

PRESS RELEASE

BPER Banca sets up Sustainability Committee and joins Borsa Italiana's MIB ESG index

- **The Board's internal committee, chaired by Flavia Mazzarella, will play an advisory and propositional role to support the Board in its ESG-related activities.**
- **The Bank has also been included in the first Italian blue-chip index which tracks major listed issuers with best ESG practices.**

Modena - 18 October 2021. BPER Banca's Board of Directors has set up a Sustainability Committee with advisory and propositional functions to support the Board in the activities that cover environmental, social and governance (ESG) issues, reverberating on all processes which make it possible for the bank to pursue sustainable development.

The Committee is presided over by BPER Banca's Chair, Flavia Mazzarella, and is comprised of the Bank's directors, Riccardo Barbieri and Elisa Valeriani.

BPER Banca has also been included in the new MIB ESG index of Borsa Italiana (a company of the Euronext Group) for domestic blue-chips, which tracks major Italian listed issuers with best ESG practices. Launched by Euronext in partnership with Vigeo Eiris (part of Moody's ESG Solutions), it combines economic performance measurement with ESG considerations in line with the principles of the UN Global Compact.

BPER Banca's Chair, Flavia Mazzarella, commented: *"We felt the need to establish a Board internal committee that will steer BPER Banca's sustainability performance. I am very pleased with this result, which exemplifies the role that these issues strategically play within the Group. The ESG-oriented evolution of BPER Banca's governance is also reflected at management level: an ESG Strategy Office has been set up. Reporting directly to the Board of Directors, it will provide cross-cutting support to all of the Bank's functions in managing ESG issues. Our joining Borsa Italiana's new MIB ESG index – concludes Ms. Mazzarella – further confirms the good work we are doing"*.

In BPER Bank's view, sustainability should be understood as a real driver of global development, capable of improving competitiveness and building shared value for all stakeholders. The Bank is

continuing along its path of sustainable growth with increasingly challenging goals, as set out in the United Nations 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and the principles of the UN Global Compact, which the Bank has been a member of since 2017. In July this year, BPER Banca additionally became an official Signatory of the UNEP-FI Principles for Responsible Banking, with a view to contributing to build a better, more inclusive and sustainable society.

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