

# **CRM – Customer Relationship Management**

**SACE Global Solutions** 

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# The purpose of this presentation





## YOU!

Which are the strenghts that the client recognize you? **Your Strengths** Do you usually collect any critic from the client? Your Weakness What can be done to improve your client satisfaction? Areas of Improvement

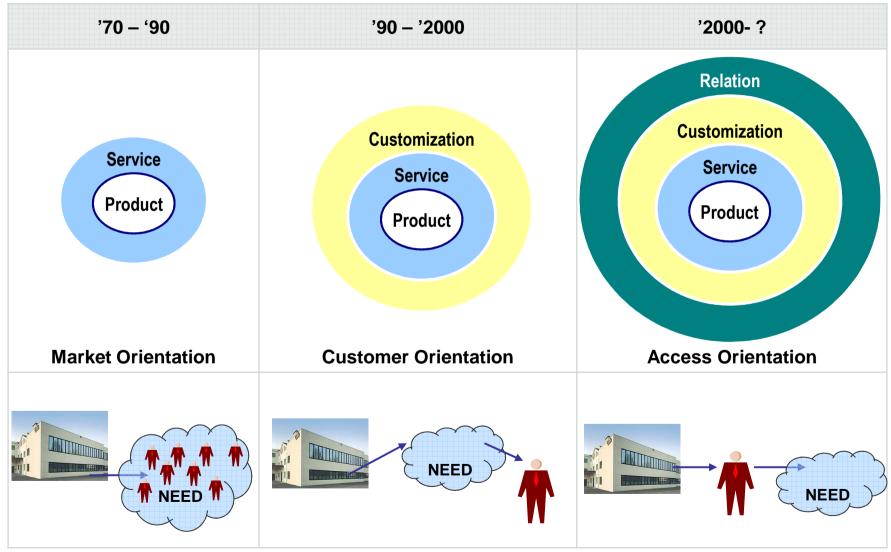


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## Historic evolution of the relation with client





# Historic evolution of the relation with the client (2)

# Market Orientation



# **Access Orientation**



The customer replace the market as a logical place for request and offer.

The relation with the client and the characteristics of the relationship are the main key factors.



# **CRM – Customer Relationship Management**

"CRM is a **strategic approach** that is concerned with creating improved shareholder value through the **development of appropriate relationships** with key customers and customer segments.

CRM unites the potential of **relationship, marketing strategies and IT** to create profitable, **long-term relationships** with customers and other key stakeholders.

CRM provides enhanced opportunities to use **data and information** to both **understand customers** and **co-create value** with them. This requires a cross-functional integration of processes, people, operations, and marketing capabilities that is enabled information, technology, and applications".

(Payne & Frow, 2005, p. 168)



# **CRM – Customer Relationship Management (2)**

#### **Strategic CRM:**

The aim of strategic CRM is to concentrate and enhance the knowledge about customers and use this knowledge to improve and customize the interactions with customers to maintain a long-term relationship with them.

#### **Operational CRM:**

Operational CRM generally refers to services that allow an organization to take care of their customers. It provides support for various business processes, which can include sales, marketing and customer service. Contact and call centers, data aggregation systems and web sites are a few examples of operational CRM.

#### **Analytical CRM:**

Analytical CRM supports organizational back-office operations and analysis. It deals with all the operations and processes related with client data collection.

#### **Collaborative CRM:**

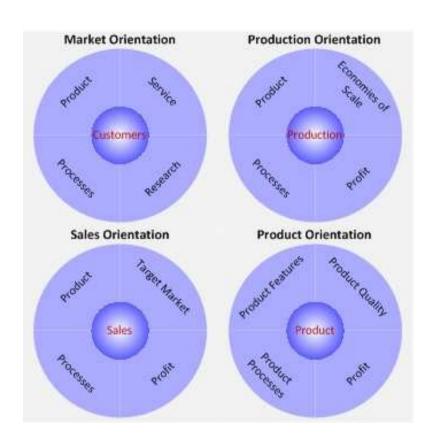
Collaborative CRM applies technology in order to share information collected from interaction with customer with the aim to create recognized values for the companies and for the partners.





# 4 organizational principles

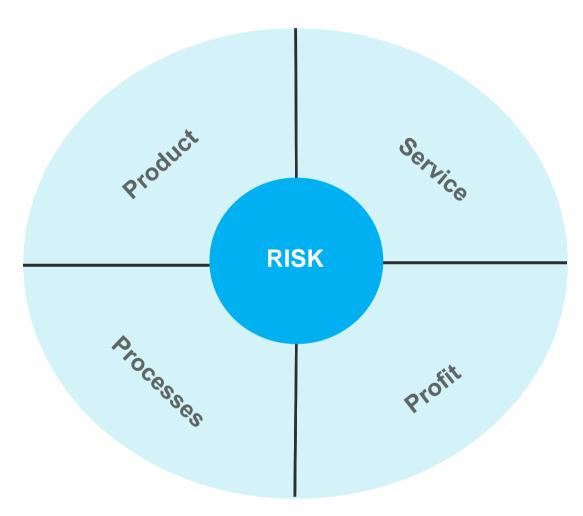
- Market orientation: customer oriented instead of product centered. Find the right product for your customer.
- ✓ Production orientation: concentrate on achieving intensive production efficiency and low costs.
- ✓ Product orientation: caught in «love affair» with the product.
- ✓ Sales orientation: the aim is to sell what
  you make rather than make what the
  market wants.



### On which principle does an ECA work?



# **Risk orientation**



When ECAs sell policies or guarantees...ECAs are buying risks!



## **CRM – The IDIC model**

#### **Customer Insight Customer Experience Analytical CRM** Operational CRM Differentiate Interact Customize Identify Customers as With customers Customers by Some aspect of the company's unique, addressable their value & efficiently and

Is this model applicable to an ECA?

needs

effectively



behavior

individuals

#### **CRM** for an **ECA**

- ✓ In general, CRM has a strategic and multi-functional approach in dealing with client...
- ✓ However, ECA is a hybrid player (trade-off between support and profit)
- ✓ Consequently, CRM approach should be specifically tailored for an ECA



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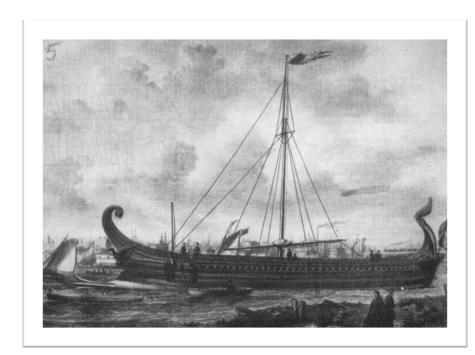
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# Looking for favorable wind

Ignoranti quem portum petat, nullus suus ventus est

There is no favorable wind to the person who does not know which port to reach.



