

# **Eurobonds: historical context**



Dedicated to international investors, Eurobonds are generally issued under an **EMTN Program** (Euro Medium Term Notes), can also be *standalone* 



Typically identified by an "XS" ISIN and a certificate known on the market as Global Note



Historically issued under **UK law**, commonly thought to be predictable and quick in case of litigation.



The issuance of these instruments is done in the **iCSDs** 





## ~400BN+

issued by IT entities

Autostrade per l'Italia initiated this trend by issuing the first Eurobond in 1963

Retail Bonds have been recently issued on iCSDs to avoid **CONSOB** approval

## **Eurobonds: What we have done**

A +4-year journey

### **Meetings**

600+ meetings with 1000+ people on EMTN issuances only in the past 2 years. Euronext Securities Milan meets Issuers, Legal Firms, Arrangers and Associations to promote the dematerialized model.

#### **Events**

Numerous conferences targeting Banks and Corporates, with the involvement or facilitated by Ministry of Economy & Finance, Cassa Depositi e Prestiti and ABI.

#### **Webinar & Articles**

Online webinars dedicated to Issuers and Legal Firms and various educational interviews, articles and papers.

#### **Whitepaper**

Euronext Securities Milan published, in December 2022, a **whitepaper** to illustrate the legal and operational advantages of the **dematerialization structure** while ensuring the same international reach of Global Notes.

# Quick Facts

#### **Brexit**

Brexit can be considered the real breaking point for reconsidering domestic law for issuance.
Following the Brexit, Italian Banks had to change the Issuance Law in their prospectus from UK to IT law.

#### **MREL**

The minimum requirements for own funds and eligible liabilities guide Banks to issue debt instruments **under EU legislation** 

### **Bank's Setup**

In Euronext Securities Milan Banks can act as **Paying Agent** of their own issuances achieving full control of the **placement**, **payment** and **redemption** processes.



# **Local Issuances vs Global Notes**

A turnaround from a consolidated Market Practice

## Local Issuance

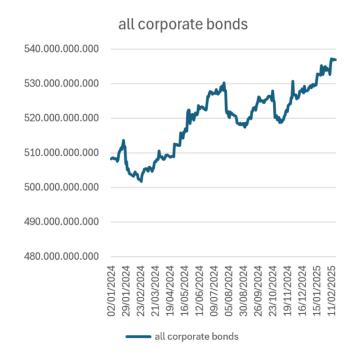
- Fully dematerialized securities
- ✓ Simplified structure involving few actors
- ✓ Contained costs
- Central Bank EUR for placement and payments
- Timely and efficient support from ES through all the setup and issuance process

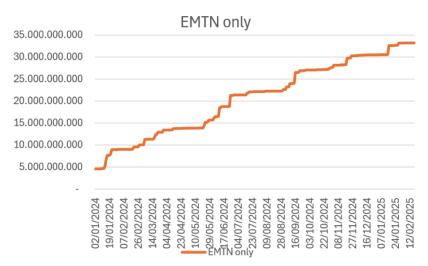
## **Global Notes**

- Paper-form certificates that require a manual signature in London and a common depositary
- Many actors involved resulting in:
  - Higher costs
  - Large set of legal documentation
  - Less control on issuance process and delays
  - Potential delays in credit coupon payments to bondholders done in commercial bank money



# **Bond Issuance trend 2024-2025**







# **Annex 1: Italy results through-out 2023-2024**

Issuer	Digital issuance in MT (status)	Programme total amount (C Billion)	Issuer	Digital issuance in MT (status)	Programme total amount (€ Billion)
MEF	Included	80	UnipolSAI	Included	3
Intesa	Included	70	Generali	Included	15
Unicredit	Included	60	AMCO	Included	6
BPER	Included	6	SNAM	Review	13
Banco BPM	Included	25	ENI	Review	20
Raiffeisen	Included	0,75	Campari	Review	Stand-alone
Banca IFIS	Included	5	FSI	Review	12
CF+	Included	Stand-alone	ACEA	Review	5
Iccrea Banca	Included	3	Terna	Review	9
Illimity Bank	Included	3	A2A	Review	7
Banca Mediolanum	Included	1	Autostrade per l'Italia	Review	7
Mediobanca	Included	40	ENEL	Review	35
FinecoBank	Included	2	ENI	Review	20
Banca Sella	Included	Stand-alone	TIM	Review	Stand-alone
Banca MPS	Included	50	Pirelli	Review	2
BFF	Included	2.5	Poste Italiane	Review	2,5
Banco Desio	Included	3	Italgas	Review	6,5
Banca Popolare Sondrio	Included	5	Iren	Review	4
Cassa Centrale Banca	Included	3			
Mediocredito Centrale	Included	1			

Total Eurobond issued under EMTN programmes in Italy

**EUR +35BN** 



# **Annex 2: EMTN main features analysis**

# PREVIOUS SITUATION

# CURRENT STATE - REPATRIATION INITIATIVE

#### **Dematerialization**

Governing Law (Lex Contractus)

Place of Issuance of the Notes

Place of Settlement

Form of Securities

Securities ISIN Code

Signature Process

CORPO	RATI	ES AN	D BANKS
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UK

EC / CBL

Global Note

XS

Physical - London

CO			ЭΑ.	TE	_
LU	KP	UI	KA.		3

UK1

Italy

Monte Titoli<sup>2</sup>

Dematerialized

Dematerialized<sup>2</sup>

IT

n/a

IT n/a

**BANKS** 

Italy

Italy

Monte Titoli

## Listing<sup>3</sup>

Competent Authority

Primary Listing Venue

CSSF or CBI

Luxembourg or Dublin

New Programme in CONSOB / CSSF or CBI with passporting procedure in CONSOB

Italy

1 International "investor friendly" solution; 2 Combination UK Law (lex contractus), Monte Titoli: Global Note issuance is also accepted; 3 Competent Authority and Primary Listing Venue may vary depending on the issuers' preferences





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