

# Guidelines for Drafting AIDA Comparative Notes (English Version)

*Based on the indications published by AIDA World Scientific Committee*

## 1. Purpose of the Comparative Notes

The Comparative Notes aim to provide a concise, jurisdiction-specific overview of how a particular insurance concept, product, or legal notion is treated in different legal systems. Their objective is to:

- facilitate comparative research in insurance law,
- offer practical insights for professionals,
- enrich the collective knowledge of AIDA members worldwide.

Each note contributes to a shared repository of comparative materials published on the AIDA website.

## 2. Structure and Length

A Comparative Note should be **short, clear, and focused**, typically between **1–3 pages** (approx. 800–1500 words). It must be written in **English**, using an accessible academic style.

Recommended structure:

### 2.1 Title

Indicate the topic and the jurisdiction (e.g., *Parametric Insurance in Italy*).

### 2.2 Author Information

Include:

- full name,
- institutional affiliation,
- email address (published to allow follow-up questions).

### 2.3 Introduction

Briefly explain:

- the relevance of the topic in your jurisdiction,
- whether the concept is expressly regulated, implicitly recognized, or debated.

### 2.4 Legal Framework

Describe the applicable legal sources:

- statutes,
- regulations,
- case law,
- supervisory guidelines.

Indicate whether the concept is considered **insurance**, **non-insurance**, or a **hybrid** category in your jurisdiction.

## 2.5 Key Issues and Doctrinal Questions

Address the main legal questions raised by the topic. For example, in the model note on parametric insurance, the core issues include:

- the role of indemnity,
- the absence of loss assessment,
- the qualification as an insurance contract.

Adapt these to the specific topic you are addressing.

## 2.6 Practical Applications

Explain:

- in which branches of insurance the concept appears,
- how it is used in practice,
- market trends or regulatory concerns.

## 2.7 Comparative Relevance

Highlight any distinctive features of your jurisdiction that may be useful for comparative analysis.

## 2.8 Conclusion

Provide a concise synthesis:

- the current legal position,
- open questions,
- expected developments.

## 3. Style and Format Requirements

- Write in **clear, neutral, and concise English**.
- Avoid excessive footnotes; use references only when essential.
- Use headings and subheadings for clarity.
- Ensure the note is **self-contained** and understandable without prior knowledge of your legal system.

## 4. Submission Guidelines

- Send your completed note directly to **Prof. Sara Landini** at *sara.landini@unifi.it* (as indicated on the AIDA website) .
- The note will be reviewed and published on the AIDA website with your name and contact details.

## 5. Ethical and Academic Standards

- Ensure accuracy of legal information.
- Maintain an objective tone.
- Avoid promotional or advocacy language.
- Respect confidentiality and do not include unpublished or sensitive data.

## 6. Example for Reference

The first Comparative Note—*Parametric Insurance* by Sara Landini—is cited as the model example for structure and approach. Authors are encouraged to follow its clarity, conciseness, and focus on key legal questions