

PRESS RELEASE

**BANCO DESIO GROUP:
PERMISSION FROM THE ANTITRUST AUTHORITY FOR THE OPERATION OF
ACQUISITION OF CONTROL OVER BANCA POPOLARE DI SPOLETO S.P.A. UNDER
EXTRAORDINARY ADMINISTRATION**

Today Banco di Desio e della Brianza S.p.A. (“Banco Desio”) received the communication from the Antitrust authority informing it about the resolution not to start an inquiry on the operation for the acquisition of control over **Banca Popolare di Spoleto S.p.A. in A.S.** (“BPS”), as it “*does not result in or strengthen a dominant position that is such to eliminate or reduce the competition in a substantial and long-lasting manner*”.

All the preparatory conditions for the resolution have been verified by BPS’s Extraordinary Meeting for the capital increase reserved for Banco Desio pursuant to the Investment Agreement under the joint press release published on 1 April.

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