

During the last weeks, the FSMA continued to receive new complaints from consumers who had responded to fraudulent offers of investment in cryptocurrencies. The cryptocurrency fraud continues making victims in Belgium. Hence, the FSMA repeats its warning against the fraudsters who are using cryptocurrencies to swindle consumers. The FSMA has also updated its <u>list of cryptocurrency trading platforms</u> for which it has identified signs of fraud. This list now includes a total of 131 websites.

The principle remains the same: they offer you an investment they claim is **secure**, **easy and very lucrative**. They try to inspire confidence by assuring you that you don't need to be an expert in cryptocurrencies in order to invest in them. They claim to have specialists who will manage your investments for you. You are told that your funds can be withdrawn at any time or that they are guaranteed. In the end, the result is always the same: **the victims find themselves unable to recover their money!**

Please find herewith the list of recently identified websites:

- www.bitcoinmarketscap.com
- www.bitcointraderspro.com
- www.coinsmex.com
- www.crypto-sfs.com
- www.etc-markets.co
- www.fisherih.com
- www.ltc-markets.com
- www.stsroyal.com
- www.tdscapitalgroup.com

Important notice: this <u>list of cryptocurrency trading platforms</u> is based solely on the findings of the FSMA, in particular as a result of consumers' reports. As such, it does not include all the companies which might be operating unlawfully in Belgium in that sector. **Should you have any doubts**, please do not hesitate to contact the FSMA directly **via the <u>consumer contact form</u>** on its website.

For more information about this type of fraud, the FSMA invites potential investors to consult its warnings of <u>22 February 2018</u> and of <u>26 October 2018</u>.

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