

The Financial Services and Markets Authority (FSMA) warns the public against the fraudulent activities of Finazona / Prêteur Ortiz, a company that is offering credit illegally to consumers.

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

According to the information available to the FSMA, it seems that the credit being offered by Finazona / Prêteur Ortiz 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 administrative costs). 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 <u>general warning</u> published by the FSMA on 6 February 2019.

Finazona uses the website www.finazona.com. However, this website is no longer active. The company is currently active as Prêteur Ortiz and uses the website www.preteur-ortiz.com.

The FSMA therefore very strongly advises against responding to any offers of credit made by Finazona / Prêteur Ortiz and against making any payment to the company.

Would you like to enquire more generally as to whether a proposed transaction being proposed complies with the financial legislation? If so, please use the <u>search function</u> on the FSMA website. Feel free to contact the FSMA directly via the <u>consumer contact form.</u>

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