

Aegon N.V. Global Tax Report 2021

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1. Introduction

Welcome to Aegon's Global Tax Report 2021. Aegon's aim in producing this report is to provide a comprehensive and detailed overview of the Company's approach to tax and its tax contributions on a country-by-country basis.

At Aegon, we have embedded sustainability as a central pillar within our company strategy. Guided by our purpose, we aim to create long-term value for our stakeholders through the integration of environmental, social, and governance (ESG) criteria in our strategy. Our overarching objective through our sustainability approach is to contribute to society at large and play our part in addressing the planet's greatest challenges.

With regard to Aegon's tax principles, we are firmly committed to make a valuable economic and social contribution to the communities in which we operate, both through our own tax payments and through collection and payments of third-party taxes. For many years we have disclosed substantial information on our tax strategy and tax payments. At the same time, we recognize and value the wish of a number of our stakeholders for us to voluntarily disclose more detailed information about our tax payments in the various countries in which we operate. This is the reason why we have been publishing this Global Tax Report since last year in accordance with the 'tax' standard 207 of the Global Reporting Initiative (GRI).

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2. Aegon's approach to tax

2.1 Aegon as a responsible taxpayer

Aegon has adopted a Global Tax Policy and Principles of Conduct (Global Tax Policy), which is derived from Aegon's Code of Conduct and the core values and principles of conducting business contained therein. The principles and objectives of the Global Tax Policy apply to all taxes that Aegon encounters in the course of its business. We publish our Global Tax Policy online.

Acting as a responsible taxpayer is part of the Aegon value chain and, in the context of the Global Tax Policy, means that we seek to pay "fair" taxes. In other words, pay the right amount of taxes in the right places. This means we recognize our obligation to pay taxes; however, that obligation does not extend to paying more taxes than required by the law. Thus, our approach to responsible taxpaying will seek to align the long-term interests of all our stakeholders, including customers, employees, business partners, investors, and wider society.

We recognize that the concept of "fair" taxes is inherently challenging for a complex multinational business such as Aegon's and that, in a global business world with global tax competition among nations, it is not always clear where appropriate lines can or should be drawn.

2.2 Aegon as a responsible investor

At Aegon, we also recognize our responsibility to ensure that our investments do not negatively affect society or the planet. We apply this ethos to our own general account investments and use our influence to encourage similar standards in the investment decisions of our customers. By taking an active approach to responsible investment, we seek to minimize risks to our business and explore ways to serve the interests of our customers and society at large. Aegon's Responsible Investment Policy recognizes a broad range of recurring sustainability and ESG topics, including tax criteria. Since paying taxes is a corporate responsibility, we expect companies to pay taxes in the countries where they have operations. In this respect, we support the OECD framework on base erosion and profit shifting (BEPS), which refers to tax avoidance strategies that exploit gaps and mismatches in tax rules to artificially shift profits to low or no-tax locations. The aforementioned aspects are included in Aegon N.V.'s Responsible Investment Policy.

2.3 Aegon's tax principles

The Global Tax Policy sets out the principles that guide Aegon's approach to being a responsible taxpayer, such as:

- Aegon is committed to tax compliance that is focused on complete, timely, and accurate tax filings in accordance with the legal requirements of the applicable tax laws and regulations. We will seek to take into account not only the letter but also, when clearly discernible, the spirit of the law.
- We will seek to develop and maintain open, constructive, and cooperative relationships with tax authorities, based on integrity, mutual trust and respect.
- We value transparency. This principle includes developing and maintaining transparency in our relationships with tax authorities, but also encompasses broader concepts, including public discussion of and public disclosures around tax matters.
- We will manage our tax position to provide sustainable outcomes within the parameters of our strategic and commercial objectives. For these reasons, we will not engage in "artificial" transactions merely to generate tax benefits. We use tax planning to access tax incentives provided for in legislation. For more information about our business activities, we refer to paragraph 4.1 of this report.
- We may operate in low-tax rate or no tax jurisdictions for legitimate and justifiable non-tax business reasons; however, we will endeavour to allocate profits where value is created through commercial business activity. These so-called "tax havens" will not be used merely for tax reduction purposes.
- Our global Transfer Pricing Policy conforms with international best practices and is based on the arm's-length principle as supported by economic analysis and formal documentation of the commercial nature of the transactions.

2.4 Tax governance, control and risk management

Aegon's business principles require identification and prudent management of risks. Accordingly, robust governance practices necessary to the management and control of tax affairs and risks are maintained.

Tax risks are monitored through our Tax Control Framework. Tax risks are risks associated with the organization's tax practices that might lead to a negative effect on the goals of the organization, or to financial or reputational damage. Examples of types of tax risks are reporting risks, compliance risks, risks from changes in legislation, or a perception of aggressive tax practices. Our risk response depends on the type of risk, likelihood and impact analysis, and the chance of repetition and reputational exposure. For instance, the risk of incorrect reporting of financial results, leading to incorrect calculation or disclosure of tax, is mitigated by the review of corporate income tax positions, including reconciliations. Compliance risks are mitigated by using automated validation controls and review controls. The risk of perception of aggressive tax practices is mitigated by applying our Global Tax Policy to our daily tax practices and being transparent about it.

Tax risks are identified via end-to-end process analysis performed by the global tax function and business units.

The identified risks and risk responses are included in Aegon's tax risk and control matrix. On a yearly basis, a risk and control self-assessment (RCSA) is performed to evaluate the design and operational effectiveness of controls.

