

### **THE SUCCESSFUL COOPERATION WITH THE EUROPEAN INVESTMENT BANK CONTINUES**

### **AN ADDITIONAL CEILING OF EUR 85 MILLION WAS MADE AVAILABLE FOR THE DISBURSEMENT OF FUNDS TO THE SMEs**

**Sondrio, 31 January 2019** – With reference to the securitisation of performing loans of EUR 1.5 billion ("Quadrivio SME 2018") carried out by Creval on 30 July 2018 as part of which the European Investment Bank (EIB) had subscribed a senior bond of EUR 200 million with the aim of making funds available to facilitate access to credit for SMEs, it is hereby announced that today the EIB has made available an additional ceiling of EUR 85 million through the subscription of the "Lower Mezzanine C1" security for a nominal value of the same amount. The security, originally held by Creval, was subscribed at a previously established yield and price based on the agreements signed last July with the EIB when the security was issued, enabling Creval to ensure favourable financial terms for new loans to SMEs.

This confirms the long-standing and successful cooperation with the EIB, which enables Creval to facilitate access to credit by disbursing new loans on competitive terms aimed at promoting investment and working capital for customer companies, thus helping to promote the development of the SMEs of its territories of reference.

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