

# IFRS 17: THE ACTUARY AS A STORYTELLER

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# Agenda

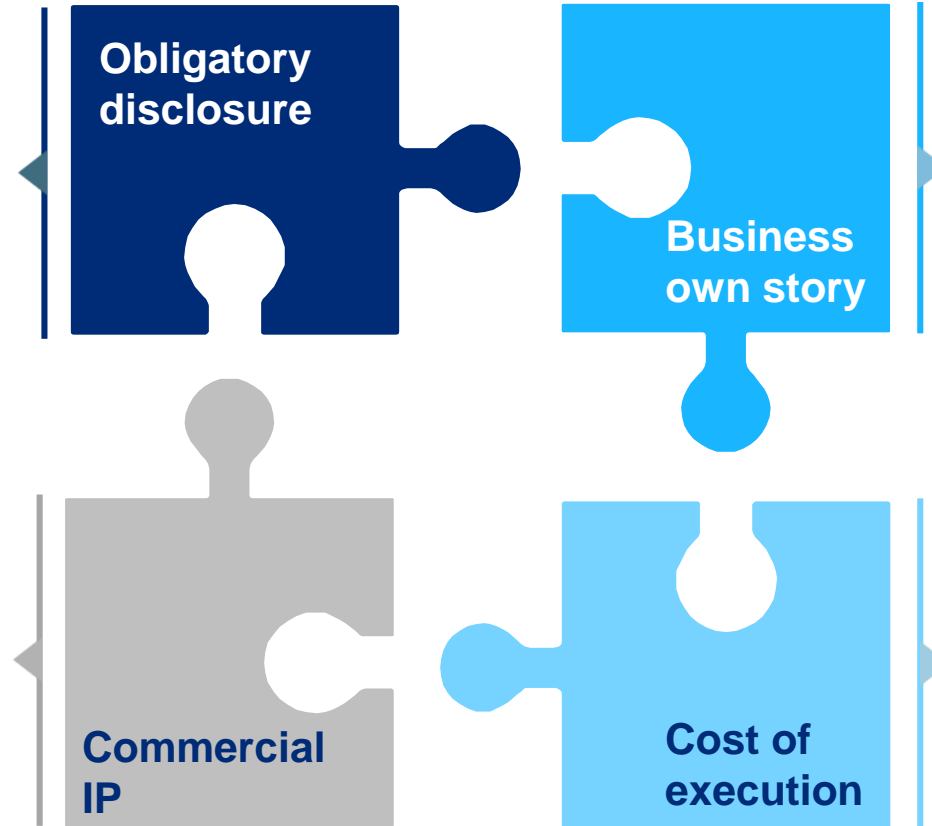
# New disclosure challenges for actuaries



# The actuary as a storyteller

## New challenges under IFRS 17

- Numerous new and expanded disclosures (see next slide)
- Prescribed minimum content
- Stronger emphasis on judgements, estimates, inputs and process
- Holistic perspective (ALM view)
- A challenging balancing act:
  - Compliance
  - Credibility
  - Protection of commercially sensitive know-how



- Explain analysis of change
  - Growth / creation of value
  - Development of risk (AvE)
  - Assumptions or methodology changes
- Measure impact on CoR, RoE, Leverage, etc
- Recalculate KPIs on IFRS 17 basis and compare to IFRS 4
- Test impact of policy choices
- Use existing MI to translate 'old' into 'new'
- Test stakeholder reaction
- Redesign

# A snapshot of what is new in disclosures

## Selected points of focus for valuation actuaries

New	
<b>PAA</b>	How the company has satisfied eligibility requirements
<b>Discount rates</b>	Yield curve (or range of yield curves) used to discount cash flows
<b>Risk adjustment</b>	Confidence level and technique (if other) - justification and corresponding conf. level
<b>IFIE</b>	Total amount & explanation of relationship of IFIE and investment return on assets
<b>CSM</b>	(Quantitative) when the company expects to recognise CSM in P&L (in time bands)
<b>Regulatory</b>	Effects of the regulatory framework in which the company operates