Local tax functions are responsible for the tax matters of all local and/or regional Aegon operations. The Corporate Center tax function performs oversight to local tax functions¹. Local tax functions provide quarterly attestation that they adhere to the Global Tax Policy and annually attestation of compliance with minimum control standards.

The Global Tax Policy is subject to a global oversight and control framework that is administered as follows:

- ♦ The Global Tax Policy has been approved by the Management Board and endorsed by the Audit Committee of the Supervisory Board. Implementation and operation of the Global Tax Policy, as well as reports on our global tax position, are reviewed and discussed with the Audit Committee on a regular basis, no less than annually.
- ♦ The Corporate Center tax function reports regularly to the Executive Board and Management Board on day-to-day operations and the status and effectiveness of the function.
- ♦ The Corporate Center tax function has oversight of business units/country units to ensure that local tax functions do operate in line with the Global Tax Policy.
- ♦ The Tax Risk Oversight Committee exercises governance over certain global tax matters and issues.

Breaching laws and regulations, our Code of Conduct, or internal policies and procedures may have serious consequences for our company and our staff, our customers, shareholders and business partners, and may also have serious impact on the financial system or the public interest. Effective detection and resolution of such conduct will help sustain our business and ensure long-term value creation for all stakeholders. Aegon has introduced the Aegon Speak Up Policy to demonstrate its commitment to staff and other stakeholders that it encourages escalation of any concerns regarding potential misconduct and will not tolerate reprisal for making a good faith report of information that they believe is unlawful, unethical or otherwise improper conduct. Also, any concerns about suspected or observed tax evasion and questionable or unfair tax avoidance practices are specifically covered by the Aegon Speak Up Policy.

¹ The Corporate Center tax function and the local tax functions are jointly referred to as global tax function.

2.5 Stakeholder engagement

As mentioned earlier, our Global Tax Policy outlines Aegon's approach to responsible tax, which seeks to align the long-term interests of all our customers, employees, business partners, investors, and wider society. We re-evaluate the subject of tax disclosures and transparency at least annually, based on discussions with and communications by these stakeholders.

We strive to work together with tax authorities in a constructive and transparent manner. In the Netherlands, Aegon participates in a cooperative compliance agreement by means of an 'Individual Tax Monitoring plan' with the Dutch tax authorities. Where deemed necessary, tax authorities' clearance is sought. We have shared and discussed our Global Tax Policy and our tax governance, control and risk management procedures with the Dutch tax authorities. In the United Kingdom, Aegon is part of the United Kingdom tax authority's 'Business Risk Review' regime and an annual meeting is held to discuss governance and tax processes and controls. In the United States, interactions with tax authorities are typically limited to examinations.

Aegon is a member of a number of industry organizations such as the Confederation of Netherlands Industry and Employers (VNO-NCW), Dutch Association of Insurers (Verbond van Verzekeraars) and the American Council of Life Insurers (known as ACLI). Via the tax working groups of these organizations, Aegon participates in technical discussions of potential future legislative changes as we believe this supports a thorough development of tax legislation. At the same time, it enables Aegon to understand evolving expectations related to tax. The insights gained enable the organization to better manage the potential risks and impacts of changes in legislation.

We hold regular meetings with non-governmental organizations to discuss Aegon's tax strategy and policies. We further participate in the annual Tax Transparency Benchmark of the Dutch Association of Investors for Sustainable Development (VBDO), providing a comparative study of Dutch stock listed companies on tax transparency.

2.6 Training

Aegon's global tax function maintains an adequate staff of qualified and trained tax professionals to provide timely and high-quality tax support to our commercial decision-makers. In this regard, proper governance and procedures are in place to ensure that:

- The global tax function understands and is engaged in the tax effects of day-to-day business operations and involved in all significant business developments, investments and transactions;
- Tax consequences are considered as part of every major business decision; and
- Aegon's Tax Control Framework is constantly evolving to a higher maturity level.

The Aegon global tax function is continuously trained on tax law, jurisprudence and/or other relevant developments.

2.7 Automation

The Aegon global tax function focusses on tax technology in setting its strategic targets. We believe that technology could be an effective means of achieving process efficiency and automated control. In the Netherlands, a tax data management system in combination with automated tax reporting is in the process of being built and partly operational. We strive for this technology to make tax reporting and compliance, such as preparation of Dutch corporate income tax - and value added tax returns, as well as country-by-country reporting, more automated.

3. Basis of preparation

Aegon supports the objectives of the GRI standards and we continue to use those in defining our non-financial reporting at a granular level. Specifically, this report is published in accordance with standard 207 of the GRI. This report is also prepared in line with the VNO-NCW Tax Governance Code.

International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS) are the basis of calculation of the corporate income tax amounts and other tax contributions. Therefore, the basis for this report is the same as for our Integrated Annual Report. For more details on the basis of preparation, the materiality principles applied thereto and the “Independent auditor’s report” on the financial statements, we refer to the Integrated Annual Report.² The tax numbers published in paragraphs 5.1 and 5.3 are fully aligned with the Integrated Annual Report 2021. The overview of principal subsidiaries of the parent company Aegon N.V. forms part of Note 49 to the consolidated financial statements.³

Other country-by-country non-financial information was collected and reported by the tax function. This information is subject to our internal control procedures and was reviewed by subject matter experts.

This Global Tax Report is not audited by an external auditor.

4. Aegon’s tax profile

4.1 Business activities

Aegon today

Aegon is an integrated, diversified, international financial services group. We offer investment, protection, and retirement solutions, always with a clear purpose: Helping people live their best lives.

