

PRESS RELEASE

Stress test, Mussari: "Italian banking system sound"

"The results of the stress tests show that the Italian banks are sound and ready to face the future". This is how the Chairman of ABI, Giuseppe Mussari, commented the figures on the tests carried out on 91 European groups. Italian banks passed the tests. "The excellent health of the sector confirms the high degree of resistance to exceptional shocks. Also supposing strict stress scenarios, as mentioned by the Governor of the Bank of Italy, Italian banks have appropriate financial resources higher than minimum regulatory indexes, and therefore household and business confidence in the banking system is confirmed".

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