



PRESS RELEASE

<u>Watch for scams! Financial fraud:</u> <u>Consob blacks out 10 unauthorised websites</u>

Consob has ordered the black-out of 10 new websites offering illegal services for crypto-assets.

The Authority used the powers introduced by the MiCAR regulation (Regulation (EU) 2023/1114 and Legislative Decree no. 129 of 5 September 2024) regarding the blackout of the s through which crypto-asset services are provided to Italian savers without the prescribed authorisations.

Below are the sites Consob has ordered to be blacked out:

- "YTT975" (website https://ytt975.it);
- "YQZ585" (website https://yqz585.it);
- "EWQ778" (website https://ewq778.it);
- "AWE818" (website https://awe818.it);
- "GRT325" (website https://grt325.it);
- "TUT551" (website https://tut551.it);
- "SFS854" (website https://sfs854.it);
- "12DEF" (website https://12def.it);
- "YTH937" (website https://yth937.it);
- "C7VIZ" (website https://c7viz.it).

The number of sites blacked out since July 2019, when Consob was given the power to order the black-out of s of fraudulent financial intermediaries, has thus risen to **1399**.

The measures adopted by Consob can be consulted on its website at www.consob.it.

The black-out of these s by internet service providers operating on Italian territory is ongoing. For technical reasons, it can take several days for the black-out to come into effect.

Consob draws investors' attention to the importance of adopting the greatest diligence in order to make informed investment choices, adopting common sense behaviours, essential to safeguard one's savings: these include, for s that offer financial services and crypto-assets, checking in advance that the operator with whom you are investing is authorised, and, for offers of financial products and crypto-assets, that a prospectus or white paper has been published.

Please note, there is a section on the homepage of the at www.consob.it, entitled "Watch for Scams!", which provides useful information warning investors about fraudulent financial schemes.

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