

Country Analysis Report – 2012

Country	Premium Development	Claims Development	Underwriting Profitability	Business Outlook
<p>The Netherlands</p>	<p>As in 2011 a lot has changed and is still changing. As the Dutch insurance companies have to comply with the new Dutch and European compliance and regulating rules the reporting also changed.</p> <p>The overall booked Engineering premium increased from 241 to 282 million EUR. The overall earned premium increased less strongly from 251 to 267 EUR. This is to some extent this is thanks to big ongoing infrastructure projects and expansion of foreign turnover.</p>	<p>The claims (paid and reserved) were 54 % of the earned premium in 2012 (and 48% of the earned premium in 2011). Paid claims increased by 7 % of the earned premium. The earned premium has increased with 7 %. Therefore, the claims as a percentage of the earned premium also increased in 2012.</p> <p>The provision was lower. Overall the Gross Combined Ratio increased from 74 in 2011 to 80 in 2012. As 2012 was a year with large claims, the claim ratio did increase.</p>	<p>The result including interest went from 32% of the earned premium in 2012 to 25% in 2011. The combined ratio in 2012 was 80 compared to 74 in 2011 and 80 in 2010.</p>	<p>The Netherlands are still in a recession, the Dutch economy was in a worse position as in 2011. The demand of private consumers and industry did not increase, thus affecting the commercial and private investments.</p> <p>A further decrease in demand of engineering line covers - especially in EAR/CAR - was expected.</p> <p>The Machinery Breakdown portfolio suffers from the general price drops in the Dutch property market, but it was positively turned into a growth scenario under the influence of new renewable energy projects becoming operational.</p> <p>The overall development of the resulting market premium volume will depend on further rate development. Growth of the written premium seems to be rather unlikely due to ongoing competition.</p>