This commitment requires a sustainable, future-oriented business that actively considers all stakeholders, including our customers, employees, investors, partners, and society at large. Our roots date back almost 180 years to the first half of the 19th century. Our strategy is focused on three core markets (the United States, the Netherlands, and the United Kingdom), three growth markets (China, Brazil, and Spain & Portugal), and one global asset manager. Aegon is headquartered in The Hague, the Netherlands.

Business overview



² Integrated Annual Report 2021, Independent auditor’s report, page 286 and Integrated Annual Report 2021, Other non-financial information, Basis of preparation, page 350.

³ Integrated Annual Report 2021, Notes to the consolidated financial statements, Note 49, page 267.

Aegon allocates capital toward profitable opportunities in its core and growth markets, and through Aegon Asset Management. As an international financial services group, we share capital, talent, knowledge, processes, and technologies across our different businesses. We derive our revenues and earnings from insurance premiums, investment returns, fees, and commissions.

We offer both direct and intermediary-assisted access to our products and services. For more complex and advanced services and products requiring tailored advice, we rely on a broad network of business partners that includes brokers, agents, banks, employee benefits consultants, and independent financial advisors. For simpler types of solutions, we are growing our direct distribution capabilities to engage with customers directly.

Aegon's core markets

In the United States, Aegon operates primarily under the Transamerica brand. Through employers, Transamerica's Workplace Solutions division offers retirement plans, individual retirement accounts, voluntary employee benefits, and stable value solutions. Its Individual Solutions division offers life insurance, annuities, and mutual funds through third-party broker-dealers, banks, wire houses, independent financial planners, and agents. These products are also distributed through its affiliated retail distribution group.

In the Netherlands, Aegon mainly operates under the Aegon brand. Aegon the Netherlands focuses on life insurance, long-term savings, and pension and annuity solutions. The Workplace Solutions business focuses on new-style defined contribution pension solutions, associated disability services, and pensions administration. The company also operates a large mortgage origination business. Under the Knab brand, Aegon provides digital banking solutions with a focus on retail and self-employed customers.

In the United Kingdom, Aegon provides solutions for retirement, workplace savings, investing, and protection, all under the Aegon brand. Aegon UK accesses customers through wealth advisors as well as the workplace, and holds leading positions in the retirement and savings markets in both the workplace and retail segments.

Aegon's growth markets

In China, Aegon participates in two different joint ventures, each with its own brand and market presence. Aegon owns a 49% stake in Aegon THTF Life Insurance Company, which offers life insurance solutions through a network of branches, primarily in eastern China, and develops multi-channel distribution capabilities. Aegon Asset Management owns 49% of Aegon-Industrial Fund Management Company, a Shanghai-based asset manager that offers mutual funds, segregated accounts, and advisory services.

In Brazil, Aegon has a 55% interest in Mongeral Aegon Group (MAG Seguros), the country's third largest independent life insurer. MAG Seguros offers individual protection solutions, ranging from life insurance and pension products to solutions in investments, pension funds, and pension management. Together with Banco Cooperativo do Brasil (Bancoob), MAG Seguros also operates a joint venture company dedicated to providing life insurance and pension products within the Sicoob, Brazil's largest cooperative financial system.

In Spain & Portugal, Aegon has operated under the Aegon brand since 1980. In 2013, Aegon entered a strategic partnership with a 51% stake in a joint venture with Banco Santander to distribute life, health, and non-life insurance products through the bank's network of branches. Distribution agreements are also in place with Liberbank. Aegon Spain's own distribution channel offers life insurance, health insurance, and pension products.

One global asset manager

Aegon Asset Management is an active global investment business that manages and advises on assets of EUR 410 billion for a global client base consisting of pension plans, public funds, insurance companies (including Aegon's subsidiaries), banks, wealth managers, family offices, and foundations. Aegon Asset Management is active in our core and growth markets, as well as in France, Germany, Hungary, and Japan.

Aegon's operations in small and niche markets

Aegon operates a small number of businesses that are sub-scale or active in small or niche markets, which are managed with tight capital and with a bias to exit. They include Transamerica Life Bermuda, providing life insurance to high-net-worth individuals globally, as well as our digitally focused joint venture Aegon Life Insurance Company in India. In November 2020, Aegon announced the sale of its businesses in Hungary, Poland, Romania, and Turkey to Vienna Insurance Group AG Wiener Versicherung Gruppe (VIG). On March 23, 2022, Aegon announced the completion of the divestment of its Hungarian businesses to VIG. On April 21, 2022, Aegon also announced the completion of the divestment of its business in Turkey to VIG. The sale of Aegon's businesses in Poland and Romania are expected to be completed in the course of 2022, subject to required local regulatory approvals.

4.2 Key tax characteristics

Like all businesses, Aegon is subject to various national, federal, state, and local taxes. Many countries and/or states levy special premium taxes on insurance premiums written. Additionally, insurance companies are often subject to special rules for calculating their income. Aegon's insurance businesses are based locally, and are subject to local tax rules.

Aegon not only withholds income tax and social premiums for its employees in many countries, but also withholds such taxes and premiums on many claim payments to its policyholders worldwide. These kind of taxes and premiums are the most material amounts of tax payments Aegon makes to governments.

Finally, as a financial services provider, Value Added Tax (VAT) results in a cost for doing business as VAT is often non-refundable.

4.3 Tax regimes and incentives

The materially relevant tax regimes/incentives applicable to Aegon are:

The Dutch participation exemption: Aegon N.V. is the ultimate parent company of the Aegon Group and the Dutch participation exemption regime applies to income derived from its domestic and foreign subsidiaries. The Dutch participation exemption regime aims to eliminate economic double corporate taxation of profit distributions paid by a subsidiary to its parent company. A corporate taxpayer is exempt from Dutch corporate income tax on all benefits, such as dividends and capital gains, connected with a qualifying shareholding.

