

Summary of ING's Deed on Admissibility

June 2026

This document summarises ING's submissions as set out in its "Deed on Admissibility Pursuant to Sections 1018C(5), 1018E, 1018F and 1018G of the Code of Civil Procedure" filed with the Dutch court today. This summary is not an official legal document and is for information purposes only. It cannot be regarded as a complete or authoritative source. For the full text of ING's position, please refer to the full text of the Admissibility Deed available on our website.

1. Introduction and context

- The court handling the case of Milieudéfensie against ING has decided to assess in a separate phase whether Milieudéfensie's case is admissible.
- Our Admissibility Deed responds to a submission by Milieudéfensie on 27 May 2026.
- In this phase the court only looks at whether Milieudéfensie is allowed to bring the case to court in the first place. No opinion will be given on the content of Milieudéfensie's claims.
- This document summarises ING's arguments on the admissibility of the case. These arguments were already included in ING's Statement of Defense (17 February 2026).

2. ING argues that Milieudéfensie's claims should be declared inadmissible

- ING has two points where we believe Milieudéfensie does not meet the requirements for admissibility. Both points are related to the nature of this court case, which is a public interest action.
- Firstly, the claims of Milieudéfensie – if granted – cannot benefit the people and public interest that Milieudéfensie argues they represent. This is mainly because the claims will not lead to a reduction in real-world emissions and therefore cannot contribute to tackling climate change.
- Secondly, Milieudéfensie does not accurately and fully inform the public about the nature of the proceedings, the claims, and their impact on those involved. Milieudéfensie's website contains incorrect and incomplete information about ING and about the impact of its claims on ING's customers and clients.
- ING therefore maintains its position that Milieudéfensie's claim is inadmissible. ING is awaiting the court's decision.