knowledge of international and national insurance law and of related matters;
- proposing measures aiming at the harmonization of insurance law or the means for resolution of insurance disputes;
- facilitating exchange of academic knowhow between its Members or any other European organization dealing with insurance related matters, similar to those of AIDA Europe;
- supporting academic work in the field of insurance, e.g. through cooperation with universities or the sponsoring of academic research and papers.

AIDA Europe organizes conferences focus on the European jurisdictions, offering all interested stakeholders a platform for an open and solution minded scientific and practice related dialogue on key developments in the area of insurance, reinsurance and related law, while also supporting its members in their respective endeavours. Conferences are open to all stakeholders attracting representatives from all areas such as the insurance sector, academia, private practice, regulatory authorities or legislators. AIDA Europe also maintains a keen focus on supporting the development of young academic talents by sponsoring academic work and by inviting young academics to its conferences.

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## ACCOMMODATION Hotels *(to be booked individually by delegates)*

The conference venue is in the center of Rotterdam right at the foot of the Erasmus bridge. Within a 10 to 20 minutes' walk you will find most of the hotels. Rotterdam offers a broad range of hotels in every category. Below is an exemplary selection of 5-, 4- and 3-star hotels located in the city center, all either within walking distance or with an efficient connection to the venue with public transport. Naturally, many other hotels can also be recommended; Rotterdam has a range of comfortable boutique hotels as well.

In addition to hotels, Rotterdam has an extensive choice of serviced apartments and short-stay options, bookable through platforms such as Airbnb, Booking.com and similar providers.

Rotterdam is a safe, modern and well-connected city. Public transport, which includes metro, tram, bus and even water taxis, is efficient and easy to use. Taxis are widely available, and ride-hailing services like Uber and Bolt operate, throughout the city. It is rarely necessary to pre-book a taxi unless you are in a quieter residential area. Furthermore, Rotterdam has many shared scooter and electric bike rentals available.

### 5\* hotels

- Haven Hotel Rotterdam – at the conference venue. The Haven Hotel offers a special price for participants if you book through [this booking link](#).
- Marriott Hotel – right across Rotterdam Central Station. There is a direct line metro connection to the conference venue (4 metro stops). [Hotel in Rotterdam | Rotterdam Marriott Hotel](#). The Marriott Hotel offers a special price for participants if you book through [this booking link](#).

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- NHow Rotterdam hotel – on the other side of the Erasmus bridge, a scenic 15 minutes' walk or one metro stop away- [nhow Rotterdam Hotel | Design hotel with one hell of a view](#). The NHow offers a special price for participants if you book through [this booking link](#).
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- Room Mate Bruno – on the other side of the Erasmus bridge, a scenic 15 minutes' walk or one metro stop away. A very trendy hotel. [Hotel Room Mate Bruno in Rotterdam | Official Website](#)
- CitizenM Rotterdam – next to the cube houses, 17 minutes walking from the conference venue and only a 7-minute walk from the gala dinner venue. [citizenM Rotterdam | Modern hotel](#)

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- Ibis Rotterdam City Centre – very conveniently located, 12 minutes' walk to the conference venue and 7 minutes to the gala dinner venue. [Hotel in Rotterdam - ibis Rotterdam City Centre- ALL - ALL](#)
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