United States Low-Income Housing Tax Credits: In the United States, substantial investments are made through the government's Low-Income Housing Tax Credit (LIHTC) program, which encourages private sector investment in affordable housing for low-income families. The LIHTC program is a tax credit program and it is widely viewed as one of the most effective federal housing programs in the United States.

United States dividends-received deduction: The dividends-received deduction (DRD), under United States federal income tax law, is a tax deduction received by a corporation on the dividends it receives from other corporations in which it has an ownership stake. This deduction is designed to partially reduce the consequences of multiple levels of corporate taxation. Otherwise, corporate profits would be taxed to the corporation that earned them, then to the corporate shareholder(s), and then to the individual shareholder and/or policyholder.

4.4 Tax developments

The frequency with which new anti-abuse tax legislation is enacted has created an environment where 'change' is the new normal. This is driven by the need for governments to ensure that companies are paying their fair share of taxes and to combat perceived abuse. So far, Aegon has not been financially impacted in any material way by this kind of tax legislation as – based on our Global Tax Policy – we do not engage in tax abusive transactions.

COVID-19 tax measures have not had any material impact on Aegon. We expect that the current budget deficits in many countries may lead governments to introduce new means of raising revenues.

5. Group tax positions and taxes per country

5.1 Income tax in annual accounts

In this section we explain in detail how the income tax for the period and our deferred tax position has been calculated. This information is also part of the Integrated Annual Report 2021.

	2021	2020	2019
Current tax			
Current year	116	(105)	118
Adjustments to prior years	(5)	(205)	(14)
	111	(310)	103
Deferred tax			
Origination / (reversal) of temporary differences	190	(29)	162
Changes in tax rates / bases	(20)	9	25
Changes in deferred tax assets as a result of recognition / write off of previously not recognized / recognized tax losses, tax credits and deductible temporary differences	(5)	12	4
Non-recognition of deferred tax assets	9	7	17
Adjustments to prior years	(6)	171	(8)
	167	171	200
Income tax for the period (income) / charge	278	(139)	303

Adjustments to prior years include shifts between current and deferred tax.

	2021	2020	2019
Reconciliation between standard and effective income tax:			
Result before tax	1,979	(84)	1,828
Income tax calculated using weighted average applicable statutory tax rates	403	(29)	385
Difference due to the effects of:			
Non-taxable income	(69)	(46)	(76)
Non-tax deductible expenses	21	22	22
Changes in tax rate/base	(20)	9	25
Tax credits	(48)	(57)	(67)
Other taxes	38	(2)	57
Adjustments to prior years	(11)	(33)	(22)
Change in uncertain tax positions	(16)	-	-
Changes in deferred tax assets as a result of recognition / write off of previously not recognized / recognized tax losses, tax credits and deductible temporary differences	(5)	12	4
Non-recognition of deferred tax assets	9	7	17
Tax effect of (profit) / losses from joint ventures and associates	(18)	(17)	(11)
Other	(5)	(4)	(32)
	(125)	(110)	(82)
Income tax for the period (result) / charge	278	(139)	303

The weighted average applicable statutory tax rate for 2021 is 20.4% (2020: 34.0%, 2019: 21.1%). The weighted average applicable statutory tax rate decreased compared to 2020 due to high contribution of income before tax in the United States and relatively high income in 2021 from equity accounted joint ventures and associates - compared to the total consolidated income - which is presented net of tax in the consolidated income statement.

Non-taxable income in 2021 is comprised of the regular non-taxable items such as the DRD in the United States and the participation exemption in the Netherlands. Compared to 2020 non-taxable income increased due to more exempt income in the Netherlands and the United Kingdom.

In the Netherlands, the enacted future corporate income tax rate increased from 25% to 25.8% as from January 1, 2022 which resulted in an unfavorable tax rate impact. In the United Kingdom, the enacted future corporate income tax rate will increase from 19% to 25% as of April 1, 2023 which resulted in a beneficial tax rate impact.

Tax credits mainly include tax benefits from United States investments that provide affordable housing to individuals and families that meet median household income requirements.

Other taxes are higher compared to 2020 due to favorable equity markets which yielded higher policyholder taxes in the United Kingdom and state tax expenses in the United States due to positive income.

In 2020, 'Adjustments to prior years' mainly consist of a shift between current and deferred tax in the Netherlands due to the recalculation of the technical insurance provisions for tax purposes.

Changes in uncertain tax positions relate to a partial release of certain reassessed tax provisions in the United States and the Netherlands.

In 2019, 'Other' mainly relates to the one-off tax benefit in the United Kingdom due to the release of the historic deferred tax balances held in respect of the pension scheme deficit when the defined benefit pension scheme moved to surplus. The following tables present income tax related to components of other comprehensive income and retained earnings.

