The Financial Services and Markets Authority (FSMA) warns the public against the fraudulent activities of Global Bank Investment, a company that is offering credit illegally to consumers.

Global Bank Investment is not authorized as a lender or registered as a credit intermediary in Belgium. **Therefore**, **Global Bank Investment may not offer credit in Belgium**.

According to the information available to the FSMA, it seems that the credit being offered by Global Bank Investment is **entirely fraudulent**. The company operates as follows: if a consumer tries to take up the offer, he or she is asked to make certain payments supposedly to cover various **costs** relating to the credit (for example, so-called dossier fees or an insurance premium). Once these costs have been paid, the consumer does not receive the credit, and it is almost impossible to recover the sums that were paid. More information about this type of consumer credit fraud is available in the **general warning** published by the FSMA on 18 January 2021.

Global Bank Investment usurps the logos of authorized credit institutions.

This company also seems to have links with 'Krediet Service', for which the FSMA has also issued a warning.

The FSMA therefore very strongly advises against responding to any offers of credit made by Global Bank Investment and against making any payment to the company.

Global Bank Investment uses the website **www.gbk-investment.com**, and the email addresses bank@gbk-investment.com and contact@services-krediet.com

Would you like to enquire more generally as to whether a transaction being proposed complies with the financial legislation? Please use the <u>search function</u> on the FSMA website. You can also contact the FSMA directly via the <u>consumer contact form</u>.

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