

## PRESS RELEASE

### *Watch out for scams! Illegal financial activities: Consob blocks 7 websites*

As part of its efforts to combat financial fraud, Consob has ordered the blocking of **7 websites** that were unlawfully providing investment services and activities relating to financial instruments. Below is the list of websites ordered to be blocked:

- “**Orvelin-invest.org**” (website <https://orvelin-invest.org>);
- “**Credessa**” (website <https://credessa-it.net>);
- “**Kcapital**” (website <https://kcapital.net> and related page <https://my.kcapital.net>);
- “**Web-tradereurope.com**” (website <https://webtrader.web-tradereurope.com>);
- “**Zelvaris Group Ltd**” (website <https://zelvarisgroup.ltd> and related page <https://inv.zelvarisgroup.ltd>);
- “**capital-liquidity.com**” (website <https://capital-liquidity.com>);
- “**Wealth Trade Capital**” (website <https://wealth-trade.capital> and related page <https://trade.wealth-trade.capital>).

This brings the total number of websites blocked by Consob since July 2019 – that is, since the Authority was granted the power to order the blocking of *websites* belonging to unauthorised financial intermediaries – to **1,736**. Of these, **204** relate to crypto-asset-related activities.

The Authority has exercised the powers deriving from the “[Growth Decree](#)” to block the *websites* of unauthorised financial intermediaries.

The measures adopted by Consob can be viewed on the website [www.consob.it](http://www.consob.it). Internet service providers operating in Italy are currently in the process of blocking access to these websites. For technical reasons, it may take a few days for the block to take effect.

It is important that savers exercise the utmost care when 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 the investment is made 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 by artificial intelligence systems – such as images, voices or videos – with the aim of inducing savers 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 a section entitled [“Watch out for scams!”](#), where useful information is available to warn investors against abusive financial schemes.

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