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The Myths about Solvency II

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Objective of this session

Focus on some of the common myths within

- 'Pillar V'
- SCR Standard Formula
- Technical provisions
- Internal model
- Others

"Can we have a meeting about Solvency II?"

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Myths about Solvency II - Pillar V

- SII is an actuarial job
- The SCR is the be all and end all of SII
- "If the standard formula ends up with a nice low number then there is no point in going internal model"
- Only an actuary can build an internal model, so only an actuary can be a CRO



Myths about Solvency II - Pillar V

- The ORSA doesn't have to be written down
- If you have an (approved) internal model, you don't need an ORSA
- The ORSA is a third number
- "Small firms will find SII much harder than big groups"

Myths about Solvency II - SCR Standard Formula

- The standard formula will be as per QIS4
- The SCR is the standard formula
- It is OK to have an SCR that doesn't fit the risk profile, as there will be an ORSA



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Myths about Solvency II – Technical provisions

- SII will give you a nice big reserve release, because it allows discounting
- The chain-ladder is adequate for SII technical provisions



Myths about Solvency II - Internal model

- The 2 (or 3 or 5) year use test
- Documentation is 3 lever arch files
- All ICAS firms can do an internal model easily
- The internal model is an actuarial model



- Data must be perfect in order to model
- "We don't need to worry about modelling group will do it for us"



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Myths about Solvency II – Others

 "Only the UK is actually going to bother implementing SII properly"



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