Seneca Moral Letters to Lucilius



# Vision, Mission and Strategic goals

#### **Vision**

The ultimate goals that an ECA seeks to achieve in the middle and long run. This set of goals might be distinguished at both national and corporate level.

#### **Mission**

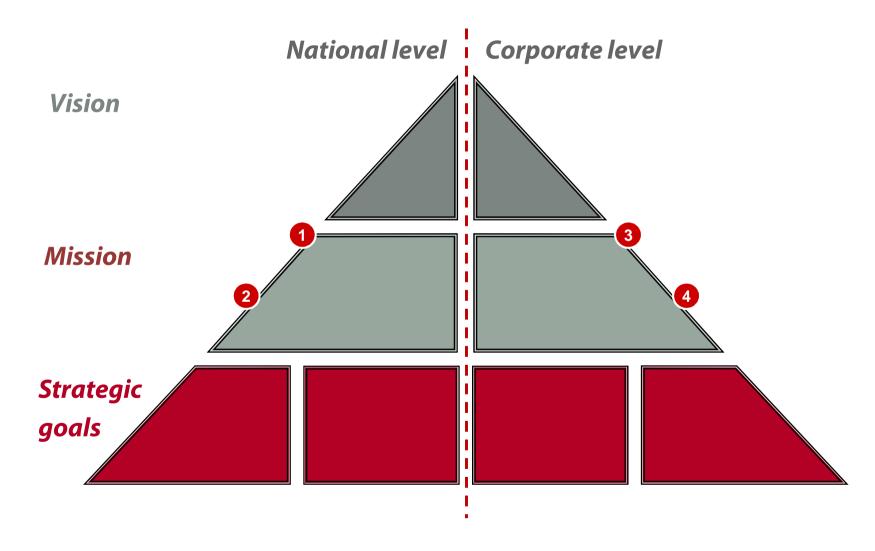
The core principles, which will guide the company's operations over time, irrespective of the (temporary) potential effect of externalities. The mission states the priorities from the business and operational perspectives, again both at national and corporate levels, and defines the market positioning and the approach in relation with other players in the financial market.

#### Strategic Goals

A set of **planned and concrete objectives** that the ECA would endeavor to achieve in the long term in order to carry out the "mission" and the "vision".

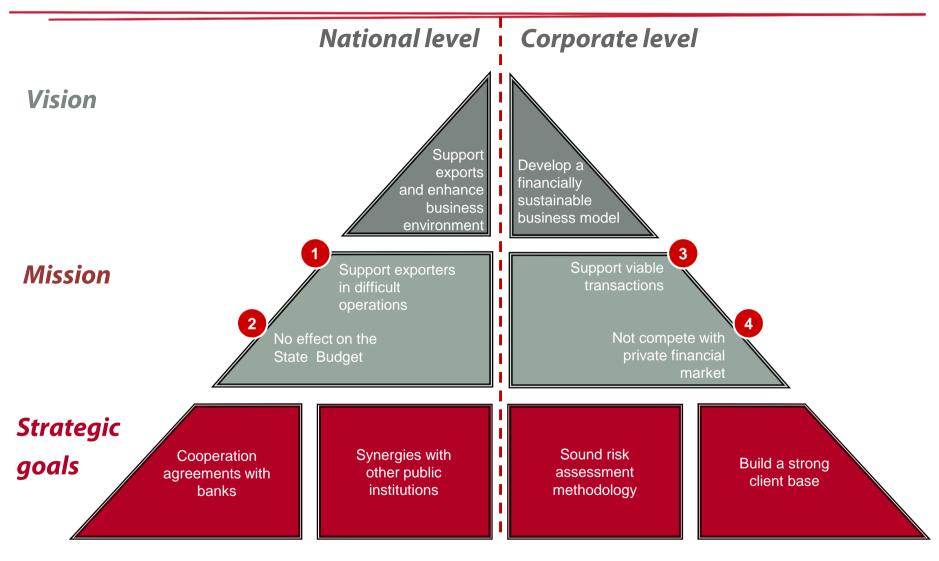


# **Defining the Pyramid**





## **ECA's Mission**



STRATEGY IMPLEMENTATION



# Strategy implementation / Business Model

The strategy implementation is linked with the business model, which is influenced by the following variables:

- priorities defined by the country's economic policy;
- ii. public finance strength and sustainability;
- iii. availability of financial resources and external funding;
- iv. limits to foreign currency indebtedness;
- v. market destination of exports;
- vi. typology of goods exported;
- vii. level of development of the private insurance market.



# **Strategy implementation**

- 1. Identification of client
- 2. Identification of the needs
- 3. Pay-off for the ECA and for the Country
- 4. Communication and Promotion (distribution channels)
- 5. Products offer



# Let's discuss

- 1) Define the target / set the direction
- 2) Verify the adequacy of the structures
- 3) Implement the strategy