Expanded	
<b>Liquidity (Maturity analysis)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Net cash flows (PV or undiscounted) for each of the first 5 years post reporting date, cumulative thereafter</li><li>• Amounts payable on demand (and relationship to carrying amounts of contract portfolios)</li></ul>
<b>Sensitivities</b>	For each type of market risk (e.g. FX, interest rates) – explain relationship between sensitivities from insurance contracts and those from financial assets



*...emphasis on the inputs, assumptions and estimation techniques used, and the processes for estimating the inputs to measurement methods*

**Population for our study**

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# Population of public disclosures

## Measurement

### Global and International Composites



- Significant Life business impacts Group metrics via CSM
- P&C measured mostly under the simplified PAA approach (some exceptions: Talanx, SCOR)
- Assumed reinsurance and retro(cessions) measured under a mixture of GMM and PAA (small CSM)
- Non-life transition at retrospective or fair value approach (for assumed reinsurance and some run-off portfolios)
- L&H transition: varied mix of retrospective and fair value approach (see next slide)

### International and Local Non-life



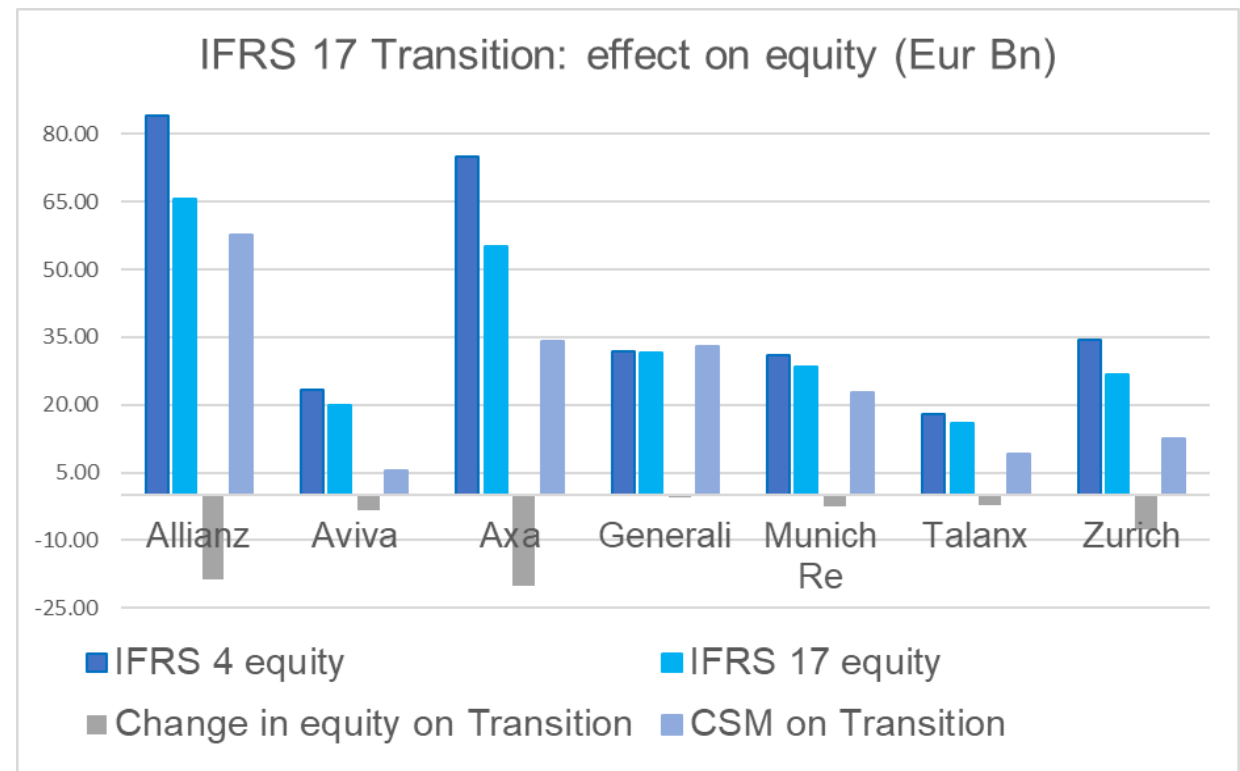
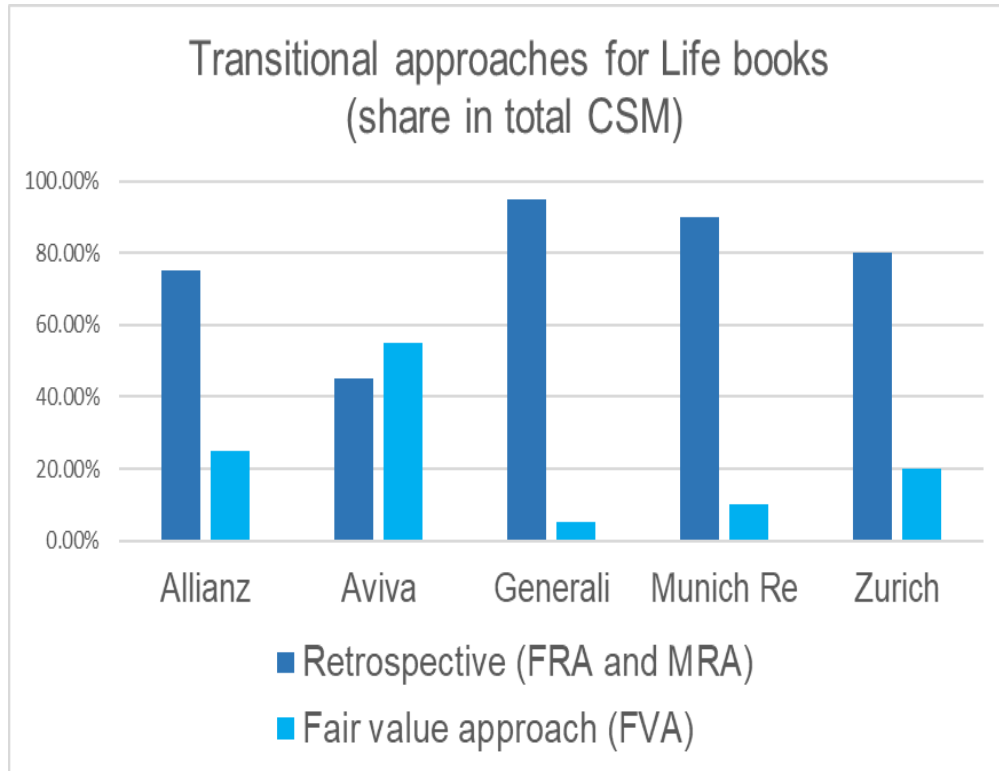
- Business measured under the simplified PAA approach
- Transition (where disclosed) at full retrospective approach

