

ING GROEP NV  
Form 6-K  
May 27, 2004

**SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**  
**Washington, DC 20549**

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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 May 27, 2004

**ING Groep N.V.**  
Amstelveenseweg 500  
1081-KL Amsterdam  
The Netherlands

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant files or will file annual reports under cover of Form 20-F or Form 40-F.

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Yes \_\_\_\_\_                      No   X  

If Yes is marked, indicate below the file number assigned to the registrant in connection with Rule 12g3-2(b):

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This Report contains a copy of the following:

- (1) The Press Release issued on May 27, 2004

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# Ewald Kist receives royal decoration on retirement

Ewald Kist, retiring chairman of the Executive Board of ING Group, was last night appointed Officer in the Order of Orange-Nassau by her Majesty Queen Beatrix.

Mr. Kist was awarded this royal decoration for his substantial merits to the financial industry, both in the Netherlands and abroad, and for contributing to ING's international expansion as well as his strong commitment to corporate governance, corporate social responsibility and diversity.

The Minister of Finance of the Netherlands, Mr. Gerrit Zalm, presented the decoration to Ewald Kist in The Hague this afternoon on the occasion of his retirement.

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Note to editor: Photographs of the event are available upon request.

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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)

By: /s/ H. van Barneveld

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H. van Barneveld  
General Manager Corporate Control & Finance

By: /s/ C.F. Drabbe

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C.F. Drabbe  
Assistant General Counsel

Dated: May 27, 2004