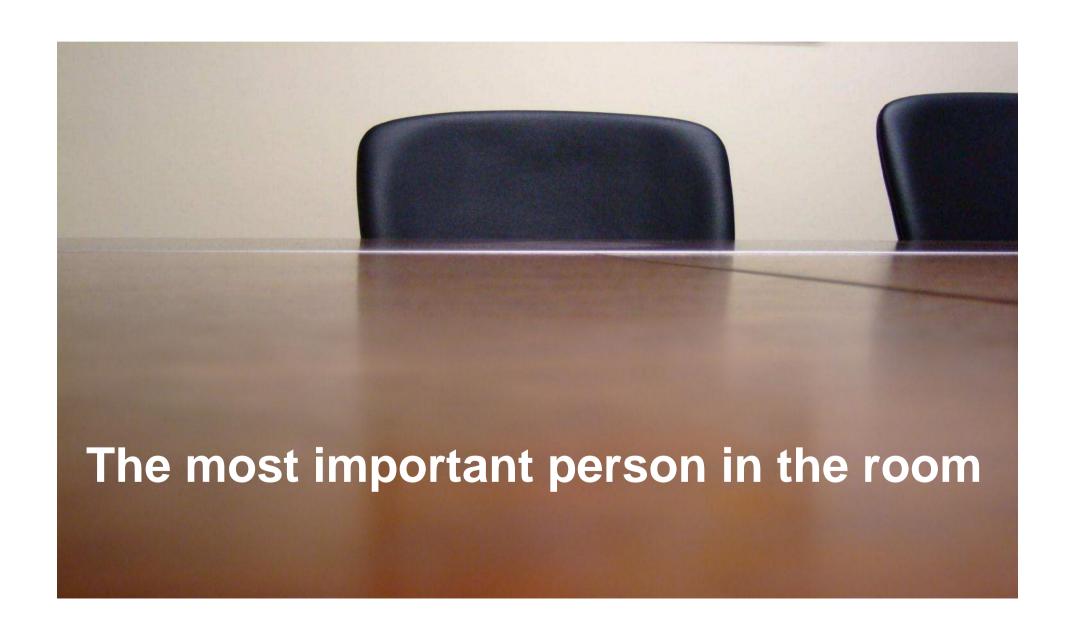




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## The customer

#### **Identification**



- ✓ Who's the client
- √ Who's your client
- ✓ Understanding customer needs

# Elaboration and management



- ✓ Personalize the relations
- ✓ Manage your relation
- ✓ Satisfy your customer

## **Analysis**



- √ Successful cases
- √ Flops



### Who is the customer?

"Who is the customer?

The customer is the most important visitor on our premises.

He is not dependent on us.

We are dependent on him.

He is not an interruption of our work.

He is the purpose of it.

He is not an outsider in our business, he is part of it.

We are not doing him a favour by serving him.

He is doing us a favour by giving us an opportunity to do so."

"There is only one boss. The customer. And he can fire everybody in the company from the chairman on down, simply by spending his money somewhere else."

Sam Walton

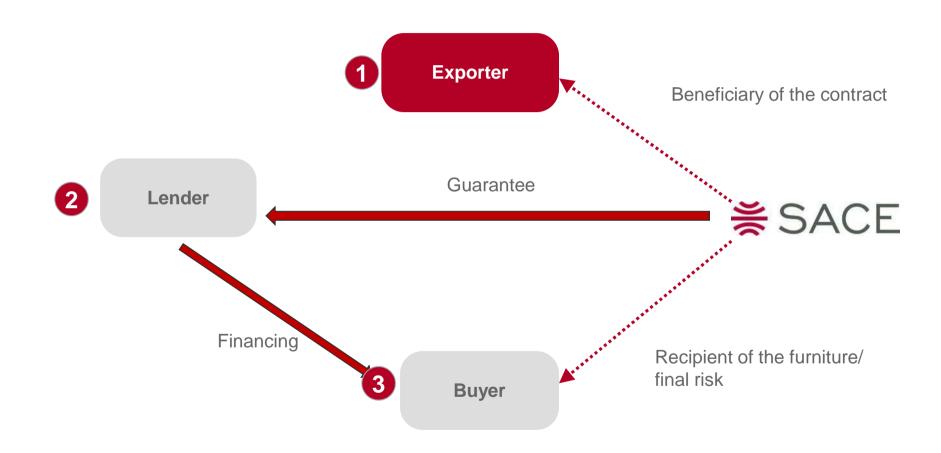
Gandhi

"We've had three big ideas at Amazon that we've stuck with for 18 years, and they're the reason we're successful: **Put the customer first**. Invent. And be patient."

Jeff Bezos

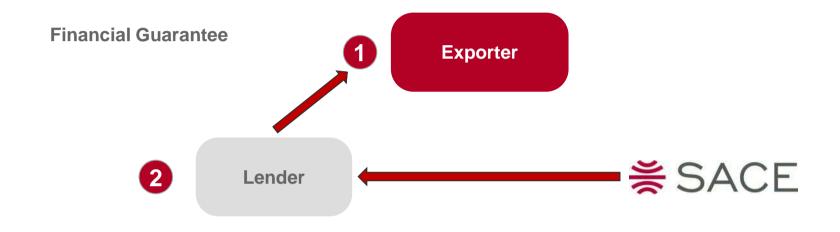


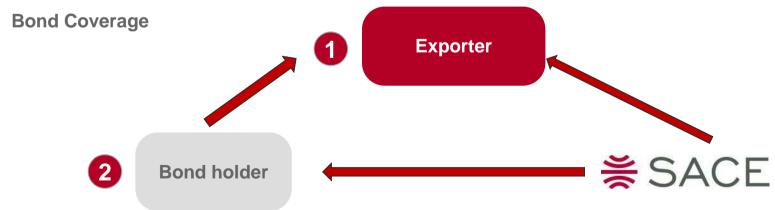
# The ECA client...Who is SACE client?





## Who is SACE client: Italian risk





# **Needs and reality**

Normally, an ECA tries to adapt the reality and the customers' needs to its products...

In the long term, the main effort is to adapt the ECA products offer to the reality and customers' needs

However, this is a very risky process...be careful!



# **Customer needs: case study Fed-EX**

#### Panic Vs Innovation

- 1 FedEx is an American global courier delivery services company.
- 2 How they react to the arrival of the FAX in 1984?
- 3 Zap-Mail
- 4 They did not understand the differences between product and services





# Case study: credit enhancement SACE

#### Support Vs Innovation

- 1 Enhance the credit for the exporters.
- (2) What SACE did?
- 3 Credit enhancement product
- 4 SACE was focusing to much on the support.





### **Customer satisfaction**

Customer satisfaction measures the efficiency of the service provided by the company to its client

## How to satisfy customer's expectations?



When customers value the service they receive, they are less likely to look for alternatives...



# **Customer Experience Management (CEM)**

Customer experience management (CEM) is the collection of processes a company uses to track, oversee and organize every interaction between a customer and the organization throughout the customer lifecycle. The goal of CEM is to optimize interactions from the customer's perspective and, as a result, foster customer loyalty.













