

## **2016 Earthquakes: CDP establishes new €560 million fund to support areas of Central Italy**

### **More than €20 billion earmarked since 2009 to help populations affected by natural disasters**

Rome, February 28, 2017 - Cassa depositi e prestiti (CDP) announces that its Board of Directors has resolved to set up a new €560 million fund to support areas of Central Italy affected by seismic events since August 2016.

The fund will provide subsidized loans for business owners, sole traders and farmers, allowing them to defer payment for five years – at no additional cost – of taxes suspended because of the earthquakes and taxes due up until 31 December 2018.

The new initiative adds to the “Plafond Sisma Centro Italia” [Central Italy Earthquake Fund] launched in late 2016, which provides households and businesses with money to rebuild damaged homes and businesses, currently amounting to around €4 billion.

Drawing on its extensive experience of supporting areas affected by seismic events, CDP can provide a rapid inflow of funds for affected parties. In fact, since 2009 CDP has allocated around €20 billion to supporting communities affected by natural disasters: €2 billion to rebuild homes damaged or destroyed by the Abruzzo earthquake of 2009; €12 billion to rebuild and restart businesses in Emilia-Romagna, Lombardy and Veneto after the 2012 earthquake; €90 million for subsidized loans to support municipalities in Sardinia affected by the 2013 flood; €1.5 billion for a number of emergencies that have occurred across Italy since 2013; plus €4 billion for private reconstruction in areas of Central Italy affected by seismic events since August 2016.

The guidelines and procedures for the implementation of the Fund will be issued by the end of April (upon ratification of Decree-Law 8/2017) through an agreement between CDP and the Italian Banking Association (ABI). The CDP funds will be disbursed through the banking system, as per standard practice.

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