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Newsletter - August 2025

Alumni & Friends News

Save the Date – A&F Annual Event 2025

Mark your calendars! The Alumni & Friends Annual Event 2025 is in the works, and we can't wait to welcome you for an inspiring evening at Aula Emma Vorlat at **Agora learning center** on **Tuesday, 14 October 2025**.

Whether you're coming for the content, the connections, or the venue, trust us — you'll want this one in your agenda.

 **14/10/2025** |  **Aula Emma Vorlat @ Agora learning center**

More details coming soon!

Social Bonding Night @ Koezio – Let's Play, Sing & Connect!

We're joining forces with alumni organisations [AABR](#) (actuarial alumni ULB) and [ASALV](#) (actuarial alumni UCL) for a night of pure fun and networking at [Koezio Brussels](#) – think **escape games**, **karaoke**, and a **quiz** challenge to top it all off.

It's happening on **Friday, 14 November 2025**, starting from **18h**, and it's **free** for all A&F members! Just one catch: no-shows will be charged a €35 fee, so make sure you're in if you sign up.

Spots are limited – grab yours while they last!

 **Register [here](#)**

News from our Alma Mater

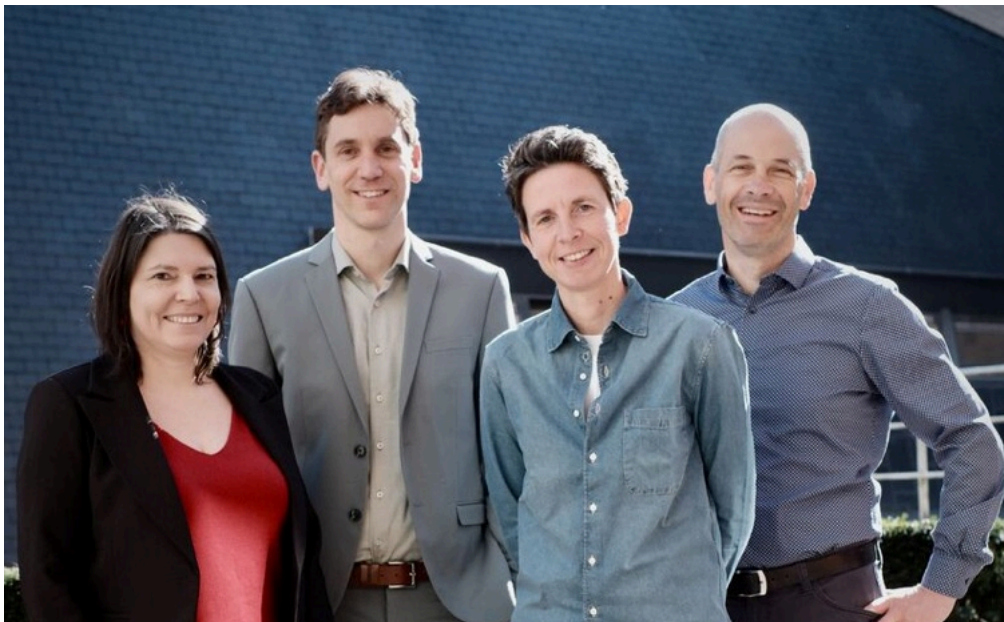
New leadership team for the Faculty of Economics and Business

The Faculty of Economics and Business at KU Leuven, home to the actuarial science program, will welcome a new leadership team as of **August 2025**.

Professor Sophie De Winne has been elected as the new **dean**, supported by an experienced team of **vice-deans**, each responsible for key domains:

- **Professor Katrien Antonio** – Vice-dean for Education and Students
- **Professor Kristof De Witte** – Vice-dean for Research and Impact
- **Professor Jo Van Biesebroeck** – Vice-dean for International Policy and Lifelong Learning

This new leadership team aims to strengthen the faculty's role as an inclusive, forward-looking academic community — with a focus on high-quality education, impactful research, and strong societal engagement. Their priorities include **regional anchoring**, further **internationalisation**, and **future-oriented educational programs**, all of which are closely aligned with the ongoing development of the actuarial science curriculum. For more background we refer to [an interview with prof. De Winne](#) that appeared in ECONnect in June 2025.



From left to right: Sophie De Winne, Kristof De Witte, Katrien Antonio and Jo Van Biesebroeck (Copyright: Bertin Fotografie)

Solvency in Practice: *A Semester of Insightful Connections Between Theory and Practice*

Academic year 24-25 brought another successful edition of the course *Solvency of Financial Institutions* — a course that brings regulation and reporting to life by blending rigorous academic content with real-world perspectives from industry experts.

This year's edition brought together an engaged group of students from a diverse set of study programs: MSc in Actuarial and Financial Engineering, Business Engineering, Economie, Recht & Bedrijfskunde, Accountancy & Revisoraat, as well as a number of international exchange students. The strong turnout reflects a growing interest in understanding the complex regulatory landscape that governs banks and insurers today.