*...disclosures per unaudited information in investor presentations held prior to 31 Dec 2022 and (where explicitly specified) audited 2022 annual reports*



# Impact on equity at IFRS 17 transition (1 Jan 2022)

Values in Euro bn equivalent as per audited 2022 annual reports



- FVA used for annuities and liabilities incurred prior to 2016 (sometimes also opting to use the option to set OCI at transition to zero – i.e. using the discount curve at Transition)

- Equity reduction at Transition ranges from 1% (Generali) to 22.5% (Zurich); explained mainly by changes in VFA accounting
- CSM at Transition ranges from 27% (Aviva) to 105% (Generali) compared to IFRS 17 equity



**Key messages**

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# IFRS 17 Transition: key messages in preliminary public disclosures



## Strategy

- Business strategy is unaffected
- No major change expected in underwriting & investment risk appetite



## Solvency

- Better alignment with Solvency II and internal steering basis
- No impact on solvency ratio (SII or SST)



## Cash & Dividends

- No change to cash generation / remittances, dividends guidance or share buy-backs (where announced)



## Performance metrics (KPIs)

- Key financial targets reaffirmed
- Traditional P&C KPIs remain in use but are calculated on IFRS 17 basis (devil in the detail)
- New adjustments (varying practices) for ROE and Leverage calculations



