

## **Corporate Communications**

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# **Announcement of Home Member State**

ING announces that the Netherlands is its Home Member State. This is a mandatory announcement to comply with the changes made to the Dutch Financial Supervision Act, section 5:25a(2), as a result of the amended EU Transparency Directive (Directive 2004/109/EC, as amended). Following the implementation of the amended EU Transparency Directive, all issuers of securities admitted to trading on a regulated market within the European Union are required to publicly announce their Home Member State for purposes of their disclosure obligations under the EU Transparency Directive. ING for this purpose means ING Groep N.V. and ING Bank N.V.

### Note for editors

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#### **ING Profile**

ING is a global financial institution with a strong European base, offering banking services through its operating company ING Bank and holding a significant stake in the listed insurer NN Group NV. The purpose of ING Bank is empowering people to stay a step ahead in life and in business. ING Bank's more than 52,000 employees offer retail and commercial banking services to customers in over 40 countries.

ING Group shares are listed (in the form of depositary receipts) on the exchanges of Amsterdam (INGA NA, ING.AS), Brussels and on the New York Stock Exchange (ADRs: ING US, ING.N).

Sustainability forms an integral part of ING's corporate strategy, which is evidenced by ING Group shares being included in the FTSE4Good index and in the Dow Jones Sustainability Index (Europe and World). where ING is among the leaders in the Banks industry group.

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