# TECHNOLOGY: HOW COULD IT TRANSFORM INSURANCE?

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## Why important to take into account the insurance part of Fintech?

- Until recently Fintech was only about the banking sector and insurance was left aside
  - → A place of « passive interaction » with the customer (only when a claim)
  - → Insurance not seen as an innovation space
- But Insurtech arrived
  - → Convenience can revolutionised the insurance sector with new timing (e.g. Slice)
  - → Prevention has made progress with the use of cognitive science, behavioral economy, etc. (e.g. Oscar)
  - → Inclusiveness: Even the bottom of the pyramid can access financial advice when it is Al driven (e.g. Fluo)

## Overview of the Technological Disruption for the Insurance Sector

- New technologies are arising leading to the emergence of FinTech:
  - → Internet of Things (IoT)
  - → Advanced Analytics & Artificial Intelligence
  - → Telematics & GPS
  - → Smart Contracts & Blockchain
  - → Drones & Smart Industries
- ◆ Technological innovation will impact how insurers...
  - → Measure Risks
  - → Control Risks
  - → Price Risks
  - → Engage with Customers
  - → Reduce Costs
  - → Improve Efficiency
  - → Expand Insurability
- Investment in InsurTech startups surged from \$740 million in 2014 to \$2.6 billion in 2015 (with a strong US domination)



## The new models of Insurtech

- Use of AI
  - → To reduce the expense ratio
  - → To reduce the time to market
  - → To be scalable
  - → To price products and services
- Use of behavioral economics
  - → To realign interests with customer
  - → To reduce fraud
  - → To foster prevention
- No decrease of the level of protection
  - → Same risk coverage
  - → But more accurate pricing



## How the Insurtech is transforming the insurance business?

#### **Automated**

Some insurance segments are easily automated through AI. This puts pressure on margins and costefficiency of traditional actors, while helping to be customer centric.

> InsurEth, Dynamis Lemonade

#### **Embedded** Insurance

In other products and services (ease of access)

> **Oriflame Blablacar**

#### **Prevention Focused**

Clients expect more services and risk advice rather than pure payer function

Fluo

#### **Future Proof**

Insurance will, as always in the past, enlarge its coverage of risks to support innovation in the economy

Insuring driverless cars, drones or smart factories



Peer-to-Peer

Back to mutualization

managed by people rather

than centralized large

financial actors

Otherwise, Bought By

Many

## Traditional Insurers' Response to the new nature of competition

#### THE NEW NATURE OF **COMPETITION BY FINTECHS**

- Asymmetrical
  - → Smaller size (43% of insurance tech companies <10 employees)
- Digital proof
  - → Fewer legacy costs of old IT systems
- Greater specialization
  - → Specific segment
  - → Specific service
- Higher risk tolerance and agility
  - → Scalability

#### **HOW EXISTING INSURERS EVOLVE**

- Adapt
  - → Integrate new technologies in their business models
  - → Developp new tools and platforms (ecosystemic view) to provide innovating services
  - > Join debates on the topic with regulators, researchers and other actors
- Partner
  - → Build-up links with startups to benefit from their creativity
  - → Join the FinTech ecosystem to be aware ongoing of development
- Invest
  - → Traditional insurance players have VC



## Regulatory Frameworks – Potential Objectives and Principles

#### Consistent

Consistency
between the
different regulatory
frameworks
(prudential financial
regulation – Solvency II,
data regulation - GDPR,
cyber regulation - NIS,
customer protection
regulation – IDD,
PRIIPS, etc.)

#### **Digital Proof**

Old regulatory framework to be adapted to become digital proof (IDD and distribution of insurance via mobile and pure digital channels)

#### Competitive

Ensure a level playing field at EU level

#### **Equal**

Same service same regulation across different sectors to ensure fair market rules

#### **Flexible**

Consider a flexible approach towards innovation (e.g. sandbox approach)

#### **Privacy**

Data privacy is the key of trust. Ensure an explicit consent, purpose, use and storage of data.
Clear EU guidelines on portability, privacy impact assessment, labels are needed.

#### **Fair**

Ensure integrity and transparency in the way algorithms are used to avoid implicit discrimination of customers and ensure fair treatment

#### **Up-to-date**

Start thinking about the rule of code/Blockchain and the power of a regulator on fully automated contract making

#### **Cross-sectoral**

E-ID and mobile payment are the future of a free flow of data economy.

Therefore the regulation of telcos should enhance the possibility to sell insurance products

# Should not stop at the industry's door

Reg Tech could be explored inside public private partnerships (fraud detection, etc,)



## What will be the key questions for the future?

- Transparency versus Black-boxes of algorithms and data processing
- → Financial Inclusion versus Discrimination
- Empowerement versus Paternalism
- Human-centric versus Machine-driven



## By design conceiving an ethical approach to AI, data, etc.

- The new technical questions
  - → When to renew the training data set?
  - → How to control for the deviation of self learning algorithms?
- The new regulatory and policy discussions
  - → On the impact of big data
  - → On Ethics of algorithm
  - → On the impact of robotisation
- The pure ethical questions
  - → How to avoid implicit discrimination?
  - → How to differenciate between segmentation and discrimination?



## Analysing the need for new insurance products

- Cyber insurance
  - → How can a damage be verified and its financial impact accurately assessed?
  - → What should be mandatory?
  - → What should be covered and not?
  - → What ecosystem of cyber resilience for EU citizen ?
  - → What to do about silent cover?
- Insurance of the smart city or the smart factory
  - → What should be the liability regime?
  - → How can insurers access to data to be able to trace back who is liable?
- Insuring the gig economy
  - → New cover for new working status?
  - → New income / new way of life?

