

BCC Iccrea Group and Accenture sign a partnership to support the Group's IT transformation. The agreement is part of BCC Sistemi Informatici's broader IT modernization plan.

ROME, January 23, 2025 - BCC Iccrea Group, the largest Italian cooperative banking group, and Accenture (NYSE: ACN) have signed a partnership agreement to support the Group's IT transformation as part of the broader technological renewal plan developed by BCC Sistemi Informatici.

This plan, which includes an investment program of over €300 million over the next three years, aims to accelerate the transformation process initiated with the establishment of the Group. The objective is to improve service levels for the 114 BCC member banks and other subsidiaries, offering members and customers services that are increasingly secure, efficient, innovative and user-friendly.

Specifically, the Group's new IT plan focuses on improving and modernizing the main core banking applications, further expanding the range of products and services available through digital channels and accelerating the implementation of its AI strategy.

In this context, the partnership agreement with Accenture, which also includes Accenture's acquisition of a stake in BCC Sistemi Informatici, focuses on digital platforms, core systems (including customer records and current accounts), and BCC's data platform. Additionally, Accenture will contribute to enhancing the infrastructure services provided to the Group's BCCs and developing a new service model designed to increase security and resilience levels.

Mauro Pastore, general manager of the BCC Iccrea Group, commented: *"We are pleased with the partnership signed with Accenture, as it enables us to further strengthen technological innovation within our Group. This collaboration will allow us to offer our customers increasingly efficient, secure and personalized services, while simultaneously consolidating our market position. The integration of advanced IT solutions is essential to address future challenges in the banking sector and to ensure the sustainable growth of our banks, as outlined in our 2024–2026 business plan."*

Massimiliano Colangelo, head of Financial Services at Accenture Italy, said: *"This alliance with the BCC Iccrea Group reinforces our position as a preferred partner for innovation in the banking sector. By implementing cutting-edge technologies such as cloud computing, artificial intelligence and advanced data analytics, and by leveraging human expertise, we are enabling a profound transformation of the Group's core systems. This will enhance operational efficiency and accelerate process automation. This project highlights our long-term commitment to the Italian market, a journey that began over 60 years ago and continues to focus on innovation and sustainable growth."*

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About BCC Iccrea Group

The BCC Iccrea Group is the largest cooperative banking group in Italy, the only national banking group with entirely Italian capital, and the fourth-largest banking group in Italy by assets. The Group currently comprises 114 Cooperative Credit Banks, operating in over 1,700 Italian municipalities with nearly 2,500 branches, along with other banking, financial, and instrumental companies controlled by BCC Banca Iccrea. The Group participates in the Tertio Millennio ETS Foundation, a nonprofit organization established in 2002 within the Cooperative Credit system, dedicated to promoting social solidarity activities in Italy and abroad, particularly within the Cooperative Credit Banks and Rural Banks.

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