# How customer experience could be applied to ECAs?

Customer experience

#### **Human Factor**

- Expertise
- Communication skills
- Empathy
- Courtesy
- Accessibility
- Accountability

#### **Process Factor**

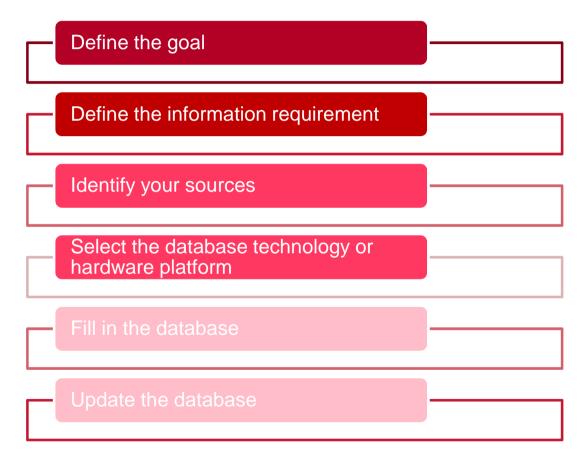
- Low transaction costs
- Less bureaucracy
- Less paper work
- Smooth execution

#### **Communication Factor**

- Quick and easy communication
- Simplification
- Responsiveness (feedback)
- Client engagement



# The importance to have an accurate customer-related database...





### **CRM Customer**

http://10.0.8.110/crmgruppo/index.php?action=Login&module=Users&login module=Home&login action=index



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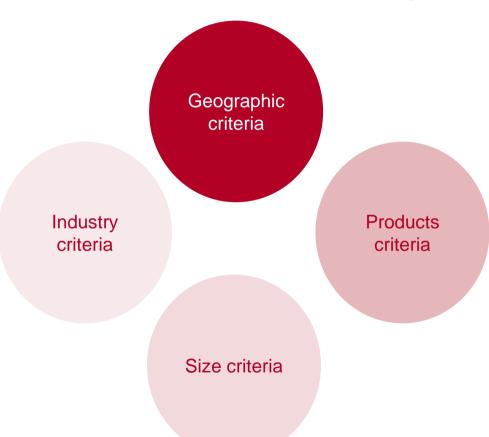


# How to manage a client portfolio?

Clients cannot be managed in the same way!
On the one hand clients are equal, on the other hand every single

client is unique.







## Let's discuss

- The customers are the most valuable asset of a company, hence understanding their needs is an important challenge
- The ability of a Relationship Manager is to make sure the client's needs are met at every step
- It is fundamental to understand the client typology, which can assessed according to a variety of needs
- Take care of customer satisfaction and improve customer experience
- Develop a database and portfolio is strategically important





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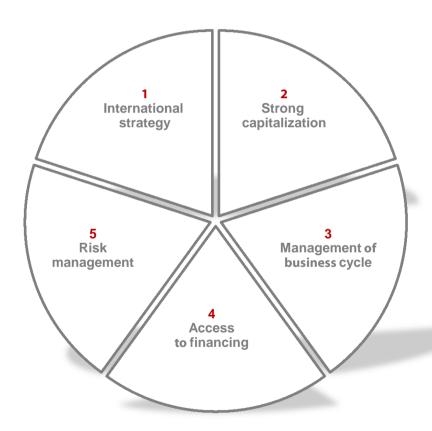


# Our Vision, SACE's approach



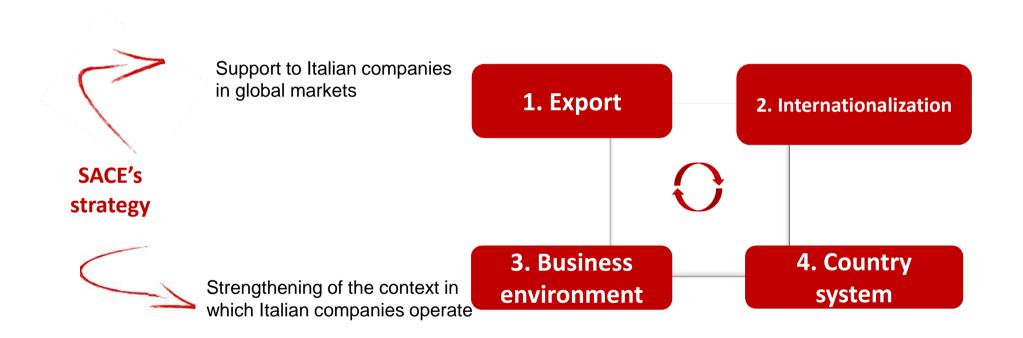
#### **Key factors for being successful in the global market:**

To compete globally, companies have to be strong in the domestic market.