## Equity & P&L

- Relatively small equity effect on transition (when considered with CSM balance)
- Equity: more stable (less sensitive to interest rate changes)
- P&L: changed mix of underwriting and finance results; more P&C volatility

**Policy choices**

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# IFRS 17 observed policy choices

## Discount rates

### Prevalent choices in the population

Bottom-up approach with illiquidity premium  
 Risk free rate aligned with SII  
 Illiquidity premium based on bonds spread



Change in discount rates goes to OCI

### Nuanced application:



Illiquidity premium (IP) based on EIOPA replicating portfolios approach



Alignment with SII for P&C and GMM business; VFA IP based on own asset mix per company to reflect ALM



Risk free determined using swap curves for each settlement currency. IP by reference to corporate bond spreads



No illiquidity premium for PAA, risk free rate only



Risk free based on swap rates or sovereign yields. No illiquidity premium on onerous contracts

### Different approach or policy choice:



Top-down method (to capture non-fundamental spread in own asset portfolio); changes to OCI



Top-down method for annuity book. OCI option not taken (impact of changes to be reported in P&L)



Not explicitly disclosed (changes appear to go to P&L)



Change in the discount rate is recognised in IFIE in P&L

# IFRS 17 and IFRS 9 observed policy choices

## Aligning accounting outcomes with ALM objectives

### Prevalent choices in the population

IFRS 9 classification overlay	Many companies have taken the approach for IFRS 9 and IFRS 17 transition. Choices vary regarding IFRS 9 impairment requirements to comparatives
VFA liabilities	Tailored approach to assets classification to match product specifics (and VFA liability valuation)



### PAA and GMM portfolios:

Fixed income assets	Measured at FVOCI (mark-to-market changes go to OCI) with recycling of realised gains / losses in P&L
Equities	Measured at FVOCI with no recycling of realised gains / losses in P&L
Funds investments	Measured at FVTPL (mark-to-market changes go to P&L)

### Different policy choice for PAA or GMM books - measured at FVTPL:

 <p>for assets matching insurance liabilities</p>		 <p>in recognition of underlying economics</p>	 <p>for debt securities</p>	
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### No explicit disclosure:

		
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# IFRS 17 observed policy choices

## Risk adjustment

### Methodology and calibration

Confidence level	Cost of capital (CoC)	Partial or no disclosure
 <p>65<sup>th</sup> percentile (range 62.5<sup>th</sup> - 67.5<sup>th</sup>) diversification b/n non-life entities</p>	 <p>6% CoC and diversification between entities</p>	 <p>Reference to pricing and capital allocation framework (lifetime view); diversification between risks only</p>
 <p>75<sup>th</sup> percentile; no diversification b/n entities</p>	 <p>6% CoC and group-wide diversification; (corresponds to a confidence level of approximately 90% over a one-year period)</p>	
 <p>85<sup>th</sup> percentile for Life &amp; funeral line 65<sup>th</sup> percentile for Non-life contracts</p>		
 <p>75<sup>th</sup> percentile (65<sup>th</sup> HDI Specialty)</p>		 <p>No disclosure</p>
 <p>74 -79<sup>th</sup> percentile for short duration 90 - 95<sup>th</sup> percentile for long duration contracts</p>	 <p>CoC &lt; CoC for SII (undisclosed) and more diversification than for SII</p>	
 <p>Corridor around 90<sup>th</sup> percentile</p>		
 <p>c75<sup>th</sup> percentile</p>	 <p>4% CoC and more diversification than for SII</p>	<p>α . S . I .</p> <p>No disclosure</p>
 <p>Calculation based on VaR, percentile not specified</p>		



# IFRS 17 observed policy choices

Aggregation. Calculation bases for coverage units.