	2021	2020	2019
Items that will not be reclassified to profit and loss:			
Changes in revaluation reserve real estate held for own use	1	(2)	1
Remeasurements of defined benefit plans	(102)	140	90
	(101)	138	92
Items that may be reclassified subsequently to profit and loss:			
(Gains) / losses on revaluation of available-for-sale investments	222	(666)	(726)
(Gains) / losses transferred to the income statement on disposal and impairment of available-for-sale investments	100	2	94
Changes in cash flow hedging reserve	47	54	3
Movement in foreign currency translation and net foreign investment hedging reserve	3	(7)	(5)
	372	(616)	(634)
Total income tax related to components of other comprehensive income	270	(479)	(542)

	2021	2020	2019
Income tax related to equity instruments and other			
Income tax related to equity instruments	13	18	54
Other	3	1	(1)
Total income tax recognized directly in retained earnings	16	19	50

Deferred tax

	2021	2020
Deferred tax assets	131	101
Deferred tax liabilities	1,722	1,681
Total net deferred tax liability / (asset)	1,591	1,580

Deferred tax assets comprise temporary differences on:	2021	2020
Financial assets	(7)	13
Insurance and investment contracts	(8)	(5)
Deferred expenses, VOBA and other intangible assets	(133)	(110)
Defined benefit plans	3	-
Tax losses and credits carried forward	264	321
Other	11	118
At December 31	131	101

Deferred tax liabilities comprise temporary differences on:	2021	2020
Real estate	776	663
Financial assets	1,979	2,426
Insurance and investment contracts	(1,410)	(1,539)
Deferred expenses, VOBA and other intangible assets	1,573	1,323
Defined benefit plans	(151)	(206)
Tax losses and credits carried forward	(754)	(502)
Other	(291)	(484)
At December 31	1,722	1,681

The following table provides a movement schedule of net deferred tax broken-down by those items for which a deferred tax asset or liability has been recognized.

	Real estate	Financial assets	Insurance and investment contracts	Deferred expenses, VOBA and other intangible assets	Defined benefit plans	Tax losses and credits carried forward	Other	Total
At January 1, 2021	663	2,413	(1,533)	1,433	(206)	(823)	(366)	1,580
Charged to income statement	113	(206)	217	162	(32)	(140)	54	167
Charged to OCI	(1)	(359)	-	-	100	-	(1)	(261)
Net exchange differences	1	167	(86)	112	(15)	(56)	(20)	103
Transfer (to)/from current income tax	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	2
Transfer (to) /from other headings	-	(29)	-	-	-	(1)	30	-
At December 31, 2021	776	1,986	(1,402)	1,706	(154)	(1,018)	(303)	1,591
At January 1, 2020	644	1,641	(1,470)	1,774	(256)	(734)	(397)	1,203
Acquisitions / Additions	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	2
Charged to income statement	20	379	(102)	(213)	169	(13)	(67)	171
Charged to OCI	2	597	-	-	(140)	-	4	464
Net exchange differences	(3)	(204)	105	(130)	21	56	27	(128)
Transfer (to)/from current income tax	-	-	-	-	-	(132)	-	(132)
Transfer (to)/from other headings	-	-	(66)	-	-	-	66	-
At December 31, 2020	663	2,413	(1,533)	1,433	(206)	(823)	(366)	1,580

Transfer to/from current income tax relates to the deferred tax asset for the loss carry forward position of the Dutch fiscal unit.

Deferred tax assets are recognized for tax losses and credits carried forward to the extent that the realization of the related tax benefit through future taxable profits is probable. For an amount of gross EUR 1,247 million; an amount of tax EUR 301 million related to tax losses carried forward (2020: gross EUR 1,346 million; tax EUR 230 million) and an amount of tax EUR 491 million related to tax credits carried forward (2020; tax EUR 405 million) the realization of the deferred tax asset is dependent on the projection of future taxable profits.

For the following amounts, arranged by loss carry forward periods, the deferred tax asset is not recognized:

	Gross amounts ¹⁾		Not recognized deferred tax assets	
	2021	2020	2021	2020
< 5 years	62	71	15	18
≥ 5 – 10 years	24	12	4	4
≥ 10 – 15 years	-	18	55	57
≥ 15 – 20 years	-	4	-	-
Indefinitely	598	514	151	114
At December 31	684	619	224	192

¹⁾ The gross value of state tax loss carry forward is not summarized in the disclosure, due to the fact that the United States files in different state jurisdictions with various applicable tax rates and apportionment rules.

Deferred tax assets in respect of deductible temporary differences are recognized to the extent that the realization of the related tax benefit through future taxable profits is probable. For an amount of gross EUR 32 million; tax EUR 8 million (2020: gross EUR 31 million; tax EUR 5 million) the realization of the deferred tax asset is dependent on future taxable profits in excess of the profits arising from the reversal of existing taxable temporary differences.

Aegon did not recognize deferred tax assets in respect of deductible temporary differences relating to Financial assets and Other items for the amount of gross EUR 30 million; tax EUR 6 million (2020: gross EUR 20 million; tax EUR 4 million). Deferred tax liabilities have not been recognized for withholding tax and other taxes that would be payable on the unremitted earnings of certain subsidiaries. The unremitted earnings totaled gross EUR 1,770 million; tax EUR 455 million (2020: gross EUR 1,769 million; tax EUR 441 million calculated at the enacted rates).

Deferred taxes are non-current by nature and the majority of the deferred tax assets and liabilities will therefore reverse after more than one year after the balance sheet date.