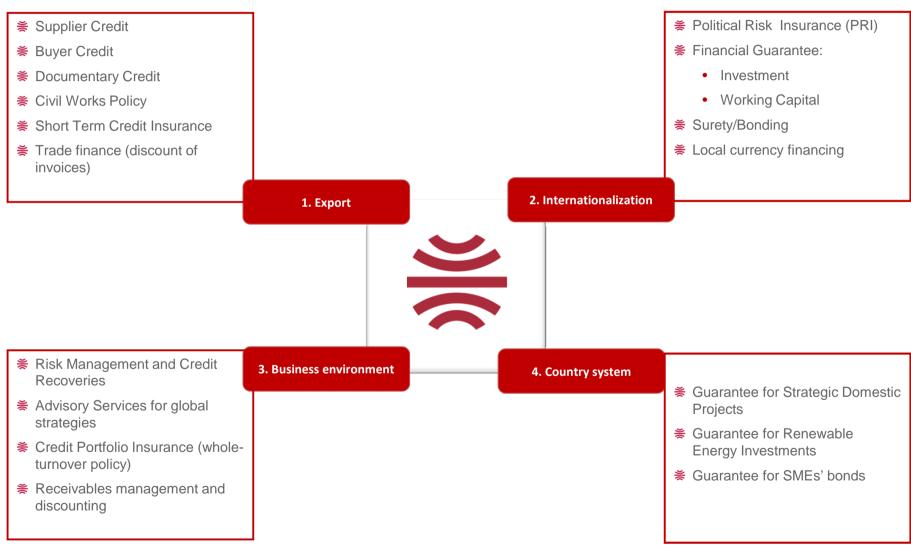


#### **SACE: Strategy implementation**





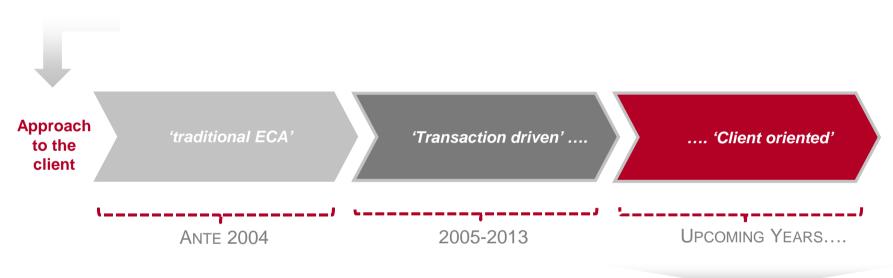
#### **SACE: Business Model**





#### **SACE**: growth strategy

Evolution of the commercial model in SACE



- SACE mission is changing with the evolution of the activity and the introduction of new business lines (SACE BT, SACE FCT, SACE SRV)
- The approach to the client follows the evolution of the market and aims at providing relevant answers to client's needs

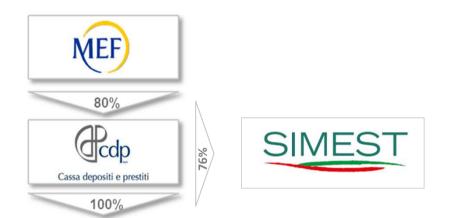


#### Main features of the two approaches:

	'Transaction Driven'	'Customer Oriented'			
Strategy	Product specialization aiming at providing an excellent service	Looking for solutions that fit client's needs and more specifically on SACE products			
Process	The process starts on the client's input	Be close to the client in order to understand his needs asap			
Accountability & Rewards	Based on the <b>execution ability</b>	Based on the ability of 'insight' on the client			
Organizative Structure	Product based	Focus on the <b>client</b>			
Reporting	According to the <b>business line</b>	According to client's typology			



#### **CDP Group Structure**





Export credit, credit insurance, investment protection, sureties, reinsurance, financial guarantees, project & structured finance

Short-term credit insurance, sureties and construction risks

SACESRV

Data acquisition and credit recovery

100%



100%

Factoring and discounting of credit



#### SACE Group's approach

'Specialised approach'	'Consolidated approach'
Several entry points	One entry point
Separated CRM	Consolidated CRM
Single selling	Cross-selling
Specialization on the products	Specialization on the <b>clients</b>



#### **Origination: two steps**

Scouting - DAC Dashboard

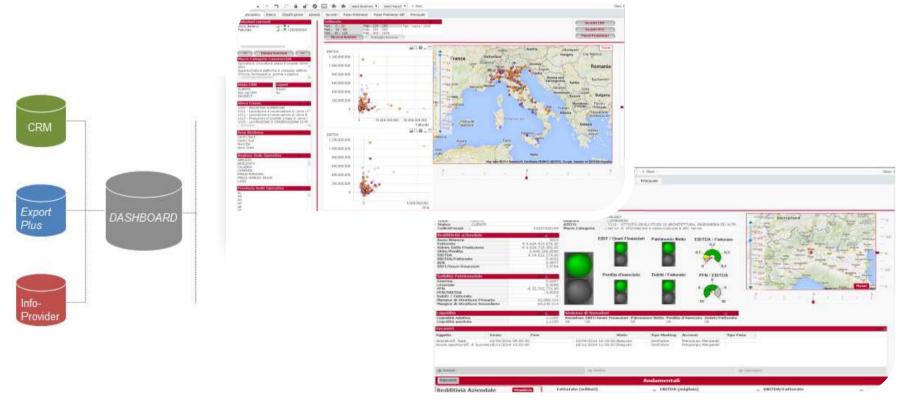
Monitoring the origination performance (KPIs)



#### DAC - Dash board

DAC is a commercial analysis dashboard that allows to analyze the companies diffusion on the territory.

It has been implemented in house unifying all data of SACE portfolio and using different technical instruments of analysis.





#### DAC - Criteria

#### Strenghts:

- ✓ Commercial analysis on the territory
- ✓ Performance monitoring (meeting, pipeline)
- ✓ First screening of companies according with defined criteria

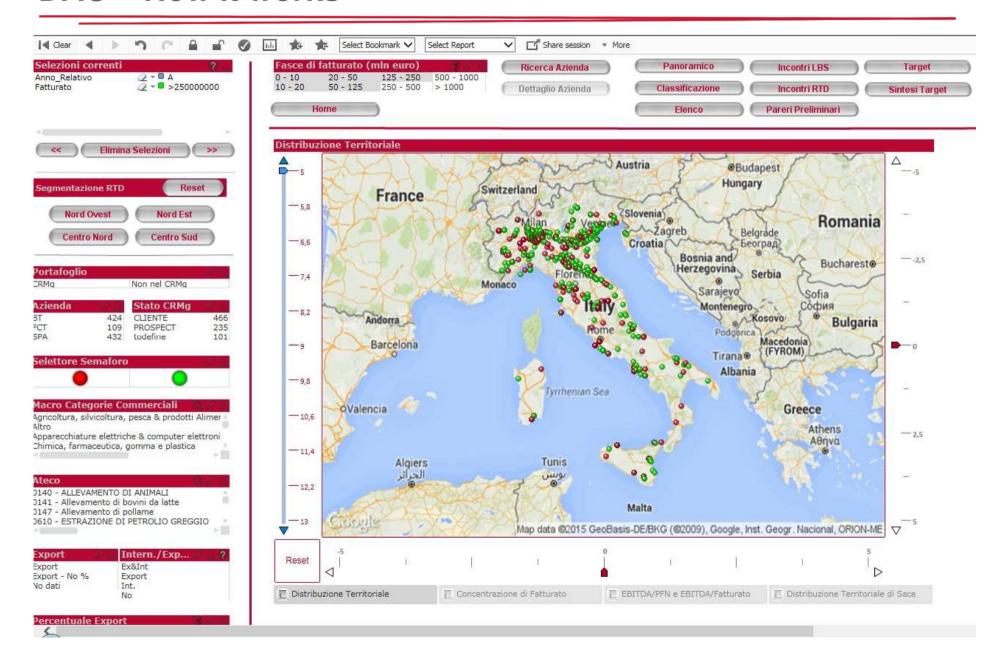


SACE's cut-off criteria are (all at one time):

