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**SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

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**FORM 6-K**

**Report of Foreign Private Issuer**

**Pursuant to Rule 13a-16 or 15d-16**

**of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934**

**For 24 October, 2017**

**Commission File Number 1-14642**

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This Report contains a copy of the following:

The Press Release issued on 24 October, 2017

## **EXHIBIT 99.1**

### **ING expands instant lending to SMEs in France and Italy**

ING announced today it has started to offer online lending to small and medium enterprises (SMEs) in France and Italy. The proposition fits ING's strategy to grow its lending business to SMEs and creating a differentiating customer experience. The offering has been developed in a unique collaboration with suppliers and fintechs, including Kabbage, the fintech ING is already offering instant lending with to SMEs in Spain since 2016. ING invested in Kabbage late 2015.

The service will be offered as one identical digital solution on the ING website in both France and Italy. While ING manages the entire process, the bank works with multiple partners combining specialist capabilities. This reflects the way ING believes collaboration should look: select the specialists that can help you develop the solution the customer is really waiting for. Next to Kabbage, these fintechs are, among others, VI Company for the digital on-boarding and InfoCert for the E-signature. ING itself is, besides managing the whole process, taking care of the initiation of the loan and holds the loan on its balance sheet.

Benoit Legrand, global head of Fintech commented: "We're happy to expand the instant lending offering for SME customers to more countries across Europe. This way we're able to empower a new segment of customers in France and Italy. The service offers great advantage for customers who want to concentrate on running their businesses and don't want to spend too much time on managing their finances. In a paperless and digital process, clients can get approval for a loan up to EUR 100,000 within 10 minutes. It's a fully transparent and flexible product: for example, the maximum limit can be taken in different loans. This solution illustrates how ING is using the numerous opportunities the digital revolution offers to help people to stay a step ahead in life and in business."

#### **Note for editors**

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## **ING PROFILE**

ING is a global financial institution with a strong European base, offering banking services through its operating company ING Bank. The purpose of ING Bank is empowering people to stay a step ahead in life and in business. ING Bank's more than 51,000 employees offer retail and wholesale banking services to customers in over 40 countries.

ING Group shares are listed on the exchanges of Amsterdam (INGA AS, INGA.AS), Brussels and on the New York Stock Exchange (ADRs: ING US, ING.N).

Sustainability forms an integral part of ING's strategy, which is evidenced by the number one position among 395 banks ranked by Sustainalytics. ING Group shares are being included in the FTSE4Good index and in the Dow Jones Sustainability Index (Europe and World) where ING is among the leaders in the Banks industry group.

## **IMPORTANT LEGAL INFORMATION**

Elements of this press release contain or may contain information about ING Groep N.V. and/ or ING Bank N.V. within the meaning of Article 7(1) to (4) of EU Regulation No 596/ 2014.

Projects may be subject to regulatory approvals.

Certain of the statements contained herein are not historical facts, including, without limitation, certain statements made of future expectations and other forward-looking statements that are based on management's current views and assumptions and involve known and unknown risks and uncertainties that could cause actual results, performance or events to differ materially from those expressed or implied in such statements. Actual results, performance or events may differ materially from those in such statements due to a number of factors, including, without limitation:

(1) changes in general economic conditions, in particular economic conditions in ING's core markets, (2) changes in performance of financial markets, including developing markets, (3) potential consequences of European Union countries leaving the European Union or a break-up of the

euro, (4) changes in the availability of, and costs associated with, sources of liquidity such as interbank funding, as well as conditions in the credit and capital markets generally, including changes in borrower and counterparty creditworthiness, (5) changes affecting interest rate levels, (6) changes affecting currency exchange rates, (7) changes in investor and customer behaviour, (8) changes in general competitive factors, (9) changes in laws and regulations and the interpretation and application thereof, (10) geopolitical risks and policies and actions of governmental and regulatory authorities, (11) changes in standards and interpretations under International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS) and the application thereof, (12) conclusions with regard to purchase accounting assumptions and methodologies, and other changes in accounting assumptions and methodologies including changes in valuation of issued securities and credit market exposure, (13) changes in ownership that could affect the future availability to us of net operating loss, net capital and built-in loss carry forwards, (14) changes in credit ratings, (15) the outcome of current and future legal and regulatory proceedings, (16) ING's ability to achieve its strategy, including projected operational synergies and cost-saving programmes and (17) the other risks and uncertainties detailed in the most recent annual report of ING Groep N.V. (including the Risk Factors contained therein) and ING's more recent disclosures, including press releases, which are available on [www.ING.com](http://www.ING.com). Many of those factors are beyond ING's control.

Any forward looking statements made by or on behalf of ING speak only as of the date they are made, and ING assumes no obligation to publicly update or revise any forward-looking statements, whether as a result of new information or for any other reason.

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**SIGNATURE**

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized.

ING Groep N.V.  
(Registrant)

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