5.2 Country-by-country information

Region and country	Unrelated party revenue	Related party revenue	Profit (loss) before income tax	Income tax paid (on cash basis)	Income tax accrued - Current year	Number of employees	Tangible assets other than cash and cash equivalents	Effective tax rate
Europe								
• The Netherlands	3,406.6	68.4	330.2	(76.5)	87.9	4,267	145.8	25.8%
• United Kingdom	16,174.0	58.3	85.4	10.4	14.7	2,855	124.4	6.0%
• Jersey	2.1							
• Ireland	11.5		9.4	1.1	1.2			12.5%
• Germany		2.4	0.1	0.1		6		0.0%
• Spain	201.2	0.9	(23.2)	0.1	0.2	479	8.9	(5.6%)
• Hungary	438.2	10.9	34.9	1.0	3.7	1,075	29.3	8.4%
• Poland	88.7		(9.0)	1.6	1.8	180	1.3	13.7%
• Romania	46.9		7.8			128	0.6	17.0%
• Turkey	361.3		10.3			1,308	2.1	0.0%
Europe total	20,730.4	140.9	446.1	(62.2)	109.5	10,298	312.5	4.6%
Americas								
• United States	32,115.4	84.0	1,041.1	32.9	(17.6)	7,383	333.8	11.4%
• Canada	110.3	155.0	35.5	8.4	9.2	58	0.9	21.5%
• Brazil								34.0%
• Mexico	0.5		0.5					0.0%
• Puerto Rico	0.6		(0.1)					0.0%
• Bermuda	0.2	0.3	(3.6)					0.0%
• Cayman Islands								
Americas total	32,227.0	239.3	1,073.5	41.3	(8.4)	7,441	334.7	11.7%
Asia								
• Hong Kong	226.4	11.5	13.5		14.9	206	4.8	73.8%
• Singapore	235.1		71.9			25	1.1	(1.1%)
• India	0.4		(0.4)			4		0.0%
• Japan	0.1	0.7			(0.1)			(163.6%)
• Indonesia	1.5		(1.0)			27	0.2	0.0%
• Thailand	0.1		(1.5)			17	0.1	0.0%
• Australia	2.4		(0.2)			25	0.5	0.0%
• China								
Asia total	466.1	12.2	82.3	0.0	14.9	304	6.7	21.7%
Total	53,423.4	392.4	1,601.8	(20.8)	116.0	18,043	653.9	

- Reference to presentation of the financial data in this table:
 - All amounts are in EUR million, except for number of employees
 - 'Blank' represents "amounts are less than EUR 50,000" or "not applicable"
 - Amounts may not add up due to rounding
- The following data as included in the table above reconciles with the data stated in the consolidated financial statements of the Integrated Annual Report 2021 as specified below:
 - Unrelated party revenue reconciles with "Total income" as presented in the Consolidated income statement of Aegon N.V. (page 119 of the Integrated Annual Report 2021).
 - Profit/(loss) before income tax reconciles with income before share in profit / (loss) of joint ventures, associates and tax as presented in the Consolidated income statement of Aegon N.V. (page 119 of the Integrated Annual Report 2021).
 - Income tax paid on cash basis reconciles with Income tax (paid) / received as included in the Consolidated cash flow statement of Aegon N.V. (page 125 of the Integrated Annual Report 2021).
 - Income tax accrued reconciles with the income tax accrued as presented in Note 18 of the Integrated Annual Report 2021.
 - Tangible assets other than cash and cash equivalents reconcile with the amounts included in 'Real estate held for own use and equipment' of EUR 455 million and 'Right-of-use assets' of EUR 199 million (in total EUR 654 million) as presented in Note 28 of the Integrated Annual Report 2021.
 - Employees reconcile with the number included in note 5, page 184. We note that Aegon's share of employees in joint ventures and associates is excluded in this number.
- Income tax paid: There is often no direct correlation between tax reported on earnings for any given year and tax amounts paid or received. Part of the explanation for this is that certain tax-deductible items are not recognized in the Company's profit & loss statement but directly in equity. Additionally, payments and refunds for prior years can impact the amounts paid or received in the current year. The United States corporate income tax refund is related to refundable minimum tax credits generated in prior years. Furthermore, the 2020 United States tax liability will be satisfied entirely by losses carryforwards and tax credits, including LIHTC.
- Number of employees: Generally, in jurisdictions that do not show employee numbers no local personnel is required, as local entities are dormant or local activities concern closed down activities and/or closed books of business.
- Effective tax rate is calculated per country taking into account exempt income, non-deductible items, use of tax credits and/or tax losses, changes in recognition of deferred tax assets and any other adjustments to the statutory rate. The main items determining the effective tax rate on a consolidated basis are originated from the United States, the United Kingdom and the Netherlands (see paragraph 5.1 of this report for more details). No effective tax rate has been reported, if a country has no taxation amount.
- Bermuda: Aegon has a number of (re-)insurance companies incorporated under Bermuda law. Income of these companies is reported in and subject to tax in Hong Kong, Singapore, the United States or the Netherlands.
- Cayman Islands: All entities were established as part of canceled fund/investment platform initiatives and have remained dormant since their establishment. These entities are dissolved or in the process of being dissolved.
- Jersey: The activity relates to the interest of a General Partner in an investment fund. The assets of the fund were sold in 2021 and the General Partner is planned to be dissolved.

5.3 Main markets and principal subsidiaries

The table below provides additional information on principal subsidiaries and the nature of the main activities of these subsidiaries. The overview of principal subsidiaries is also part of the Integrated Annual Report 2021.

