

## First ePlacing messages exchanged in production pilot

Success

### Aon Reinsurance Solutions and Munich Re confirm it works!

The business highlight of the September ePlacing SteerCo meeting was clearly the report out of Aon Reinsurance and Munich Re on their successful exchange of ePlacing messages for treaty business in the US. Munich Re was able to consume, interpret and transfer more than 590 inbound ePlacing messages into their underwriting system and to provide feedback to Aon through more than 80 outbound ePlacing messages. The focus was on submission and quotation messages.

*"We are encouraged that a high percentage of messages passed the initial validation as this allowed the Ruschlikon community to identify gaps, make necessary adjustments in the ePlacing standard version, in the systems and/or the messages set up. It's extremely helpful to have long lasting Ruschlikon members such as Troy Hughes (AON), Andreas Piegsa (Hannover Re) and Phil Brown (ACORD) on the group who were involved in the standard development since the very beginning to share background information on certain data points."*

- Florian Gruson, Munich Re and ePlacing SteerCo member

### Ruschlikon ePlacing strategy 2024+

The ePlacing community is highly committed to continue its work around the definition of global data standards, touch points, processes and test environments – independent of underlying technical solutions – that will allow any industry partner to onboard with counterparties.

More specifically, the following next steps are envisaged:

- Increase the volumes of messages exchanged on treaty business
- Increase the number of involved industry partners – as senders and as receivers
- Finalize the work on Facultative and Large Commercial Insurance standards, starting with property, and run first pilots
- Continue close collaboration with other industry initiatives, including Blueprint Two
- Ensure alignment of Contract, Risk & Pre-Accounting (CRP) and Post-Placement which will ultimately aggregate into a unique standard
- Keep the (re)insurance market engaged through ACORD and Ruschlikon outreach sessions

### XML vs JSON – How does the Ruschlikon/ACORD future look like?

The Ruschlikon community has been successfully exchanging XML/SOAP messages for many years. More recently, numerous industry partners are looking at JSON/RESTful implementations.

We expect that XML messages will be replaced along the E2E value chain by JSON/RESTful. Following ACORD's strategic input, it has been mutually agreed by the eAccounting and Claims SteerCo and ePlacing SteerCo that the community will work closely together to kick off related technical preparation work in 2024. As mentioned earlier, the Ruschlikon ePlacing community is working with ACORD to define data standards, touch points, and processes which are agnostic to the actual technical solution.

If you missed the recent ePlacing outreach session, [click here to watch the recording for more information.](#)

After all the content heavy discussions during the day, the non-business highlight was clearly the visit at the Münchner Oktoberfest. It was a really unique experience that we all appreciated. A big thank you to Munich Re, Florian Gruson, Sascha Brehm and colleagues for the invitation.

*Theo Bachmann, Swiss Re - Chair of ePlacing SteerCo*

*Stephan Laemmler, Munich Re - Chair of ePlacing Business Implementation Group (ePBIG)*

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*Members at Oktoberfest 2023*

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