

The SME Initiative Italy

Date: 8 February 2019

Information notice regarding the re-opening of the [Call for Expression of Interest](#) and the extension of certain deadlines

With reference to the Call for Expression of Interest of the SME Initiative Italy launched on 21 October 2016 with the initial deadline of 30 September 2017 (“Call”) and in accordance with the resolutions of the SME Initiative Italy Investors’ Board dated 10 September 2018 and 8 February 2019, we inform that:

- (i) The new deadline for the submission of the Expressions of Interest by Financial Intermediaries has been postponed until **31 December 2019**, therefore any references in the Call to the “Deadline” (including for the purposes of section 5 of the Call) shall be deemed to be 31 December 2019 (or the date as announced in the section of EIF’s website relating to the SME Initiative Italy).
- (ii) The new deadline for EIF to enter into SMEI Transactions has been postponed until **31 March 2020**, therefore any references in the Call to the end of the “Implementation Period” shall be deemed to be 31 March 2020 (or the date as announced in the section of EIF’s website relating to the SME Initiative Italy).
- (iii) For any new SMEI Transactions entered into by EIF after the publication of this information notice, any references in the Call to the “Disbursement End Date” shall be deemed to be **31 December 2023** (or the date as announced in the section of EIF’s website relating to the SME Initiative Italy).

For any other financial institution interested in submitting an Expression of Interest to the Call, please visit http://www.eif.org/what_we_do/guarantees/sme_initiative/smei_italy/index.htm