

CheckSig at Salone dei Pagamenti 2025: introducing Clear, the crypto platform for banks

CheckSig brings banks into the regulated crypto world: the Italian fintech will showcase how traditional financial institutions can tap into the rapidly growing crypto market.

Milan, October 28, 2025 - CheckSig, an Italian fintech company specializing in crypto solutions for financial intermediaries, will participate in Salone dei Pagamenti 2025 to present Clear, its Crypto-as-a-Service platform. Clear enables banks to offer their clients regulated custody, trading, and tax services for Bitcoin and other crypto-assets — fully compliant with the EU MiCAR regulation.

MiCAR: a European turning point for banks

With the introduction of the Markets in Crypto-Assets Regulation (MiCAR), crypto-assets have officially become regulated financial instruments, marking a historic step toward their integration into the traditional financial system. To date, 70 operators have been authorized under MiCAR across Europe, including 15 banks such as BBVA, Commerzbank, CACEIS (Crédit Agricole), and Open Bank (Santander) — evidence of the growing institutional interest in Bitcoin and digital assets. Germany and the Netherlands currently lead the way, hosting more than half of all licensed operators in Europe.

The Italian market: high potential, waiting for take-off

In Italy, the market is still at an early stage: no MiCAR licenses have yet been granted, although

several institutions have already submitted applications to Consob and the Bank of Italy. Despite this, over 2.5 million Italians already own crypto-assets (source: OAM), and according to projections from the Digital Gold Institute, the national market could grow 70-fold over the next decade, highlighting its enormous potential.

These trends are also reflected in CheckSig's Crypto Banking Survey, which reveals that 24% of Italians have already invested in crypto, while another 29% plan to do so in the future. Moreover, 68% of respondents said

they would like their own bank to offer crypto-related services.

Clear: bridging traditional and digital finance



CheckSig's Clear platform acts as a bridge between traditional finance and the new digital economy. It allows financial institutions to enter the crypto market quickly, safely, and in full regulatory compliance. With Clear, banks can easily integrate crypto investment and payment services without technical or legal complexity — offering their clients a complete, regulated digital experience.

"At Salone dei Pagamenti 2025, we'll show how Italian banks can seize the opportunities of the crypto market safely and efficiently, using turnkey infrastructure that meets full regulatory standards," said Michele Mandelli, Managing Partner at CheckSig. "Clear provides a concrete solution to accelerate the convergence between traditional and digital finance — and to capture the growing demand for Bitcoin and crypto among investors."

CheckSig: l'eccellenza italiana nelle cripto-attività

Fondata nel 2019 come spin-off del <u>Digital Gold Institute</u>, il principale think tank italiano su Bitcoin, crypto-asset e blockchain, CheckSig offre soluzioni avanzate per investitori privati e istituzionali. La sua missione è rendere l'investimento in cripto-asset semplice e sicuro, fornendo servizi di compravendita, custodia, staking, compliance fiscale, formazione e consulenza. La piattaforma opera anche in modalità B2B2C come infrastruttura Crypto-as-a-Service su <u>clear.checksig.com</u>. CheckSig è:

- la prima al mondo a offrire la prova-della-riserve pubblica dal 2020 e unico custode a farlo.
- l'unica realtà cripto italiana con coperture assicurative, fornita da primaria compagnia europea con rating AA di Standard & Poor's.
- l'unica azienda cripto in Italia con <u>attestazioni SOC1/SOC2 Type II</u>, ottenute sottoponendosi a audit continui (effettuati da una delle Big Four) sulla qualità dei controlli di sistema e organizzativi.
- dal 2024, il primo e finora unico operatore cripto in Italia a svolgere il ruolo di sostituto d'imposta per i propri clienti.

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