## EU carve-out on annual cohorts:

Not taken	Taken for qualifying VFA business
	

## Bases for coverage units:

<p><b>Risk insurance only</b></p> <p><b>Saving products</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Premium sum</li> <li>• Sum assured</li> <li>• Annuity outgo</li> <li>• Benefit amount payable</li> </ul> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Assets under management</li> <li>• Sum assured including unit value (for unit –linked)</li> <li>• Cost of guarantees plus asset share (for with-profits products)</li> <li>• Combination weighting of assets under management and sum insured</li> </ul>	
<p><b>Reinsurance contracts held</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• typically consistent with the underlying gross contracts, adjusted for differences in the services provided</li> </ul>	



**Impact on KPIs**

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# IFRS 17 impact on group performance metrics

## Return on equity

Direction of change	Calculation approach
<p>Majority within the population expect:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Improved RoE under IFRS 17 (targets: low to mid-double digit)</li> <li>Less volatility over time</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>'Standard' = using net shareholder income and equity values as reported in financial accounts, and/or</li> <li>'Non-standard' = Using non-GAAP income measures and adjusted equity values</li> </ul>

### No explicit disclosure:



### Examples:

	<p>RoE = Underlying Earnings / Average Shareholders Equity (excl. OCI)</p>
	<p>RoE = Consolidated result / Adjusted equity (for unrealised G/L, cash flow hedges and currency translation reserve)</p>
	<p>Adjusted RoE = Net income excluding earnings from SPPI-fail assets / Equity</p>
	<p>RoE = Operating profit after tax / Average adjusted shareholders' equity (adjusted for net unrealized gains/losses on assets and liabilities and cash flow hedges)</p>

# IFRS 17 impact on group performance metrics

## Leverage

Direction of change	Calculation approach
<p>Majority within the population expect:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Reduction in leverage ratio under IFRS 17 compared to IFRS 4 ratio (ranges from 1%pt to 11%pts), or no significant change</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Composites intend to include CSM in the denominator of the ratio (varying practices for tax and non-attributable expenses not in CSM)</li> <li>Two composite groups intend to include risk adjustment in the denominator of the ratio as well</li> </ul>

### No explicit disclosure:



### Examples:

	<p>To include CSM (net of reinsurance) adj. for tax and non-attributable expenses not in CSM; IFRS 17 ratio at 23% (IFRS 4 at 26%)</p>	<p><b>talanx.</b> To include both CSM and risk adjustment; IFRS 17 ratio at 22% (IFRS 4 at 33%)</p>
	<p>To continue measuring leverage based on SII, not IFRS (target &lt; 30%)</p>	<p> To include both CSM and risk adjustment</p>
	<p>IFRS 17 ratio at 19% - 23% (IFRS 4 at 25% - 28%)</p>	<p> IFRS 17 leverage ratio to decrease by 1%pt (vs IFRS 4)</p>
	<p>IFRS 17 ratio at 16% (IFRS 4 at 26%)</p>	<p> No material change in leverage expected (vs IFRS 4)</p>
	<p>IFRS 17 ratio at 10.7% (IFRS 4 at 14.7%)</p>	

