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# **EIOPA 2018 Costs and Past Performance**Key findings

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### **Challenges faced**



- Product diversity across national markets
- Absence of common standards for performance and cost information
- No third party data providers
- Solvency II data reporting not at product level
- PRIIPs Key Information Documents (KIDs) give cost disclosures – but not past performance
- PRIIPs KID used for some personal pensions, but otherwise little standardisation

### Approach adopted



- Sample-based approach aim for >65% market coverage
- Survey sample selected by National Competent Authorities (NCAs)
- Use KIDs and information necessary for preparing KIDs as far as possible, request similar information for personal pensions
- Supplementary questionnaire for past performance, distribution costs
- Gather information on types of product to enable fair comparisons



### **Headline results**

Report:

https://eiopa.europa.eu/Publications/Reports/Costs%20and%20past%20performance\_2018.pdf

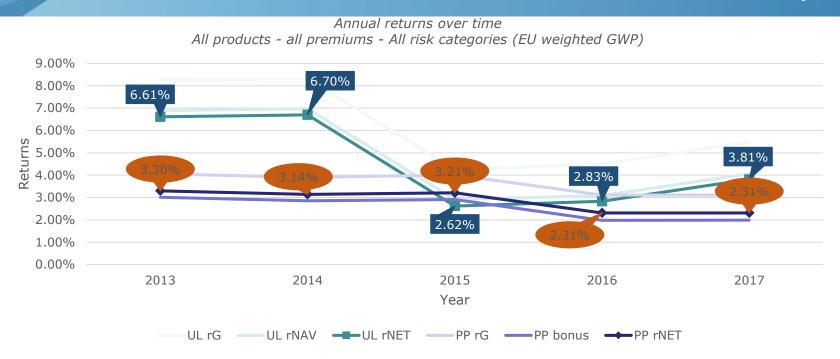
# Impact of costs on returns IBIPs Weighted, Reductions in Yield

KID Costs (broken down data differ from type of cost to type of cost)			Unit-Linked  Av RHP 6.7 y (from 48 to 173  Products)			Profit Participation  Av RHP 8.69 y  (from 5 to 49)		
			All premium types	Single	Regular	All premium types	nSingle	Regular
Total RIY			2.60%	2.58%	2.87%	1.24%	1.21%	1.78%
which includes:	Entry costs		0.30%	0.29%	0.55%	0.33%	0.33%	0.32%
	Exit costs		0.25%	0.26%	0.05%	0.11%	0.15%	0.08%
	Transaction costs		0.11%	0.12%	0.05%	0.14%	0.15%	0.08%
	Other on-going costs which includes:		2.35%	2.31%	2.75%	1.10%	1.08%	1.48%
		Administrative	0.59%	0.57%	0.78%	0.70%	0.69%	0.98%
		Biometric	0.04%	0.04%	0.13%	0.20%	0.05%	0.32%
		Distribution	1.00%	1.01%	0.75%	0.55%	0.56%	0.43%
		Asset manager	1.06%	1.01%	1.75%	-	-	-

- These are the figures for (insurance-based investment products) IBIPs, where a more extensive sample was available (21% of the market overall).
- For **personal pensions** the data was similar though weighted heavily towards profit participation, with overall costs of 1.43%. However, only three markets are covered.

### **Net returns**





- One-off costs reduce returns by an additional .7% on average.
- Volatility of returns increases with risk class for unit-linked products aggregate figure are not giving the full picture.
- Actual returns of profit participation not reliable -- limited to annual bonuses above, not reflecting smoothing mechanisms fully.

## **Next steps for future reports**



- EIOPA will work further on developing its methodology and approach for future reports.
- The aim will be to increase market and product type coverage, to enable more granular data reporting and meaningful comparisons.

#### **IBIPs**

- EIOPA anticipates:
  - o to establish a common methodology for fair comparisons of the performance of profit participation products of different types across Member States;
  - o to further standardise cost definitions and their practical implementation, so there is greater consistency and availability of data; and
  - o to significantly simplify data gathering and analysis exercise.

### **Personal Pensions Products (PPPs)**

 Work on costs and performance definitions for markets that do not use KIDs to enable better availability and comparability of data for personal pensions.