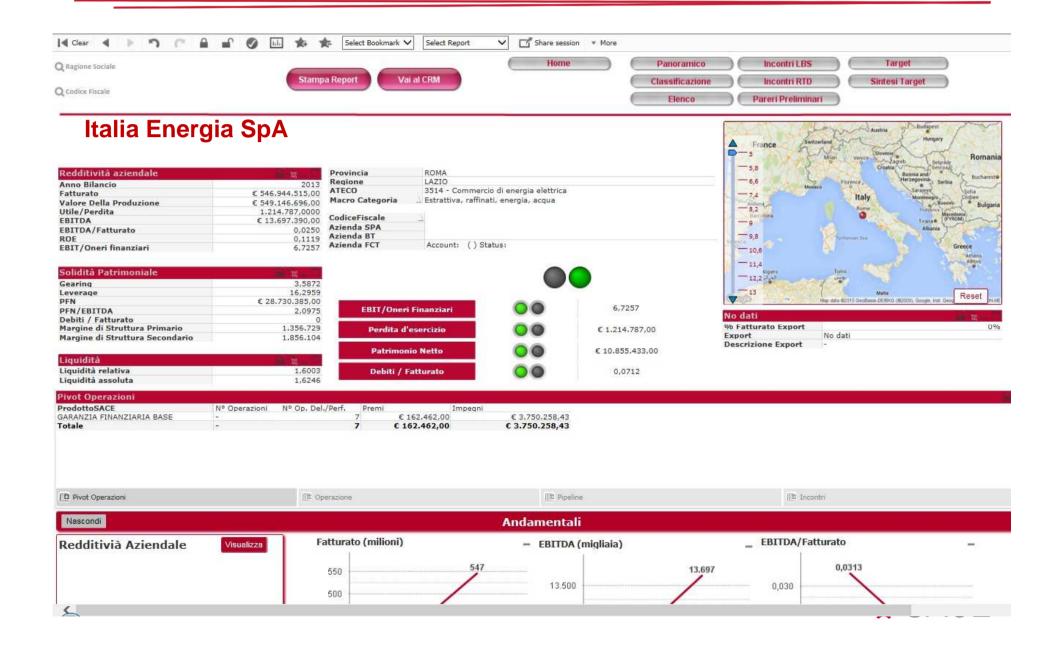
- ✓ Equity < 0
- ✓ EBIT / Financial costs <1
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- ✓ Losses for more than 2 years
- ✓ Financial debt / turnover > 0.75



#### DAC - How it works



#### **DAC - How it works**



#### **DAC – Company profile**

Provincia	BRESCIA
Regione	LOMBARDIA
ATECO	3530 - FORNITURA DI VAPORE E ARIA CONDIZIO
Macro Categoria	Estrattiva, raffinati, energia, acqua

Anno Bilancio	2013
Fatturato	€ 301.996.061,00
Valore Della Produzione	€ 319.938.003,00
Utile/Perdita	33.119.143,0000
EBITDA	€ 81.386.209,00
EBITDA/Fatturato	0,2695
ROE	0,0914
EBIT/Oneri finanziari	10,3480
Gearing	0,0000
Leverage	0,6884
PFN	-€ 419.985,00
PFN/EBITDA	-0,0052
Debiti / Fatturato	0
Margine di Struttura Primario	-164.619.807
Margine di Struttura Secondario	-164.619.807
Liquidità relativa	0,0000
Liquidità assoluta	0,0000

Semaforo	00	ок	
Perdita d'esercizio	00	Ok	10,3480
EBIT/Oneri Finanziari	00	Ok	€ 33.119.143,00
Patrimonio Netto	00	Ok	€ 362.432.759,00



#### **KPIs:** monitoring the evolution

Key Figures
Approved guarantees
Approved Premia
Gross written premia
Settled claims
- political
- commercial
Recoveries
- political
- commercial
N. approved operations
N. served clients
LB
SME

YTD	% Success Rate	Pipeline	FY Forecast	Target	∆% FY Forecast to target



#### KPIs: by geographical area





#### **KPIs:** by product

Product	Committments	Premia	Premium interest medium rate	Operations	Loss ratio ex ante
Buyer's Credit policy					
Supplier's Credit policy					
Investment policy					
Confirmation of letter of credit policy					
Financial guarantees					
Guarantees for the internationalisation of SMEs					
Surety Bonds					



#### **KPIs: International network**

	Moscow		Johannesburg		Dubai		Sao Paulo	
KEY FIGURES	YTD 2015	Goal	YDT 2015	Goal	YTD 2015	Goal	YTD 2015	Goal
Total Revenues (a)								
Origination Fees								
Contribution Fees								
Total costs (b)								
Preliminary request (c)								
Total (a+b+c)								
Business approved through SACE International network								
Committments								
Premium								
Number of transactions								



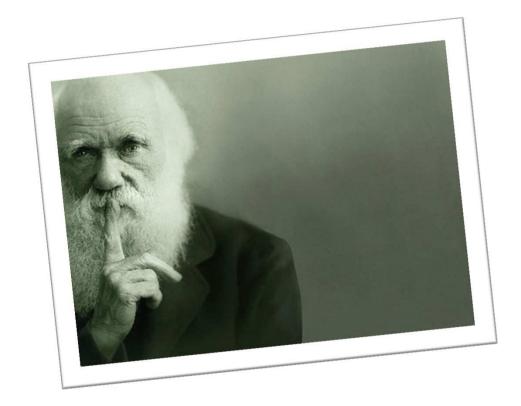
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#### Be responsive, be resilient

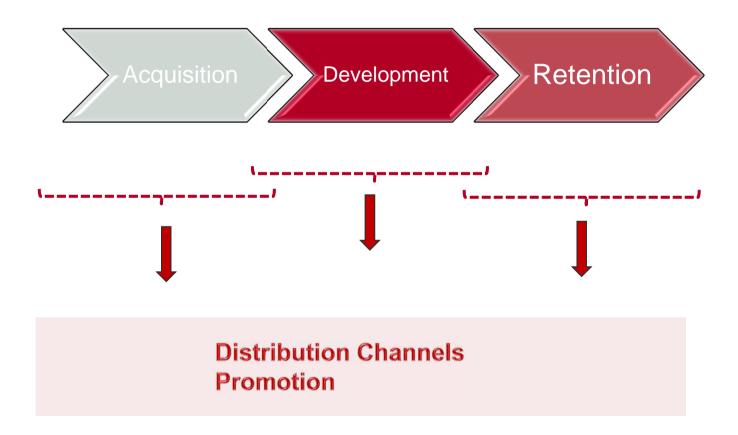
It is not the strongest of the species that survive, nor the most intelligent, but the one most responsive to change.