# IFRS 17 impact on group performance metrics

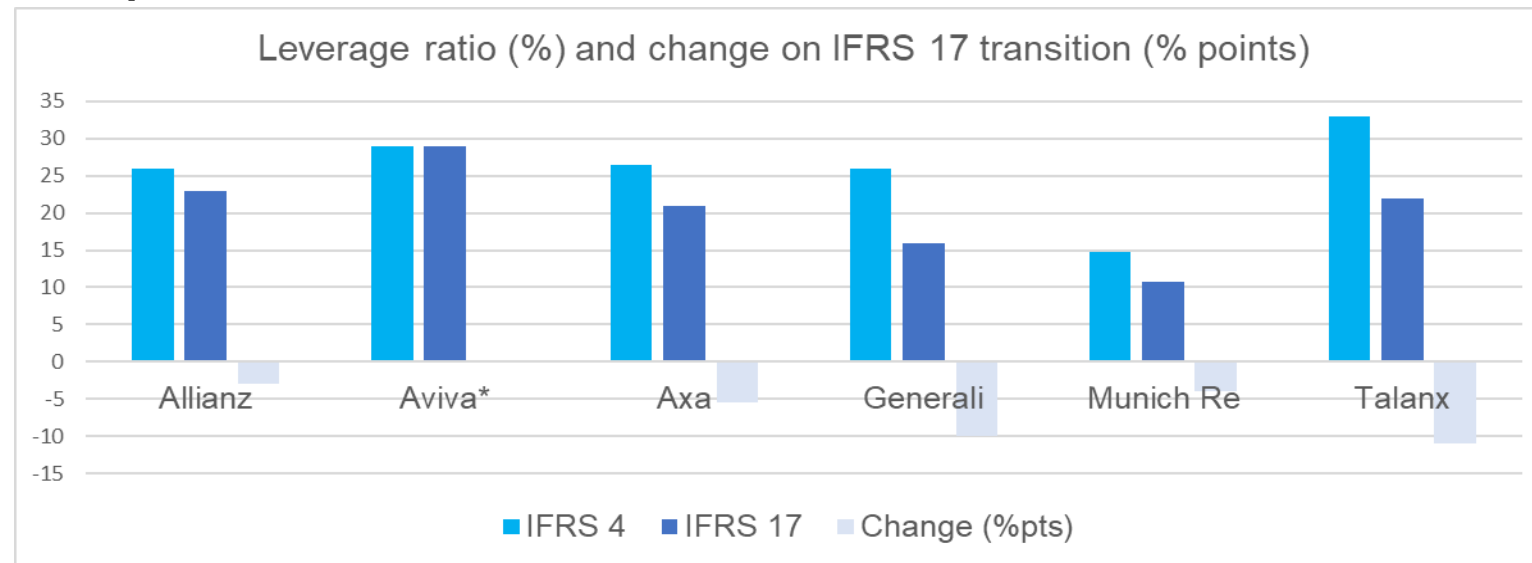
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### Examples:



\* Measured on a SII basis

# IFRS 17 impact on performance metrics

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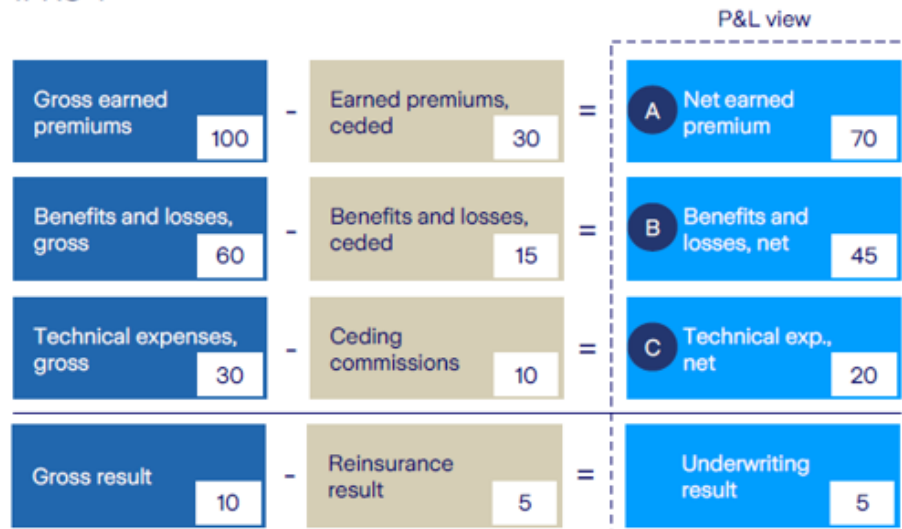
Combined ratio, Loss ratio, Prior period development ratio (PPD), Expense ratio

## Prevalent choices in the population

- Choice of calculation basis (net or gross insurance revenue) appears to be driven by the business steering approach
- Practices vary for the treatment on non-attributable expenses (general admin expenses / overheads)
- No intention to continue reporting IFRS 4-basis ratios but plans to disclose GWP (as a non-IFRS KPI)

Illustration (extract):

