



## Press release

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### Lendix opens its platform to Italian investors, expects first loans to Italian SMEs in Q2

*Soon after the launch of its first cross-border project in Spain, Lendix opens its platform to Italian investors.*

Lendix, the leading European online marketplace for business loans, today opens up its marketplace to Italian investors. From now on, SMEs financing projects originated in France or Spain will have the opportunity collect funds from Italian lenders, both private and institutional. The launch of the first Italian investment project is expected in the second quarter and will be open for subscriptions from the whole international community of Lendix.

*“Italian investors can finally access a whole new asset class to diversify their savings. Beyond offering potentially attractive returns, our business has a direct impact on real economy”,* comments Sergio Zocchi, CEO Lendix Italia.

Lendix is the first player to have committed to the development of a European SME market-place between France, Spain and Italy which offer borderless investment opportunities. It has already enabled over 63 million euros of business loans to close to 200 development projects. A prominent international chain restaurant is currently borrowing 1 million euro through Lendix for the opening of its new franchise in Valencia, which represents the biggest single crowdlending project so far in Spain.

#### WARNING

*Lending money to SMEs presents a risk of capital loss and requires your savings to be immobilised.*

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### ***About Lendix***

Lendix is a European online marketplace for business loans. It operates in Spain, soon in Italy and is the #1 platform in France. On Lendix, SMEs can borrow directly from private and institutional lenders. Lendix creates an efficient, transparent and customer-friendly alternative to the traditional banking system, and offers creditworthy SMEs faster and simpler access to financing. Lendix is backed amongst others by Partech Ventures, CNP Assurances, Matmut and Decaux Frères Investissements. In October 2016, Lendix was awarded the 32nd position in the global ranking of the 2016 FINTECH100 by KPMG & H2 Ventures. Lendix has already enabled over €63 million of loans to 200 development projects from SMEs of all size and sector.