**Charles Darwin** 



#### **Origination is the key**





#### **Distribution channels**

#### **Proximity**

### Domestic and International Network

- 14 Domestic Offices (of which 4 branches)
- 9 International Offices in major emerging and industrialized target markets and 1 Regional desk
- Direct contact point to help identify solutions
- Solid relationship with foreign player
- Fair and exhibitions
- Network or dedicated people or brokers
- Cooperation agreement with banks

#### Simplified process



- Simplified application procedures
- Lower costs
- Faster feedback
- Preliminary assessments the reliability of a counterparty

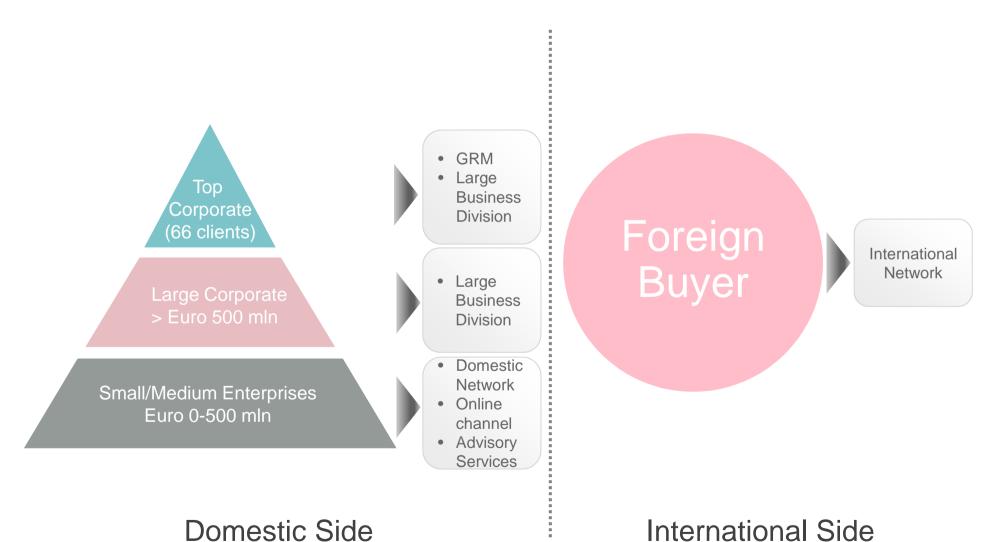
#### **Knowledge and expertise**



- Identification of best growth opportunities
- Assistance in the negotiation process
- Development of strategic plans to face global markets



#### **Domestic and international model**



emational Side



# Domestic and International Network



#### SACE's Domestic Network

- 4 branches and 10 offices
- 42 agents<sup>1</sup>

Each domestic office acts as a reference for the internationalization of Italian companies (mid-cap and SMEs). Branch offices can manage the entire underwriting process independently: from enquiry and credit assessment to

the issuance of the insurance policy.





<sup>1)</sup> For credit insurance, surety and construction risk only

#### Domestic Side – SME's: Client targeting strategies

SACE customers needs has imposed an analysis of the customer base in order to identify the best strategies to support them: "one stop shop". Direct contact point to help identify solutions: Domestic Network

#### **Small/Medium Enterprises**



- proximity
- partner for the internationalisation
- identification of growth opportunities
- assistance in the negotiation process
- fast feedback

#### Coverage

- Domestic network
- Online channel
- Bank coverage

#### **Products**

Financial Guarantees

.....

- Supplier 's Credit
- Surety Bonds
- Confirmation of Letters of Credit Export Credit



# Domestic Side – Large and Top corporate: Client targeting strategies

# Large and Top Corporate Needs Coverage Products tailor made solutions for specific needs Global Relationship Manager Manager Large Business

Division



(multilateral

institutions, financial

institutions, etc.)

# Domestic Side – Large and Top corporate: Client targeting strategies

#### **Top Corporate**

#### **Global Relationship Manager**

- The GRM is responsible for overseeing the global client relationship, setting the strategy and managing the core client team. GRM is dedicated to bringing the best of SACE resources to our clients
- The Global Relationship Manager must be ready to develop creative solutions for existing clients, as well as pursue new client opportunities
- This client-centric approach ensures that all practices and offices around the world follow consistent standards, etc.

#### **Large and Top Corporate**

#### **Large Business Division**

- infrastructures & utilities;
- transport, financial services and special industries:
  - shipping,
  - aircraft, automotive and trains,
  - banks & special industries
- heavy industries:
  - oil&gas
  - petrochemicals
  - steel



#### SACE's International Network

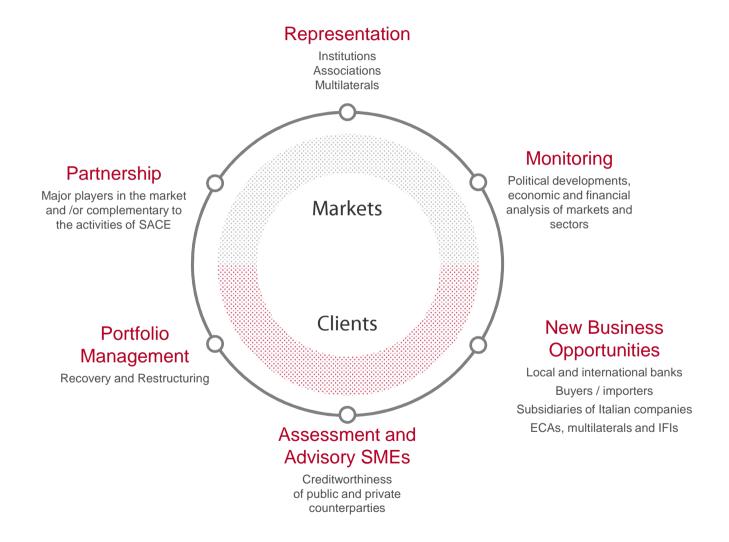
- 9 Representative Offices
- 1 Regional Desk<sup>1</sup>



