

PRESS RELEASE

Watch out for scams!

Illegal financial activities: Consob blocks 10 websites offering crypto-related services

As part of its efforts to combat financial fraud, Consob has ordered the blocking of a total of **10 websites** that were illegally providing services relating to crypto-assets. Below is the list of websites ordered to be blocked:

- “**Erw326**” (website <https://erw326.it>);
- “**EwdS66**” (website <https://ewds66.it>);
- “**Hjk172**” (website <https://hjk172.it>);
- “**Sdd316**” (website <https://sdd316.it>);
- “**Yue157**” (website <https://yue157.it>);
- “**Yyt369**” (website <https://yyt369.it>);
- “**Asd967**” (website <https://asd967.it>);
- “**Etww78**” (website <https://etww78.it>);
- “**Zzx726**” (website <https://zzx726.it>);
- “**Rtut62**” (website <https://rtut62.it>).

This brings the total number of websites blocked by Consob since July 2019 to **1,681**, since the Authority was granted the power to order the blocking of *websites* belonging to unauthorised financial intermediaries. Of these, **178** relate to crypto-related activities

The Authority has made use of the powers deriving from [the “Growth Decree”](#) to block the *websites* of unauthorised financial intermediaries, and of the powers provided for under MiCAR ([EU Regulation](#) and [Legislative Decree No. 129/2024](#)) regarding the blocking of websites through which crypto-asset services are provided to Italian investors without authorisation.

The measures adopted by Consob can be consulted on the website www.consob.it. *Internet* service providers operating in Italy are currently taking steps to block these websites. For technical reasons, the actual blocking may take a few days.

It is important that investors exercise the utmost diligence in making fully informed investment decisions, adopting common-sense practices that are essential for safeguarding their savings: among these, checking in advance, for websites offering investment services and crypto-assets,

that the operator through which one is investing is authorised and, for offers of financial products and crypto-assets, that the prospectus or *white paper* has been published.

Consob also draws attention to the evolution of deceptive practices that exploit *the internet* to steal users' money and personal data: there has been an increase in the use of new tools, such as *emails* and 'cloned' *websites*, fake profiles of politicians and celebrities, and content generated using artificial intelligence systems – such as images, voices or videos – with the aim of inducing investors to make harmful investment choices.

To this end, Consob invites investors to consult the dedicated [information sheet](#) containing advice on how to protect themselves from financial fraud in the age of artificial intelligence and reminds them that its *website* features the '[Watch for scams!](#)' section, where useful information is available to warn investors against abusive financial schemes.

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