**2024 – NETSPAR THEME GRANT**

ANNEX III – OUTPUT COMMITMENTS

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| Project Title |  |
| Project Leader |  |

*In the table below, please indicate the intended deliverables of the project in terms of research output, knowledge exchange, and human capital development. The first column of the table provides an indication of common output targets based on previous Netspar Theme Grant projects. Please note that these are not strict criteria, although the indicated output commitments do play a role in the selection process – taking into account differences in standards across academic disciplines. In general, Netspar partners from the pension and insurance industry appreciate industry papers and ‘other output’ in particular, and specific information on these intended deliverables is appreciated. Please feel free to add a brief motivation for your choice of output commitments below the table, and/or to adjust the mix of output categories (including specifying ‘other’ forms of output).*

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|  | **Average target for 3 years**  | **Commitments per year** |
| 2025 | 2026 | 2027 |
| **Research & knowledge exchange** |  |
| Number of academic papers | 5 |  |  |  |
| Number of industry papers | 4 |  |  |  |
| Other output: e.g., podcasts, videos, presentations at Netspar events | Expected commitment: 5-7 over the project's course |
|  **Human capital development** |  |
| Hours of MSc Lectures courses (Netspar-related) & executive education (Netspar-related) | 20-30 hrs |  |  |  |
| Number of supervised MSc theses | 5-8 |  |  |  |
| Number of supervised PhD theses | 1-3 |  |  |  |

*Motivation for output commitments (optional):*

**DESCRIPTION OF PROJECT OUTPUT CATEGORIES**

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| **Research & knowledge exchange** |
| [Academic papers](https://www.netspar.nl/publicaties/ty%3Dacademic-paper) | Netspar academic papers are working papers aimed at subsequent publication in an academic journal and are included in the Netspar academic paper series on our website, which can also include links to already published papers. |
| [Industry papers](https://www.netspar.nl/publicaties/ty%3Dindustry-paper) | Netspar industry papers are working papers that are aimed at an audience of professionals from the pension and insurance industry and are reviewed by the Netspar [Editorial Board](https://www.netspar.nl/en/about-netspar/organization/netspar-center/). They are thus written for a more general audience and contain contents that are more directly applicable in practice compared to academic papers. Industry papers are accompanied by a one-page summary of the main takeaways (‘one-pager’; supplied by Netspar for approval by the Theme Grant researchers). Industry papers can present new research results, but can also discuss the design of a component of a pension system or product, or provide a broadly accessible survey of the literature on a topic related to the Netspar Knowledge Agenda – with a focus on the policy implications. Board briefs are a particular type of industry paper initiated by Netspar and intended to help board members in the pension and insurance industry with decisions regarding the implementation of the new Dutch pension system and other relevant issues. Each Netspar industry paper is expected to be presented in a short online after-lunch webinar for an audience of academics and industry professionals. |
| Other output: e.g., podcasts, videos, presentations at Netspar events | Netspar Theme Grant researchers are expected to actively contribute to knowledge exchange with the pension and insurance industry (beyond the after-lunch webinars for industry papers). For example, Netspar regularly distributes podcasts and (short) videos by researchers affiliated with Netspar through its website and/or social media to disseminate academic insights to industry professionals. Netspar Theme Grant researchers may also be approached with the request to present their research findings at other Netspar events or at specific Netspar partners. The expected output commitment in this category is 5-7 cases of such output over the course of the project. Note that Netspar takes care of the organisation of events, podcast or video recordings, etc. |
| **Human capital development** |
| MSc Lectures  | Universities offer various courses that add value to students’ understanding regarding the Netspar knowledge agenda. As an example, Netspar and Tilburg University offer a Pensions, Aging and Retirement (Netspar) track in four Master programs: Finance, Economics, Econometrics and Mathematical Economics, and Quantitative Finance and Actuarial Science. It would be appreciated if the Netspar Theme Grant project is connected to existing MSc programmes through education related to the Netspar knowledge agenda at the universities of the Theme Grant researchers. |
| Graduate education (e.g., Netspar TIAS Academy) | Several universities and business schools in the Netherlands offer executive education related to the Netspar knowledge agenda. One example is the collaboration between Netspar and TIAS in the “Netspar Masterclass Pension Innovation” programme. Contributions to such executive education programs are appreciated and Theme Grant researchers may be approached with the request to contribute to the TIAS programme. |
| Supervised MSc theses  | The supervision of MSc theses related to the Netspar knowledge agenda is appreciated. |
| Supervised PhD theses | PhD theses often form an integral part of Netspar Theme Grant projects. PhD theses are published on the Netspar website. Theme Grant project leaders regularly involve other PhD students not directly funded by the Theme Grant in the overall project. |