United States	Main activity/activities
Transamerica Corporation, Wilmington, Delaware (United States)	Intermediate holding
Transamerica Casualty Insurance Company, Cedar Rapids, Iowa (United States)	Insurance
Transamerica Financial Life Insurance Company, Harrison, New York (United States)	Insurance
Transamerica Life Insurance Company, Cedar Rapids, Iowa (United States)	Insurance
The Netherlands	
Aegon N.V.	Holding / Internal Group Finance / Support services
Aegon Bank N.V., The Hague	Regulated financial services
Aegon Cappital B.V., Groningen	Regulated financial services
Aegon Hypotheken B.V., The Hague	Regulated financial services
Aegon Levensverzekering N.V., The Hague	Insurance
Aegon Schadeverzekering N.V., The Hague	Insurance
Aegon Spaarkas N.V., The Hague	Insurance
Nedasco B.V., Amersfoort	Regulated financial services
Robidus Groep B.V., Zaandam	Intermediate holding for income protection service activities
TKP Pensioen B.V., Groningen	Provision of services
United Kingdom	
Aegon Investment Solutions Ltd., Edinburgh	Regulated financial services
Aegon Investments Ltd., London	Regulated financial services
Scottish Equitable plc, Edinburgh	Insurance
Cofunds Limited, London	Regulated financial services
International	
AEGON Magyarország Általános Biztosító Zártkörűen Működő Részvénytársaság, Budapest	Insurance
AEGON Towarzystwo Ubezpieczeń na Życie Spółka Akcyjna, Warsaw	Insurance
AEGON Powszechne Towarzystwo Emerytalne Spółka Akcyjna, Warsaw	Regulated financial services
AEGON Emeklilik ve Hayat A.S., Istanbul	Insurance
AEGON PENSII - Societate de Administrare a Fondurilor de Pensii Private S.A., Cluj	Regulated financial services
AEGON España, S.A.U. de Seguros y Reaseguros, Madrid	Insurance
Transamerica Life (Bermuda) Ltd., Hamilton (Bermuda)	Insurance
Asset Management	
Aegon USA Investment Management, LLC, Cedar Rapids (United States)	Regulated financial services
Aegon USA Realty Advisors, LLC, Des Moines (United States)	Regulated financial services
Aegon Asset Management Holding B.V., The Hague	Intermediate holding / Support services
Aegon Investment Management B.V, The Hague	Regulated financial services
Aegon Asset Management UK plc, Edinburgh	Regulated financial services
AEGON Magyarország Befektetési Alapkezelő Zártkörűen Működő Részvénytársaság, Budapest	Regulated financial services

The legally required list of participations as set forth in articles 379 and 414 of Book 2 of the Dutch Civil Code has been registered with Trade Register in The Hague.

5.4 Tax contribution per country

In the table below we provide details of our total tax contribution by region over 2021. Taxes borne are a cost of business and affect our financial results. Taxes collected are not a direct cost of business but are collected on behalf of governments from others. The reported numbers are on cash payment or accrual basis. In the following table we provide additional information on our tax contributions for each jurisdiction in which Aegon operates.

in EUR million	Taxes borne by Aegon	Taxes collected on behalf of others	Total taxes borne by Aegon and collected on behalf of others
• Americas	213	1,233	1,446
• The Netherlands	(6) ¹	828	822
• United Kingdom	103	305	408
• Asia	1	1	2
• Others	70	43	114
Total	381	2,411	2,791

¹ Negative amount is caused by refund of earlier payments.

Region and country	Corporate income tax	Irrecoverable VAT/GST	Insurance premium tax	Taxes withheld and paid on behalf of employees	Taxes collected from customers on behalf of a tax authority	Other	Total
Europe							
• The Netherlands	(74.7)	68.2	53.4	166.1	559.6	49.1	821.7
• United Kingdom	(3.5)	48.5	0.8	83.0	210.1	68.0	406.9
• Ireland	1.2						1.2
• Germany	0.1			0.5			0.6
• Spain		3.9	0.3	12.2	2.8	2.5	21.8
• Hungary	1.3	6.8	35.5	10.4		14.4	68.5
• Poland	1.8	0.5		3.3	1.1	1.3	7.9
• Romania		0.2		2.4		1.9	4.5
• Turkey		0.4		8.0	0.8	0.7	9.9
Europe total	(73.8)	128.6	90.0	285.8	774.4	137.9	1,343.0
Americas							
• United States	46.8	(2.0)	86.2	246.1	1,034.6	23.8	1,435.4
• Canada	8.4			1.1		0.1	9.5
• Brazil	0.1						0.1
• Mexico							
• Puerto Rico			1.0				1.0
• Bermuda				0.1			0.1
• Cayman Islands							
Americas total	55.2	(2.0)	87.2	247.3	1,034.6	23.9	1,446.1
Asia							
• Hong Kong							
• Singapore							
• India							
• Japan	0.1			0.2			0.3
• Indonesia		0.6		0.3			0.9
• Thailand				0.2			0.2
• Australia		0.2		0.5			0.7
• China							
Asia total	0.1	0.8		1.1			2.1
Total	(18.4)	127.4	177.2	534.2	1,808.9	161.8	2,791.1

• This table provides additional information on a country-by-country basis and is based on the same IFRS data as published in the Integrated Annual Report 2021. We note the following:

- Reference to presentation of the financial data in this table:
 - All amounts are in EUR million
 - "Blank" represents "amounts are less than EUR 50,000" or "not applicable"
 - Amounts may not add up due to rounding
- Insurance premium tax: insurance premium tax born and collected have been combined in this table.
- Taxes collected from customers: this includes wage taxes reported to policyholders and withholding taxes (US Form 1099 related to pension, life, and annuity along with an other non-wage related type products/services).

