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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, for the year 2022, 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.

UniCredit, Intesa Sanpaolo, Banco BPM and Monte dei Paschi di Siena will have to maintain from 1 January 2022 (the date on which the transitional period ends) a capital buffer of 1.00, 0.75, 0.25 and 0.25 per cent, respectively, of their total risk-weighted exposure, as shown in Table 1.

Table 1

Transitional period applicable to the O-SII buffers		
<i>(per cent)</i>		
Banking group	From 1 Jan. 2021	From 1 Jan. 2022
UniCredit	1.00	1.00
Intesa Sanpaolo	0.75	0.75
Banco BPM	0.19	0.25
Monte dei Paschi di Siena	0.19	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 conducted 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. The identification considered, for each bank/banking group, the contribution of the four categories indicated in 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 2020, the overall score that indicates the domestic systemic importance of UniCredit, Intesa Sanpaolo, Banco BPM and Monte dei Paschi di Siena is above the threshold of 350 basis points that the EBA Guidelines use to identify O-SIIs (see Table 2).

Table 2
Overall and category scores at 31 December 2020
(basis points)

Banking group	Overall score	Size	Importance	Complexity	Interconnectedness
UniCredit	3.199	2.796	2.195	4.307	3.496
Intesa Sanpaolo	2.776	2.479	2.774	3.243	2.608
Banco BPM	458	551	490	306	487
Monte dei Paschi di Siena	378	451	359	298	405

To calibrate the O-SII buffer, the framework proposed last year was maintained, based on six buckets of systemic importance. Each bucket is associated with a higher buffer, with increments of 0.25 percentage points (see Table 3).

Table 3

Categories of systemic importance		
Bucket	O-SII score interval	O-SII buffer
6	4,000 and more	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]	-

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.