

# ING discloses binding MREL requirements

ING Group NV has received formal notification from De Nederlandsche Bank (DNB) of its binding minimum requirement for own funds and eligible liabilities (MREL). The MREL requirement has been established to ensure that banks in the European Union have sufficient own funds and eligible liabilities to absorb losses in the case of potential bank failure. The MREL requirement is set for ING Group at a consolidated level, as determined by the Single Resolution Board (SRB).

This MREL requirement has been set at € 91.24 billion, corresponding to 29.03% of ING Group's risk weighted assets at 31 December 2016 and is comes into effect inmediately.

The requirement is in line with our expectations, and consistent with our funding plans and single point of entry approach. ING Group believes that it already complies with these MREL requirements. Future requirements will be subject to ongoing regulatory review and clarification.

## 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. The purpose of ING Bank is empowering people to stay a step ahead in life and in business. ING Bank's more than 51,000 employees offer retail and wholesale banking services to customers in over 40 countries.

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

Sustainability forms an integral part of ING's strategy, evidenced by ING's ranking as a leader in the banks industry group by Sustainalytics. ING Group shares are included in the FTSE4Good index and in the Dow Jones Sustainability Index (Europe and World), where ING is also among the leaders in the banks industry group.

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