Throughout the semester, students explored the **Solvency II framework**, the evolving landscape of **IFRS17**, and broader issues in **prudential regulation**. The course was enriched by the generous contribution of several guest speakers from both academia and industry:

- **Prof. Karel Van Hulle** offered a foundational overview of the **regulatory architecture** for banks and insurers, drawing from his wealth of experience at EIOPA and the European Commission.
- **Erwin Van der Sande** and **Matthias Meynen** (KBC Group) delivered a hands-on session on **capital management** across financial conglomerates.
- **Evelien Brisard** (EY) introduced students to **IFRS17**, a pivotal topic for the actuarial and financial reporting community.
- **Hélène De Coninck** and **Elien Devolder** (AG Insurance) welcomed students to the AG campus in Brussels for an in-depth session on the **long-term guarantee (LTG) package** and the ongoing **Solvency II review**, with particular focus on challenges in the **volatility adjustment (VA)** mechanism.
- At the National Bank of Belgium, **Coleet Vynckier**, **Dieter Hendrickx**, **Stany Zabinski**, **Bart Maselis**, and **Emmanuel Cortese** hosted a session on **quantitative reporting under Solvency II** and shared insights on the NBB's role in insurance supervision.
- **Sander Devriendt** (NBB) wrapped up the lecture series with a technically rich overview of **internal models**, focusing on dependency structures and capital requirement calculations.

This mix of classroom learning and field experience allowed students to see how abstract frameworks translate into daily decision-making, model calibration, and supervisory dialogue. It also reflects KU Leuven's ongoing commitment to **bridging academia and practice**, especially in fields as vital and fast-evolving as risk regulation.



From top to bottom: Insights at NBB and AG Insurance

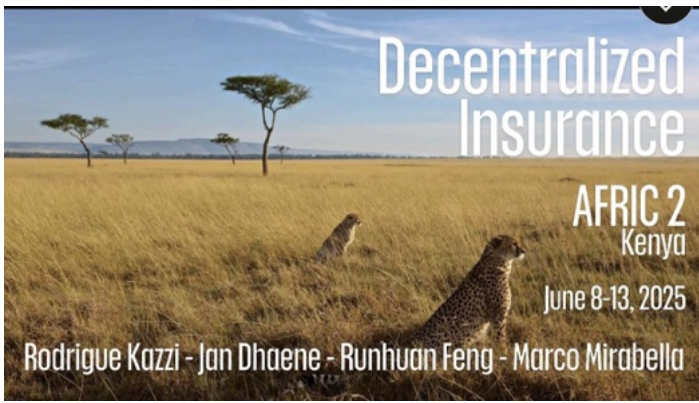
Workshop on Decentralized Insurance at AFRIC 2 Conference

On June 12, Jan Dhaene co-organized and chaired a workshop on **Decentralized Insurance** at the **AFRIC 2 Congress** in Maasai Mara, Kenya — bringing together academic, cultural and industry perspectives on one of the upcoming trends in risk pooling.

The workshop featured a diverse lineup of speakers:

- **Rodrigue Kazzi** (NBB) kicked things off with an interactive introduction
- **Jan Dhaene** (KU Leuven) delved into the theoretical foundations
- **Runhuan Feng** (Tsinghua University) explored global and cultural dimensions
- **Marco Mirabello** (CEO, ENSURO) offered a practitioner's view from the decentralized insurance frontier

The workshop was part of AFRIC 2, the 2025 Actuarial, Finance, Risk and Insurance Congress, which is a premier non-profit making actuarial science academic conference, bringing together academics and practitioners with research interests across all speciality areas of actuarial science, risk management, and financial system regulations. AFRIC aims to enhance the research culture within Africa's actuarial community. The first edition was held in 2023 in Victoria Falls, Zimbabwe. The 2027 edition will be held in Marrakech, Morocco and co-organized by Hamza Hanbali, a former KU Leuven actuarial PhD student, who is currently senior lecturer at the University of Melbourne.



From left to right: Marco Mirabello, Runhuan Feng, Rodrigue Kazzi, Jan Dhaene

Summer school in Malta on Insurance law and regulation

Professor Caroline Van Schoubroeck co-organized the international summer school in Advanced Studies on Insurance Law and Regulation, together with prof. Pierpaolo Marano (Malta, lead organizer) and prof. Margarida Lima Rego (NOVA Law School Lisbon, co-organizer). Caroline teaches the courses on Inleiding tot verzekeringsrecht and European Insurance Law in the MSc Actuarial and Financial Engineering program. The summer school was organised by the Faculty of Economics, Management and Accountancy (FEMA) at the [University of Malta](#), the Department of Insurance and Risk Management, in collaboration with the Malta Financial Services Authority (MFSA). From June 30 to July 4 an interesting and intense [program](#) was delivered by an international team of academics, industry professionals and high-level representatives of the EU and the Maltese market. Prof. Karel Van Hulle delivered a keynote on “Small and Non-Complex Insurance Undertakings”, dr. Tine Meurs talked about co-insurance and prof. Caroline Van Schoubroeck discussed “D&O insurance and ESG obligations”. With over 60 participants the week-long course was able to stimulate engaging interactions among academics, students, regulators and industry professionals. Some MAFE students were able to join the course and actively participated in the discussions: a unique learning experience!



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