

**BANCA PROGETTO JOINS
SACE *GARANZIA GREEN* AND *GARANZIA FUTURO* AND CONTINUES
ITS COMMITMENT TO SUPPORTING SMES**

**SACE guarantees support, *inter alia*, companies in making
investments that are useful for sustainable transition, growth in
global markets and digitisation**

**Banca Progetto consolidates its partnership with SACE by signing 2
Conventions: *Garanzia Green* and *Garanzia Futuro* to continue
supporting Italian companies, especially SMEs**

MILAN, 13 March 2024 – Banca Progetto, a digital bank specialising in services for Italian small and medium-sized enterprises and private customers, has signed the SACE '*GARANZIA GREEN*' and '*GARANZIA FUTURO*' Conventions.

With *Garanzia Green*, companies – the limited capital ones with a turnover of up to EUR 500 million - can benefit from SACE's 80% guarantee to support investments in production cycles with low-emission technologies, accelerate the transition to sustainable mobility, and reduce and/or prevent pollution.

In the path of support for the Italian entrepreneurial system, *Garanzia Futuro* will instead support the growth process of companies – the limited capital ones with no turnover limits, on global markets and, in the domestic market, for technological innovation and digitalisation, investments in infrastructure, support for supply chains and territories, and female entrepreneurship. Launched at the beginning of 2024, the new *Garanzia Futuro* offers 70% coverage.

The two guarantees are issued at market conditions, through a fully standardised and digitised process, with the possibility of covering loans up to a maximum of EUR 50 million.

Thanks to the characteristics of the initiatives that can be financed, Banca Progetto will be able to further support companies of all sizes in the realisation of their investments; this operation also includes the PNRR area, in which Banca Progetto is already an active participant through its dedicated site appaltipnrr.it.

Through these agreements, Banca Progetto consolidates its partnership with SACE - launched in 2020 - confirming its contribution to increasing the competitiveness and productivity of the Country.

“With Garanzia Futuro and Garanzia Green, we at SACE support Italian companies, particularly SMEs, which are a pillar of our INSIEME2025 industrial plan," **emphasises Daniela Cataudella, Head of Dynamic Business Solutions SACE.** "A goal that we are pursuing together with the main players and Italian financial institutions, such as Banca Progetto. The Bank, together with our other partnerships, strengthens our support for the digitalisation and green transition of our country”.

Stefano Pezzella, Head of Finanza Agevolata at Banca Progetto: “2024 represents a key year for the sustainable transition and for the innovation and digitisation of enterprises. We are proud to continue, even after the emergency period, our collaboration with SACE. With these guarantee instruments, thanks to our presence throughout Italy, Banca Progetto will be able to serve a vast clientele that will have the opportunity to maintain the levels of competitiveness and productivity necessary for the development of the Country”.

Banca Progetto, a digital bank controlled by BPL Holdco S.à.r.l. - an investment vehicle traceable to Oaktree Capital Group - and led by Paolo Fiorentino, was born at a time of profound transformation of the Italian banking sector with the aim of quickly becoming one of the most important operators in the household and corporate credit market. With offices in Milan and Rome and a sales network spread throughout Italy, Banca Progetto is specialized in services for small and medium-sized Italian enterprises (SMEs) and retail customers. It targets private individuals with savings products such as deposit accounts and salary backed loans, and SMEs with medium to long term loans, non-recourse purchases of VAT credits as well as factoring.

Website: www.bancaprogetto.it

SACE is Italy’s export credit agency and insurance and finance group controlled directly by the Ministry of the Economy and Finance. It specialises in supporting businesses and the national economic system through a wide range of tools and solutions to boost competitiveness in Italy and worldwide. For over 45 years, the SACE Group has been the reference partner for Italian companies that export and grow on foreign markets. It also supports the banking system through its financial guarantees to facilitate companies’ access to credit, and to support liquidity and investments in competitiveness and sustainability as part of the Italian Green New Deal, starting from the domestic market. The group is present worldwide with 13 offices in target countries for Made in Italy. Their role is to build relationships with primary local counterparts and facilitate business with Italian companies through dedicated financial instruments. With a portfolio of insured operations

and guaranteed investments of €164 billion, SACE, together with all its subsidiaries — SACE FCT, which operates in the factoring sector, SACE BT, specialised in credit, surety bonds and insuring against damage to property, and SACE SRV, specialised in data collection and information asset management — serves over 40 000 companies, especially SMEs, supporting their growth in Italy and in around 200 foreign markets.

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