



Banca Popolare di Sondrio

PRESS RELEASE

POSITIVE RESULTS OF 2025 ECB/SSM STRESS TEST

CAPITAL STRENGTH OF BANCA POPOLARE DI SONDRIO GROUP CONFIRMED IN BOTH THE BASELINE AND ADVERSE ECONOMIC SCENARIO

MAXIMUM IMPACT ON THE *FULLY LOADED* CET1 RATIO OF LESS THAN 300 BASIS POINTS OVER THE THREE-YEAR PERIOD 2025-2027 IN AN ADVERSE SCENARIO

Sondrio, 1 August 2025 - The Banca Popolare di Sondrio Group took part, along with 44 other banks of the Eurosystem, in the *2025 Supervisory Stress Test* conducted by the European Central Bank (ECB) according to a methodological framework similar to the parallel exercise carried out by the European Banking Authority (EBA) on a further sample of the 64 most significant institutions. The aim was to analyse the resilience of the EU banks in the event of major economic shocks.

The two macroeconomic scenarios used for the baseline and adverse simulations cover a three-year period (2025-2027). The first scenario assumes a business-as-usual context under an ordinary forecasting environment, the second assumes a severe escalation in geopolitical tensions, accompanied by fragmented global trade policies geared towards national interests, increases in energy and commodity prices, supply chain disruptions and a serious deterioration in the main economic performance indices.

As in previous simulation exercises, this year's Stress Test was conducted under the assumption of a static balance sheet as of 31 December 2024, without considering the effects of corporate strategies and future management initiatives.

Banca Popolare di Sondrio acknowledges the communication released by the ECB today regarding the outcome of the Stress Test and confirms the final results published by the Authority. In particular, in a strongly negative economic scenario, the Stress Test recorded a maximum projected core capital depletion of less than 300 basis points in terms of the *fully loaded* CET1 ratio over the three-year period from 2025 to 2027.

The impacts are measured against a CET1 ratio starting point value as of 31 December 2024 after a *pro-forma* restatement for the application of the regulatory reforms implementing the new Basel 4 framework, which came into force on 1 January 2025. This adjustment ensures that the initial CET1 ratio is fully comparable with the estimated capital projections, which already consider the changed prudential requirements.

For more details, please refer to the official documentation published by the ECB today.

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