

## Press release

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### First Board of VKN elected and appointed

Yesterday, the General Assembly of VKN has elected and appointed its first Board. President is Fred Bagnay, Secretary Remco Suchtelen of Haare, Treasurer Coos Oomen.



**Fred Bagnay** was born in Ermelo. In 1987 he moved to Delfzijl where he started a painting business, active in and around Delfzijl. Why do I have a warm feeling for the Credit Union Eems regio? It's a nice area, with a good living environment and nice people who deserve to be supported, especially for the future. This I would like to contribute to through our credit union. Fred is Chairman of Credit Union Eems Regio U.A. [info@kredietunie-eemsregio.nl](mailto:info@kredietunie-eemsregio.nl) ; 06-50468264



**Remco van Haare Suchtelen** has worked for 12 years at ING-Bank as leasing consultant, account manager business relationships and regional director. In 2000, Remco established MKB5: Management Consulting: structuring of SME's, advice on business economics and organizational matters, management training, change management and corporate real estate advice. In 2012 he founded Quatro management consultants B.V. For five years he was a board member of a housing association. Remco is the initiator of Credit Union Veenkoloniën & Oostermoer ua; [r.van.suchtelen@mkb5.nl](mailto:r.van.suchtelen@mkb5.nl) ; 06-23471456



**Coos Oomen** has over 30 years of experience in senior positions in general management and in financial / organizational management in particular. Coos has been responsible for internal operations and leading change processes. Both as an employee and as an independent professional, he has worked for a range of industrial and service companies, active in various sectors, such as automotive, plastics and food industry, catering, technical infrastructure, pensions and insurance, timber and music industry. Common thread through the years: improve, streamline, clarify, build and collaborate. Coos is secretary of Credit Union Zaanstad-NH ua; [info@kuzaanstad.nl](mailto:info@kuzaanstad.nl) ; 06-53902297

Fred Bagnay: *"First we have to establish active credit unions. These all have a social impact. Dutch SME entrepreneurs can thereupon build a better future through unity and solidarity. The board will do everything to convey this message to our members and starting credit unions as well. People are the core of credit unions. That has already been proven with the existing credit unions".*

From the establishment of VKN on September 22, 2014 founder Roland Lampe was acting board member: *"I am delighted that the board of our association is now in the safe hands of Fred, Remco and Coos. This is a logical step in the further development of VKN. We have full confidence that they will further develop VKN into a fully professional association".* VKN now has 14 members and 24 prospects, which can be established this year, out of a total of 200 applications for support and guidance.

#### Association of Credit Unions in the Netherlands

The Association of Credit Unions in the Netherlands (ACUN) is an association which promotes the introduction of a system of credit unions in the Netherlands. It facilitates and guides, in accordance with the Act on Supervision of Credit Unions and internationally accepted standards. ACUN is a member of the World Council of Credit Unions, and adheres to its governance rules, code of conduct and the rules of prudent management. For more information about existing credit unions or on how to establish a credit union, please refer to [www.dekredietunie.nl](http://www.dekredietunie.nl)

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