



## **PLEDGE**

### **We, Van Oers United, pledge to support the Betaalme.nu initiative.**

Small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs) are a crucial component of the Dutch economy. Healthy SMEs invest and expand, which generates employment and stimulates broad economic growth. And as suppliers of goods and services to large corporations, SMEs are a vital link in many supply chains.

In order to flourish and grow, SMEs need sufficient liquidity. Yet many of them struggle with balancing their cash-flow, largely due to cash being tied up in invoices for products and services awaiting payment. This lack of liquidity threatens the survival of SME's, leaving them vulnerable and hindering future growth.

Betaalme.nu is an initiative that aims to ease SME suppliers' access to reasonably-priced liquidity. This can support their growth ambitions and ability to create jobs, strengthening the stability of supply chains – benefiting the Dutch economy as a whole.

Corporations can contribute by approving SME suppliers' invoices more quickly or offering the option of fast and favorable financing by third parties.

SMEs, for their part, might have to review their invoicing processes to accelerate fast approval and take action to gain access to vital financing programs offered by their corporate clients. Betaalme.nu is working to educate SMEs.

### **Our company will translate our support for Betaalme.nu into the following actions:**

Van Oers United will grant all our current and future suppliers payment terms of 30 days and will consider ways from time to time to further shorten the payment terms.

### **We will monitor our progress and report our contribution to Betaalme.nu.**