## **BASE PROSPECTUS SUPPLEMENT**

Rabobank

Coöperatieve Rabobank U.A. (a cooperative (coöperatie) formed under the laws of the Netherlands with its statutory seat in Amsterdam) EUR 30,000,000,000 Tier 2 Notes Programme



This Base Prospectus supplement (the "Base Prospectus Supplement") constitutes a base prospectus supplement for the purposes of Directive 2003/71/EC, as amended (the "Prospectus Directive") and the Dutch Financial Supervision Act (*Wet op het financial toezicht*) and regulations thereunder (together, "Dutch securities laws") and is prepared in connection with the Tier 2 Notes Programme (the "Programme") under which Coöperatieve Rabobank U.A. ("Rabobank" or "Rabobank Nederland" or the "Issuer"), may, subject to compliance with all relevant laws, regulations and directives, from time to time, issue Tier 2 Notes (the "Notes").

This Base Prospectus Supplement is supplemental to, and should be read in conjunction with, the base prospectus dated 3 July 2017 and the Base Prospectus Supplements dated 17 August 2017, 3 January 2018 and 15 February 2018 (together the "**Base Prospectus**"). Capitalised terms used but not otherwise defined in this Base Prospectus Supplement shall have the meanings ascribed thereto in the Base Prospectus. To the extent that there is any inconsistency between (a) any statement in this Base Prospectus Supplement or any statement incorporated by reference into the Base Prospectus by this Base Prospectus Supplement and (b) any other statement in or incorporated by reference into the Base Prospectus, the statements in (a) will prevail.

Save as disclosed in this Base Prospectus Supplement, no other significant new factor, material mistake or inaccuracy relating to information included in the Base Prospectus has arisen or been noted, as the case may be, since the publication of the Base Prospectus.

This Base Prospectus Supplement has been submitted to and approved by the Netherlands Authority for the Financial Markets (*Autoriteit Financiële Markten*) in its capacity as competent authority under the Prospectus Directive and Dutch securities laws.

The date of this Base Prospectus Supplement is 4 April 2018.

## **IMPORTANT INFORMATION**

Rabobank, having taken all reasonable care to ensure that such is the case, confirms that, to the best of its knowledge, the information contained in this Base Prospectus Supplement with respect to itself as well as with respect to itself and its subsidiaries and affiliates taken as a whole (the "Group" or the "Rabobank Group") and the Notes or otherwise is in accordance with the facts and does not omit anything likely to affect the import of such information. Rabobank accepts responsibility accordingly.

No person has been authorised to give any information or to make any representation other than those contained in this Base Prospectus Supplement and the Base Prospectus in connection with the issue or sale of the Notes and, if given or made, such information or representation must not be relied upon as having been authorised by the Issuer or any of the Dealers or the Arranger. Neither the delivery of this Base Prospectus Supplement or the Base Prospectus nor any sale made in connection herewith shall, under any circumstances, create any implication that there has been no change in the affairs of the Issuer since the date hereof or the date upon which the Base Prospectus has been most recently amended or supplemented or that there has been no adverse change in the financial position of the Issuer since the date hereof or the date upon which the Programme is correct as of any time subsequent to the date on which it is supplied or, if different, the date indicated in the document containing the same.

Neither this Base Prospectus Supplement nor the Base Prospectus constitute an offer of, or an invitation by or on behalf of the Issuer or the Dealers to subscribe for, or purchase, any Notes.

The Arranger and the Dealers (excluding Rabobank (in its capacity as Dealer)) have not separately verified the information contained in this Base Prospectus Supplement or the Base Prospectus. None of the Dealers (excluding Rabobank (in its capacity as Dealer)) or the Arranger makes any representation, express or implied, or accepts any responsibility, with respect to the accuracy or completeness of any of the information in this Base Prospectus Supplement or the Base Prospectus. Neither this Base Prospectus Supplement or the Base Prospectus nor any financial statements should be considered as a recommendation by the Issuer, the Dealers or the Arranger that any recipient of this Base Prospectus Supplement or the Base Prospectus or any financial statements should purchase the Notes. Prospective investors should have regard to the factors described under the section headed "Risk Factors" in the Base Prospectus. This Base Prospectus Supplement and the Base Prospectus do not describe all of the risks of an investment in the Notes. Each potential purchaser of Notes should determine for itself the relevance of the information contained in this Base Prospectus Supplement and the Base Prospectus and its purchase of Notes should be based upon such investigation as it deems necessary. None of the Dealers (excluding Rabobank (in its capacity as Dealer)) nor the Arranger undertakes to review the financial condition or affairs of the Issuer during the life of the arrangements contemplated by this Base Prospectus Supplement and the Base Prospectus nor to advise any investor or potential investor in the Notes of any information coming to the attention of any of the Dealers (excluding Rabobank (in its capacity as Dealer)) or the Arranger.

The Base Prospectus shall be amended in the manner set out below. References to pages numbers, paragraphs, section titles and chapters are to those pages numbers, paragraphs, section titles and chapters of and set out in the Base Prospectus.

1. On the coverpage in the thirteenth paragraph, the sentence:

"Notes issued under the programme are expected to be rated A by Fitch Ratings Limited ("**Fitch**"), A3 by Moody's Investors Service Ltd. ("**Moody's**") and BBB+ by Standard & Poor's Credit Market Services Europe Limited ("**Standard & Poor's**")."

shall be replaced with the sentence:

"Notes issued under the programme are expected to be rated A by Fitch Ratings Limited ("**Fitch**"), Ba1 by Moody's Investors Service Ltd. ("**Moody's**") and BBB+ by Standard & Poor's Credit Market Services Europe Limited ("**Standard & Poor's**")."

2. On page 41 in the section entitled "Rating", the sentence:

"Notes issued under the Programme are expected to be rated A by Fitch, A3 by Moody's, and BBB+ by Standard and Poor's"

shall be replaced with the sentence:

"Notes issued under the Programme are expected to be rated A by Fitch, Ba1 by Moody's and BBB+ by Standard and Poor's."

## **Addition to Recent Developments**

The Base Prospectus shall be amended by the insertion of the following paragraph at the end of the subsection entitled "Recent Developments" of the Chapter "Description of Business of the Rabobank Group" on page 89:

## "Ratings

On 27 March 2018, Moody's published a press release in which it announced the downgrade of Rabobank Group's long-term debt and deposit ratings to Aa3 from Aa2 and revised their outlook to stable from negative."