

The Cassa Centrale Group presents its fifth survey of good practices: focus on the environment, young people and the social economy

The survey confirms the consistency of the Group's Banks and Companies' commitment with respect to the objectives of ecological transition and attention to new generations and vulnerable groups in the population, taking on a role as key players in local communities

- **246 charging stations installed (+15% over 2024) for electric vehicles**
- **Over 4 thousand study awards paid to young people, up by 18% compared to 2024**

Trento, 16/03/2026 – The **Cassa Centrale Group** continues to strengthen its commitment to environmental and social sustainability and presents, for the fifth consecutive year, its survey of good practices. It is a path that promotes virtuous experiences spread throughout the territory and fosters dialogue within the Group, encouraging the sharing of ideas and projects for the benefit of the communities.

The survey, carried out in collaboration with **EURICSE**, a research centre that specialises in the cooperative and social economy, involved **all 65 affiliated Banks, 5 Subsidiaries and the Parent Company**. The survey process made it possible to collect and systematise initiatives developed in four key areas:

- Care for the environment;
- Relations with Cooperative Members;
- Support for the territory and the community;
- Social economy and Third Sector entities.

The findings of the survey represent the confirmation of the Cassa Centrale Group's will to translate the principles of mutual credit cooperation into concrete actions that are capable of generating shared value and widespread well-being.

Care for the environment

In 2025, the Group's commitment to reducing its environmental impact was strengthened. In terms of sustainable mobility, at the end of the year, a total of 142 charging stations for electric cars were installed in 83 sites and branches, as well as 104 charging stations for e-bikes in 23 sites and 75 additional locations, for a total of **246 charging points**, a figure up by 15% compared to 2024.

With regard to the production and consumption of energy from renewable sources, almost all organisations have purchased electricity - in whole or in part - from 100% green suppliers, while 47 companies have produced their own energy through photovoltaic systems.

During 2025, the Group Companies also supported emissions offsetting initiatives and reforestation and afforestation projects, contributing to the planting of almost 4 thousand trees, in addition to 600 new plantings already planned. Lastly, the renewal of the company fleet continued with the gradual introduction of hybrid or full-electric vehicles, in line with the Group's ecological transition objectives.

Relations with Cooperative Members

The link with its corporate base is a feature of the Group's identity, and translates into concrete measures to support Members, with particular attention to the new generations. In 2025, 33 Banks provided incentives for entry into the ownership structure, with the aim of

strengthening participation and enhancing the role of Cooperative Members, promoting their inclusion and active involvement.

The focus on young people has also translated into projects dedicated to the development of new businesses and the disbursement of over **4 thousand study awards**, up 18% compared to 2024. At the same time, the commitment to female entrepreneurship and empowerment was strengthened, as well as initiatives dedicated to combating social hardship and situations of fragility.

Activities in support of the territory and the community

The 65 Cooperative Credit Banks/Casse Rurali/Raiffeisenkassen affiliated with the Cassa Centrale Group continue to confirm their role as **key players in local communities**, thanks to a widespread network of relationships with schools, local authorities and private social organisations.

In 2025, 51 affiliated Banks and the Parent Company organised training and information initiatives aimed at citizens, with particular attention to issues such as financial education, prevention of fraud and scams, culture and quality of life.

To encourage social interaction, 39 Banks opened their spaces to local initiatives and events, while 34 companies promoted events and meetings with the communities.

Social economy and Third Sector entities

In terms of social economy, the Group Banks have shown an increasingly active role as **promoters of community infrastructures**.

At the end of 2025, 46 Third Sector Entities were established, largely on the direct initiative of the Banks, of which 31 are already registered in the Single National Third Sector Register ("RUNTS"). This is accompanied by the intention, communicated by 5 Banks, to proceed with the establishment of additional entities.

The activities carried out by these Entities have ranged from the cultural and recreational sphere to the social and socio-health sphere, from education to environmental protection, as well as the enhancement of cultural heritage and the landscape, confirming a widespread presence in support of territorial cohesion.

Finally, 23 Banks have developed products and services dedicated to non-profit organisations, strengthening a relationship model that goes beyond the economic contribution and aims at a structured support of the social economy.

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The Cassa Centrale – Credito Cooperativo Italiano Group includes 65 BCCs - Casse Rurali (Rural Banks) - Raiffeisenkassen and 1,501 branches throughout Italy, more than 12,500 employees and 500 thousand Cooperative Members. With balance sheet assets of €94 billion as of 31/12/2025, the Group ranks among Italy's top 10.

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