IFRS 4

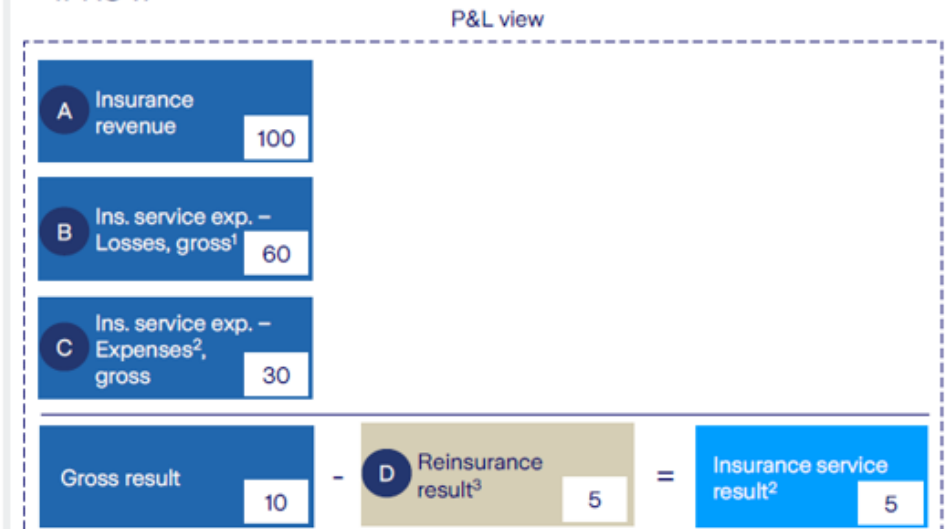


$$\text{Loss ratio (net)} = \frac{\text{B}}{\text{A}} = 64\%$$

$$\text{Expense ratio (net)} = \frac{\text{C}}{\text{A}} = 29\%$$

Combined ratio (net) = 93%

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$$\text{Loss ratio (net)} = \frac{\text{B} + \text{D}}{\text{A}} = 65\%$$

