

PRESS RELEASE

CheckSig obtains MiCAR license: first crypto operator authorized in Italy by CONSOB

CheckSig marks a historic milestone for the Italian crypto sector: the first MiCAR license issued in Italy by CONSOB, recognizing the company's operational strength, compliance standards, and professionalism.

Milan, May 7, 2026 – CheckSig announces today a historic achievement for the Italian crypto-asset market: obtaining the MiCAR (Markets in Crypto-Assets Regulation) license, becoming the first crypto operator authorized in Italy under the new European regulatory framework.

For both retail and institutional investors, this means access to regulated crypto services within a clear and protected framework.



The MiCAR license confirms compliance with the highest European standards in security, transparency, and risk management. This recognition reflects the quality of CheckSig's operational processes, developed since the company's inception and recognized as best-in-class across AML, compliance, risk management, and business operations. During the MiCAR licensing process, CheckSig collaborated with the law firm Annunziata&Conso.

Ferdinando Ametrano, CEO of CheckSig, stated: *"This milestone represents the realization of our vision: bringing crypto-assets into a regulated, secure, and transparent system. Being the first authorized operator in Italy confirms the strength of our model and the work we have*

carried out since the company was founded".

Italy among the most rigorous countries in Europe

This achievement carries even greater significance considering the Italian regulatory environment, where the authorization process is among the most selective and rigorous in Europe.

In this context, CheckSig stands out as one of the leading players in the market, with an operating model already aligned with - and in many cases ahead of - the standards required by MiCA regulation.

Greater protection for investors and clients

CheckSig has always placed the highest priority on security and regulatory compliance. Since 2019, the fintech company has been the first crypto company in the world to continuously provide



Proof-of-Reserves for assets under custody, while also offering insurance coverage unique within the European landscape.

Below are some of the key measures introduced by MiCAR that CheckSig applies:

- Segregation and protection of client funds from the company's operational activities.
- Transparency obligations regarding costs, risks, and characteristics of the crypto products offered.
- Advanced AML, compliance, and risk management standards, with continuous monitoring of operational processes.
- Rigorous governance procedures to prevent conflicts of interest and misconduct.

Thanks to these measures, investors can operate in the Italian crypto market with greater security and confidence, relying on a regulated operator selected by the Italian regulator.

Accelerating institutional adoption

The license also represents a turning point for the adoption of crypto-assets by traditional financial institutions. *"This achievement allows us to bring regulated crypto services to banks, asset managers, and financial institutions,"* commented Michele Mandelli, Managing Partner of CheckSig. *"It is a fundamental step toward integrating crypto-assets into the Italian financial system and accelerating their large-scale adoption".*

CheckSig: Italian excellence in crypto-assets

Founded in 2019 as a spin-off of the Digital Gold Institute, the main Italian think tank on Bitcoin, crypto-assets, and blockchain, CheckSig offers advanced solutions for private and institutional investors. Its mission is to make investing in crypto-assets simple and secure, providing services for buying and selling, custody, staking, and tax compliance. The platform also operates in B2B2C mode as a Crypto-as-a-Service infrastructure on clear.checksig.com. CheckSig is:

- the first Italian crypto company to obtain a MiCAR license;
- the first in the world to offer public proof-of-reserves since 2020 and the only custodian to do so.
- the only Italian crypto entity with insurance coverage, provided by a leading European company with an AA rating from Standard & Poor's.
- the only crypto company in Italy with SOC1/SOC2 Type II attestations, obtained by undergoing continuous audits (conducted by one of the Big Four) on the quality of system and organizational controls.
- since 2024, the first and so far only crypto operator in Italy to act as a tax withholding agent for its clients.

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