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**Identification of the UniCredit, Intesa Sanpaolo, Banco BPM and Monte dei Paschi di Siena banking groups as other systemically important institutions authorized to operate in Italy**

The Bank of Italy has identified the UniCredit, Intesa Sanpaolo, Banco BPM and Monte dei Paschi di Siena banking groups as other systemically important institutions (O-SIIs) authorized to operate in Italy in 2018.

Following the merger between Banco Popolare and Banca Popolare di Milano, the new banking group Banco BPM has been identified as an O-SII for 2018. As O-SIIs, the four groups will have to maintain a capital buffer of 1.00, 0.75, 0.25 and 0.25 per cent, respectively, of their total risk exposure, to be achieved according to the transitional periods shown in Table 1.

**Table 1**

**Transitional period applicable to the O-SII buffers**  
(per cent)

<b>Banking group</b>	<b>From 1 Jan. 2018</b>	<b>From 1 Jan. 2019</b>	<b>From 1 Jan. 2020</b>	<b>From 1 Jan. 2021</b>	<b>From 1 Jan. 2022</b>
UniCredit Group SpA	0.25	0.50	0.75	1.00	1.00
Gruppo Intesa Sanpaolo	0.19	0.38	0.56	0.75	0.75
Gruppo Banco BPM	0.00	0.06	0.13	0.19	0.25
Gruppo Monte dei Paschi di Siena	0.06	0.13	0.19	0.25	0.25

The decision was taken pursuant to [Bank of Italy Circular No 285/2013](#) (prudential regulations for banks), which implements Directive 2013/36/EU and specifies the criteria on which the methodology for identifying O-SIIs is based. The assessment was carried in accordance with the [European Banking Authority Guidelines \(EBA/GL/2014/10\)](#), which set out the criteria and data required to identify O-SIIs in EU jurisdictions.

The assessment covered all banking groups, as well as banks not part of a banking group operating in Italy and excluded investment firms. The identification considered, for each bank/banking group, the four categories set by the EBA guidelines, i.e. size, importance for the Italian economy, complexity and interconnectedness with the financial system.

Considering the data as at 31 December 2016,<sup>1</sup> the overall score which indicates the domestic systemic importance of the four banking groups is above the threshold set at 350 basis points that the EBA Guidelines use to identify O-SIIs (see Table 2).

<sup>1</sup> For Gruppo Banco BPM, established on 1 January 2017, reference to a pro forma balance sheet at 31 December 2016 was made.

**Table 2**
**Overall and category scores**

<b>Banking group</b>	<b>Overall score</b>	<b>Size</b>	<b>Importance</b>	<b>Complexity</b>	<b>Interconnectedness</b>
UniCredit Group SpA	3,454	2,700	2,121	5,199	3,794
Gruppo Intesa Sanpaolo	2,518	2,277	2,514	2,769	2,513
Gruppo Banco BPM	397	528	536	194	329
Gruppo Monte dei Paschi di Siena	375	482	406	409	204

To calibrate the O-SII buffer, the framework proposed last year was maintained, based on six buckets of systemic importance with variable size. Buckets are associated with buffers, increasing by 0.25 percentage points (see Table 3).

**Table 3**
**Categories of systemic importance**

<b>Bucket</b>	<b>O-SII score interval</b>	<b>O-SII buffer</b>
6	4,000 and up	1.25%
5	[3,000-3,999]	1.00%
4	[2,000-2,999]	0.75%
3	[1,000-1,999]	0.50%
2	[350-999]	0.25%
1	[0-349]	0.00%

Pursuant to the regulations, the identification of O-SIIs and the level of the O-SII buffers will be reviewed at least once a year.