$$\text{Expense ratio (gross)} = \frac{\text{C}}{\text{A}} = 30\%$$

Combined ratio (net/gross) = 95%

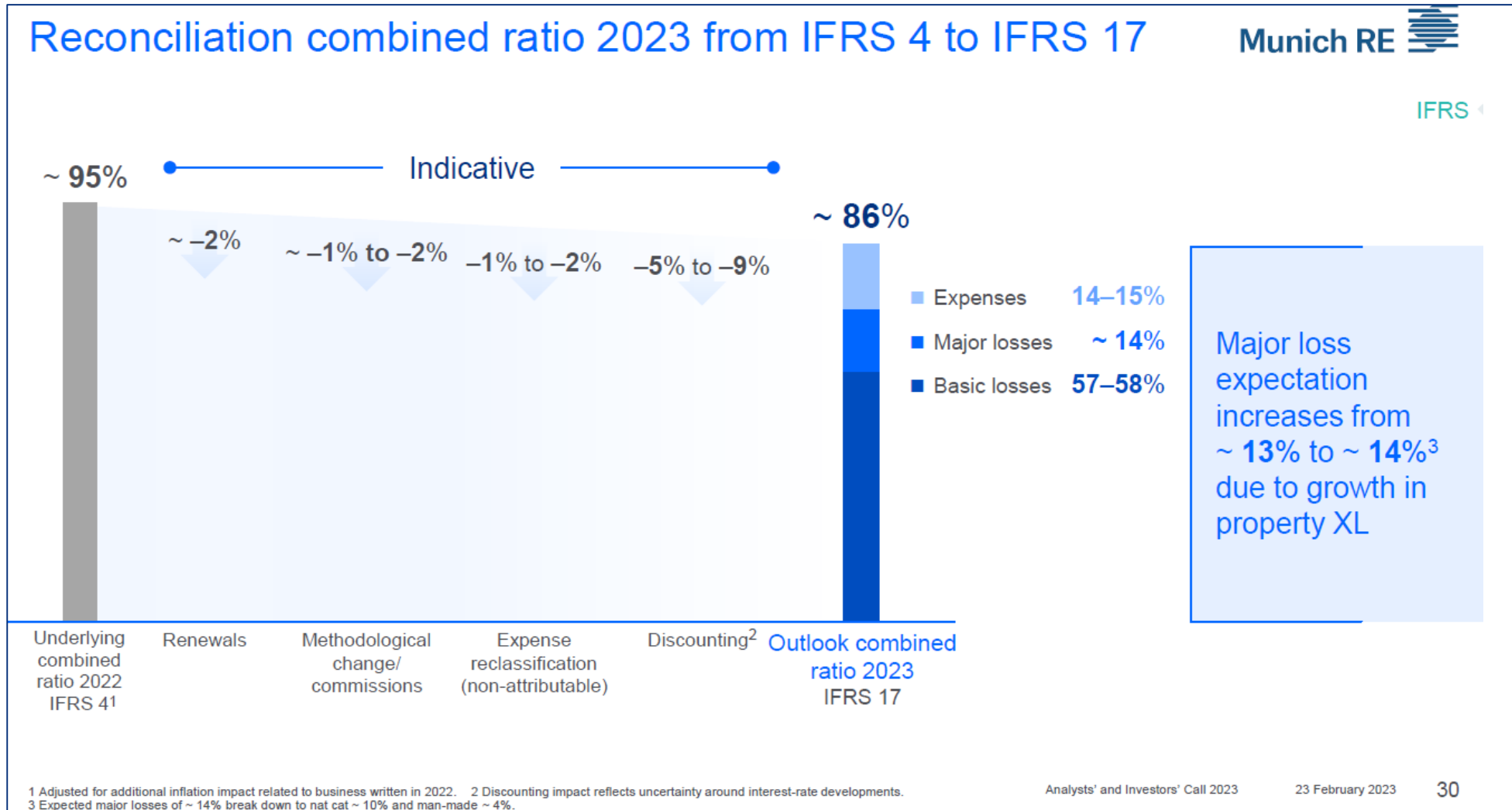


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# IFRS 17 impact on non-life performance metrics

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## Combined ratio: Munich Re example












Source:  
Handout slide 30 from Munich Re Analysts' and Investors' Call February 2023

# IFRS 17 impact on non-life performance metrics

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Combined ratio, Loss ratio, Prior period development ratio (PPD), Expense ratio

	Net / Gross ratios				Net / Net ratios				Hybrid
	Allianz 	AXA 	GENERALI 	ZURICH 	Munich RE 	AVIVA 	DirectLine Group 	HISCOX 	Admiral Group PLC 
Loss ratio	▲◀▶	Not specified	▼	Not specified	▼	Not specified	Not specified	Not specified	◀▶
PPD ratio	Not specified	◀▶	▲	Not specified	◀▶	Not specified	Not specified	Not specified	Not specified
Expense ratio	▼ *	Not specified	▲ *	▼ *	▼ #	*	Not specified #	Not specified #	◀▶ #
Combined ratio	▼	▼	▲	▼▲	▼	◀▶	Not specified	▲	Not specified

**Legend**

- ▲ increase
- ▼ decrease
- ◀▶ no material change
- \* Ratio includes attributable & non-attributable expenses
- # Ratio includes attributable expenses only

Hybrid ratios are on a basis net of XoL reinsurance and gross of QS reinsurance



# IFRS 17 Life & Savings performance metrics

As per audited 2022 annual reports

## Prevalent choices in the population

- To continue reporting New Business Value (NBV) (derived using IFRS 17 and IFRS 9 balances; definitions vary)
- Operating result: driven by CSM and risk adjustment release, and net financial result (adjusted for non-recycled realised gains / losses, fair value changes reported in P&L and other non-recurring income and expenses)

### Examples of NBV definitions:



NBV = CSM at inception, adjusted by non-attributable costs, reinsurance and contracts in the Life/Health segment accounted under PAA or IFRS 9.

- Higher than under SII due to a slightly higher diversification benefit and different valuation curves



- NBV= new business CSM adjusted for PAA life business, inv. contracts under IFRS 9 and look through for funds managed by the group with tax and minorities deducted

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- NBV= CSM for new business less loss components of new business

### Other KPIs:



- CSM (closing balance)
- CSM release pattern
- Importance of new business (%) = (CSM of new insurance contracts issued) / (Total CSM)

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- Growth of insurance revenue (adjusted for currency effects)





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