6. Disclaimer

Forward-looking statements

The statements contained in this document that are not historical facts are forward-looking statements as defined in the US Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. The following are words that identify such forward-looking statements: aim, believe, estimate, target, intend, may, expect, anticipate, predict, project, counting on, plan, continue, want, forecast, goal, should, would, could, is confident, will, and similar expressions as they relate to Aegon. These statements are not guarantees of future performance and involve risks, uncertainties and assumptions that are difficult to predict. Aegon undertakes no obligation to publicly update or revise any forward-looking statements. Readers are cautioned not to place undue reliance on these forward-looking statements, which merely reflect company expectations at the time of writing. Actual results may differ materially from expectations conveyed in forward-looking statements due to changes caused by various risks and uncertainties. Such risks and uncertainties include but are not limited to the following:

- ♦ Changes in general economic and/or governmental conditions, particularly in the United States, the Netherlands and the United Kingdom;
- ♦ Changes in the performance of financial markets, including emerging markets, such as with regard to:
 - The frequency and severity of defaults by issuers in Aegon's fixed income investment portfolios;
 - The effects of corporate bankruptcies and/or accounting restatements on the financial markets and the resulting decline in the value of equity and debt securities Aegon holds; and
 - The effects of declining creditworthiness of certain public sector securities and the resulting decline in the value of government exposure that Aegon holds;
- ♦ Changes in the performance of Aegon's investment portfolio and decline in ratings of Aegon's counterparties;
- ♦ Lowering of one or more of Aegon's debt ratings issued by recognized rating organizations and the adverse impact such action may have on Aegon's ability to raise capital and on its liquidity and financial condition;
- ♦ Lowering of one or more of insurer financial strength ratings of Aegon's insurance subsidiaries and the adverse impact such action may have on the written premium, policy retention, profitability and liquidity of its insurance subsidiaries;
- ♦ The effect of the European Union's Solvency II requirements and other regulations in other jurisdictions affecting the capital Aegon is required to maintain;
- ♦ Changes affecting interest rate levels and continuing low or rapidly changing interest rate levels;
- ♦ Changes affecting currency exchange rates, in particular the EUR/USD and EUR/GBP exchange rates;
- ♦ Changes in the availability of, and costs associated with, liquidity sources such as bank and capital markets funding, as well as conditions in the credit markets in general such as changes in borrower and counterparty creditworthiness;
- ♦ Increasing levels of competition in the United States, the Netherlands, the United Kingdom and emerging markets;
- ♦ Catastrophic events, either manmade or by nature, including by way of example acts of God, acts of terrorism, acts of war and pandemics, could result in material losses and significantly interrupt Aegon's business;
- ♦ The frequency and severity of insured loss events;
- ♦ Changes affecting longevity, mortality, morbidity, persistence and other factors that may impact the profitability of Aegon's insurance products;
- ♦ Aegon's projected results are highly sensitive to complex mathematical models of financial markets, mortality, longevity, and other dynamic systems subject to shocks and unpredictable volatility. Should assumptions to these models later prove incorrect, or should errors in those models escape the controls in place to detect them, future performance will vary from projected results;
- ♦ Reinsurers to whom Aegon has ceded significant underwriting risks may fail to meet their obligations;
- ♦ Changes in customer behavior and public opinion in general related to, among other things, the type of products Aegon sells, including legal, regulatory or commercial necessity to meet changing customer expectations;
- ♦ Customer responsiveness to both new products and distribution channels;
- ♦ As Aegon's operations support complex transactions and are highly dependent on the proper functioning of information technology, operational risks such as system disruptions or failures, security or data privacy breaches, cyberattacks, human error, failure to safeguard personally identifiable information, changes in operational practices or inadequate controls including with respect to third parties with which we do business may disrupt Aegon's business, damage its reputation and adversely affect its results of operations, financial condition and cash flows;
- ♦ The impact of acquisitions and divestitures, restructurings, product withdrawals and other unusual items, including Aegon's ability to integrate acquisitions and to obtain the anticipated results and synergies from acquisitions;
- ♦ Aegon's failure to achieve anticipated levels of earnings or operational efficiencies, as well as other management initiatives related to cost savings, cash capital at Holding, gross financial leverage and free cash flow;
- ♦ Changes in the policies of central banks and/or governments;
- ♦ Litigation or regulatory action that could require Aegon to pay significant damages or change the way Aegon does business;
- ♦ Competitive, legal, regulatory, or tax changes that affect profitability, the distribution cost of or demand for Aegon's products;
- ♦ Consequences of an actual or potential break-up of the European monetary union in whole or in part, or the exit of the United Kingdom from the European Union and potential consequences if other European Union countries leave the European Union;
- ♦ Changes in laws and regulations, particularly those affecting Aegon's operations' ability to hire and retain key personnel, taxation of Aegon companies, the products Aegon sells, and the attractiveness of certain products to its consumers;
- ♦ Regulatory changes relating to the pensions, investment, and insurance industries in the jurisdictions in which Aegon operates;
- ♦ Standard setting initiatives of supranational standard setting bodies such as the Financial Stability Board and the International Association of Insurance Supervisors or changes to such standards that may have an impact on regional (such as EU), national or US federal or state level financial regulation or the application thereof to Aegon, including the designation of Aegon by the Financial Stability Board as a Global Systemically Important Insurer (G-SII); and
- ♦ Changes in accounting regulations and policies or a change by Aegon in applying such regulations and policies, voluntarily or otherwise, which may affect Aegon's reported results, shareholders' equity or regulatory capital adequacy levels.

Further details of potential risks and uncertainties affecting Aegon are described in its filings with the Netherlands Authority for the Financial Markets and the US Securities and Exchange Commission, including the Annual Report. These forward-looking statements speak only as of the date of this document. Except as required by any applicable law or regulation, Aegon expressly disclaims any obligation or undertaking to release publicly any updates or revisions to any forward-looking statements contained herein to reflect any change in Aegon's expectations with regard thereto or any change in events, conditions or circumstances on which any such statement is based.

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