

CrelanCo's general meeting highlights a committed, forward-looking cooperative model focused on society

CrelanCo's members gathered on Thursday 30 April for their annual general meeting. Far more than a statutory appointment, this meeting illustrated what makes Crelan strong: a cooperative model built on closeness, democratic participation and a tangible commitment in service of society.

Crelan, a cooperative bank close to people and the real economy

A cooperative bank deeply rooted in Belgium and supported by a network of independent agents, Crelan focuses its activities on what matters most: turning local savings into funding that benefits families, self-employed professionals, SMEs, entrepreneurs and Belgian farmers.

In 2025, this mission was reflected in the granting of €8.1 billion in new loans, including €2.07 billion allocated to self-employed professionals, SMEs and the agricultural sector.

At Crelan, our members have a voice

Members can fully exercise their role during the general meeting, the true beating heart of cooperative democracy.

This key moment gives them the opportunity to ask questions, vote and engage directly with the bank's leadership.

CrelanCo welcomed 12,000 new members in 2025, confirming the appeal and relevance of Crelan's cooperative model.

Strong results, a growing cooperative and a confirmed dividend

From a statutory perspective, the general meeting approved the accounts for the 2025 financial year, along with the allocation of the results. The distribution of a 4.25% dividend, representing a total amount of €51.1 million, was also approved by the general meeting. At the end of 2025, CrelanCo had 309,001 members, representing net growth of 12,000 members over one year. Cooperative capital also recorded significant growth, with an additional €140 million, demonstrating the lasting confidence placed in the bank.

Cooperating also means committing to society

The general meeting also highlighted the social dimension of Crelan's cooperative model. The bank supports impact-driven projects led by its members in three key areas: social inclusion, education and the environment.

Throughout the year, Crelan notably supports ClassContact and Bednet, two organisations that enable children and teenagers with illnesses to stay connected to their school and

friends. The Crelan Chairs at Ghent University and University of Liège – Gembloux Agro-Bio Tech — dedicated to the sustainable transition of the agricultural sector – also benefit from the support of the cooperative bank.

A model more relevant than ever

In an uncertain economic climate, the general meeting also reminded attendees how Crelan's cooperative model remains more relevant and necessary than ever: a stable and solid bank, locally rooted, with branches close to its customers and fully aware of its role in society.

About Crelan Group

The financial group ranks fifth among Belgian retail banks in terms of total assets. The Crelan group is represented by two bank brands: Crelan and Europabank. At 31 December 2025, the Crelan group had: 4179 employees (including staff members, independent bank agents, and their employees), 612 branches, 309,001 cooperative shareholders, 1.7 million customers, and €57 billion in total assets. In addition, the banking group manages €45.2 billion in customer deposits, €18.3 billion in off-balance sheet investments, and supports Belgian households and businesses with €51.3 billion in loans.

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