



### **Thematic Review:** Consumer protection issues in travel insurance

EIOPA Insurance & Reinsurance Stakeholder Group meeting Frankfurt, 19 September 2018

## Introduction



- Why is the topic on the agenda?
  - o To give IRSG members an update on EIOPA's thematic review on consumer protection issues in travel insurance
  - o To discuss IRSG's further involvement
- What is expected from the IRSG?
  - o Exchange views with EIOPA
  - o Provide written contribution on specific topic to be included in final report (Q4 2018)
- Next steps
  - o IRSG to decide on topic and draft written input

#### **Recap** What are thematic reviews



- Tool of EIOPA's framework for conduct of business supervision
- Used to target a specific financial activity or product (potentially) causing:
  - Consumer detriment / poor consumer outcome
  - Barrier to the effective functioning of a retail market
- Allows for an in-depth analysis into an issue, not possible through other tools
- Explores issues that go beyond one national market:
  - Cross-border issues
  - Arise simultaneously in several national market
- Allows a coordinated understanding across the EU

#### **Recap** Thematic review on travel insurance

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- Key consumer protection issues
  - Product design
  - Distribution
  - New distribution and business models
  - Sales
- Timeline

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Selection of topic & scoping	Issues Note	Industry Questionnaire	Data gathering & analysis	Report & recommendations
<ul><li>Screen topics</li><li>Short-list</li><li>Scope topics</li></ul>	<ul> <li>Outline working hypothesis &amp; key issues</li> <li>Gather input from stakeholders</li> <li>Review literature</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Pilot with industry</li> <li>Select market participants</li> <li>Draft Industry Questionnaire</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Distribute Industry Questionnaire</li> <li>Support market participants</li> <li>Gather and validate responses</li> <li>Process data</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Draft final report for BoS adoption</li> <li>Draft DN on next steps for BoS discussion</li> <li>Engage with industry</li> </ul>

### IRSG's involvement How & when

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- Previous input provided by IRSG
  - Possible topics: September 2017
  - Key issues / Issues Note: February 2018
  - Industry Questionnaire: June 2018
- Contribution to final report
  - Objective: EIOPA seeks complementary views and perspectives from various stakeholders in addition to data gathered from industry
  - Format: e.g. text box (+/- 1 page)
  - Content of text box: Focus on a specific issue/question(s) addressed in the thematic review; no broad statement
  - <u>Possible issue/question</u>: Decided by IRSG considering issues detailed in Industry Questionnaire (shared with IRSG)

## **Next Steps**



- <u>IRSG</u>: Decide on participation
- <u>IRSG</u>: Indicate topic to EIOPA: 12 October
- <u>IRSG</u>: Provide final text box: 9 November
- <u>EIOPA</u>: Data analysis and finalise report, BoS approval targeted for November 2018