



All Party Parliamentary Group on **Insurance & Financial Services**

Europe visit set to open new doors of influence

THE GROUP's visit to the European Parliament on 21 and 22 November is taking shape with a packed programme of meetings with MEPs, senior commission officials and industry representatives in Brussels.



Brussels: meetings with key MEPs set

The agenda for the visit is challenging and wide-ranging, embracing issues such as VAT on outsourcing, the review of liability insurance, the implementation of the Insurance Mediation Directive and Solvency II.

The group is also looking for an insight into the future priorities of the Commission and the Parliament. This is so it can support the UK financial services sector by engaging with the debates on proposals that affect it at a stage when they are still open to influence.

The visit is being supported by the Chartered Institute of Loss Adjusters, the European Federation of Loss Adjusting Experts and Lloyds TSB.

Business Leaders' Forum makes its debut

POST MAGAZINE's new Business Leaders' Forum was unveiled at the group's annual reception in the Terrace Pavilion at the end of July.

The Forum is being chaired by Post Magazine's Editor-in-Chief, Anthony Gould: "The aim is to provide the leaders of the modern general insurance industry with an independent forum to meet, listen to and ultimately influence those whose decisions and views impact UK Insurance plc."



Gould: set objectives for new Forum

Group continues its dialogue with US legislators

OVER THE last few years, members of the group have held several meetings with visiting US insurance commissioners. In most states these are elected officials and they are a key group for the UK insurance market to influence as it battles to open up access to the US markets for London-based insurers.

The group's chairman, John Greenway,

has also been to the US to speak to them at the annual conference of the National Council of Insurance Legislators.

Senior NCOIL officials will be in London in mid-October at the invitation of the International Underwriting Association and the group will take the opportunity to continue its dialogue with NCOIL at a dinner on 13 October.

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Membership expands as group launches busy autumn programme

OVER 50 Parliamentarians from the three main parties are now members of the group, its largest membership since launching almost 15 years ago.

The new members have been drawn from among newly elected MPs as well as longer established members of both houses. It reflects the higher profile of the group as well as the interest in the vast array of legislation currently going through that affects the insurance and retail financial services sectors.

The packed autumn programme covers many facets of the group's interests, with presentations on the Compensation Bill, and meetings with Link, Standard Life and RBS Insurance.

The full list of members and current programme can be found on the group's new website at www.appgifs.org.uk, due to be launched at the end of the month.

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