

PRESS RELEASE

DEXIA CREDIOP: the Board of Directors approves the half-yearly financial report as of 30 June 2011.

- **Consolidated net interest and other banking income 80 million Euro.**
- **Consolidated net profit 42 million Euro.**
- **Further strengthening of shareholders' equity.**

The Board of Directors of Dexia Crediop, meeting today in Rome, chaired by Prof. Mario Sarcinelli and with the participation of the Managing Director Jean Le Naour, has approved the consolidated half-yearly financial report as of 30 June 2011.

The activities carried out and the results obtained in the first half of the year are better than forecasted and indicate consolidated net profit of 42 million Euro, 35% better than the figure of 31 million Euro recorded at 30 June 2010.

Consolidated Income Statement of the Dexia Crediop Group

The consolidated net interest and other banking income was 80 million Euro, 10% higher than at 30 June 2010. This increase is related to the commercial diversification policy which has been in operation for some years now and is beginning to provide the first results.

Total operating costs, including administrative expenses, depreciation, provisions and other operating expenses, were 22 million Euro, slightly down on 30 June 2010 and in line with the cautious cost control policy.

Net of taxes, which were 30 million Euro, profit for the half year was 42 million Euro, an increase of 35% over the figure of 31 million Euro recorded on 30 June 2010.

The results for the half year made it possible to further strengthen shareholders' equity with a 4% increase in capital resources, i.e. of 1.231 million Euro, confirming a positioning above the sector average in Italy.

Income Statement of Dexia Crediop S.p.A.

Dexia Crediop S.p.A. had net interest and other banking income of 73 million Euro, an increase of 28% over 30 June 2010.

Total operating costs were 22 million Euro, slightly down on the 30 June 2010 figure.

Profit from current operations gross of taxes was 65 million Euro. Net of taxes, profit for the half year were 38 million Euro, an increase of 20 million Euro over the figure of 18 million on 30 June 2010.

Characteristic management elements

With reference to the foreseeable outlook of the Public Finance market, for all of 2011, the activity of the Local Authorities in connection with investing and the consequent recourse to debt will probably be reduced by the so-called "Internal stability pact" which, in fact, will lead the Authorities to reduce their spending on investments.

In this context, Dexia Crediop is continuing the process of extending its types of clients and offered products and services, a process already under way before the financial crisis.

The Bank is, in fact, concentrating on the sectors which have always been related to Public Finance and which, in the current context, appear to be more dynamic, such as utilities, infrastructure, public transport networks, sustainable energy, social housing, education and healthcare. The management prospects appear to be especially favourable in connection with Project Finance. In this sector, activity has focused on the organisation of high-quality operations, with a low risk profile and appropriate productivity. By way of example, Dexia Crediop has implemented new Project Finance operations in the solar energy sector and in the infrastructure sector. In addition, special attention has been paid to financial structuring transactions aimed at optimising the payment terms for suppliers (whether private parties or, in turn, publicly-owned companies) over short-term durations and in cash management activities.

In terms of diversification, the commercial strategy will continue to leverage the availability for its clients of a broader and more complete offer, which also includes, as well as medium-long term financing, related services such as advisory, arranging, hedging, agency, cash management, etc.

Over the course of the half year, the funding activity has continued also through the Electronic Bond Exchange ("MOT") operated by *Borsa Italiana*, which provides Dexia Crediop with access to an independent distribution source for its bonds.

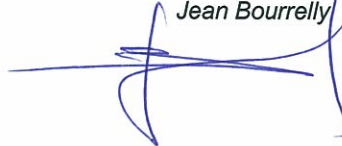
The action plan implemented by the Bank over recent months has led to a considerable improvement in the structural liquidity profile.

The action taken in terms of commercial activity, liquidity management and rationalisation of expenses will allow Dexia Crediop to remain as a key reference player for its clients.

Dexia Crediop is the bank founded in 1919 as *Consorzio di Credito per le Opere Pubbliche* with the aim of directing domestic savings to finance public works and infrastructures for the development of the Country. For over ninety years *Dexia Crediop* is the reference point in Italy for the central government and territorial entities and for companies directly connected with them, for companies that manage local public services and businesses that invest in energy, infrastructure and transport sectors in Italy. *Dexia Crediop* is 70% controlled by the Franco-Belgian bank *Dexia* and owned by *Banca Popolare di Milano*, *Banco Popolare* and *Banca Popolare dell'Emilia Romagna* with a 10% share each.

Jean Bourrelly, as *Financial Reporting Manager* responsible for drafting accounting documents at *Dexia Crediop*, hereby declares, in accordance with clause 2, article 154 bis of the *Consolidated Finance Act*, that the accounting information contained in this press release corresponds to the results set down in documents, ledgers and the accounts.

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