1) c/o African Trade Insurance Agency



#### The areas of intervention of the International Offices



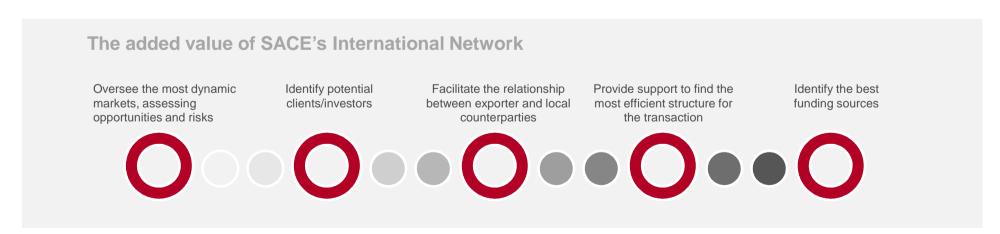


#### SACE's International Network

**SACE's International Network** consists in 9 Overseas Offices and a Desk in Nairobi, acting as strategic regional hubs in all major emerging markets and developed economies of potential importance for the Italian exports.

The International Offices act as catalysts for export opportunities, assisting Italian companies to locate business partners and buyers overseas. Main activities can be resumed as follows:

- Work in close connection with Italian companies active in the region and their local counterparties (the Buyers)
- Scout new business opportunities and assist in the credit evaluation of local companies and/or local subsidiaries of international corporates
- Monitor macroeconomic developments and SACE's portfolio in the region (including direct contact with local MLAs, IFC/Worldbank offices, as appropriate)
- Arrange training programs 'made to tailor' for local companies, banks or ECAs
- Organise local events (e.g. seminars) to promote the internationalisation of Italian companies, working closely with the local Italian institutions (Embassy, Consulate, Italian Trade Commission, Chamber of Commerce, etc.).





#### The areas of intervention of the International Offices

In order to support the internationalisation of Italian firms, SACE signed partnership agreements with institutions and local counterparties offering complementary services in order to facilitate export activities.

#### **Partnerships**













#### International agreements with ECAs and financial institutions















































## **Fairs and Exhibitions**



#### **Fairs and Exhibitions**

- ✓ SACE takes part in National and International fairs exhibition in order to present insurance and financial tools seized to support the growth of SME's business.
- ✓ Supports clients in negotiation
- ✓ Main sectors: Agroindustry, Machinery, Technologies and Materials for processing and packaging, Plastics and rubber, Textile.















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# Dedicated people or broker



# Dedicated people or broker

- ✓ <u>Account Manager</u>: responsible for the management of sales, and relationships with specific customers.
  Dedicated portfolio and / or selected territories.
- ✓ <u>Broker or agent</u>: sells, solicits, or negotiates insurance for compensation







# **Cooperation agreements**

SACE signed more than 20 agreements with domestic and international banks in support of SME internationalisation and 15 bilateral or multilateral agreement with governments, Chambers of Commerce, other ECAs.



#### Operational activities 2005 – 2015

✓ Guarantees approved: **3.759** (75% to SME)

✓ Credit line: 3,43 Bn Euro

✓ Commitments: **2,33** Bn di Euro

✓ Premia: **51,5** M di Euro



# **Reinsurance Agreements**

- Austria, OeKB
- Belgium, Credendo Group (ONDD)
- Canada, EDC
- China, SINOSURE
- Czech Republic, EGAP
- Denmark, EKF
- Finland, FINNVERA
- France, COFACE
- Israel, ASHRA
- Germany, EULER HERMES
- Japan, NEXI
- Luxembourg, ODL
- Netherlands, ATRADIUS

- Norway, GIEK
- Poland, KUKE
- Portugal, COSEC
- Russia, EXIAR
- Saudi Arabia, ICIEC
- Slovenia, SID
- Spain, CESCE
- South Korea, K-sure
- Sweden, EKN
- Switzerland, SERV
- United Kingdom, ECGD (UKEF)
- United States, US Exim
- Multilateral, ATI (African Trade Insurance)



# **SACE Online Channel**

- SACE Offer Products & Services
- ExportPlus The online Platform
- Online Products & Services
- FAQ



## SACE offer - Products & Services

#### **CREDIT INSURANCE**

- Supplier Credit<sup>1</sup>
- Civil Works
- L/C cover¹
- Buyer Credit
- Other insurance products for Banks
- Multiexport & Global Multimarket<sup>®</sup>

#### **INVESTMENT PROTECTION**

Foreign Direct Investment<sup>1</sup>

#### FINANCIAL GUARANTEES

- Investment Financial Guarantee
- SME Internationalization Guarantee<sup>1</sup>
- Short Term Financial Guarantee<sup>1</sup>
- Working Capital Guarantee
- · Financial guarantee on loan issue

#### **SURETY BONDS**

- Contractual Guarantee, Counter-guarantee<sup>1</sup> and Reinsurance
- Bond & Guarantee for law/duties obligations
- Construction Risk Insurance<sup>1</sup>

#### PRE-UNDERWRITING CONSULTANCY

Preliminary Opinion<sup>1</sup>

1) Online products in **bold**; SACE BT products in *italic* 



# **ExportPlus – The online platform**

#### Online platform objectives:

- Provide info on Insurance Products
- Speed up info collection / underwriting phase
- Policy issuance

Facilitate market analysis

# PRE-UNDERWRITING CONSULTANCY

**CREDIT INSURANCE** 

**SURETY BONDS** 

**FINANCIAL GUARANTEES** 

INVESTMENT PROTECTION

#### Advantages:

- Shorter response time
- Simple product info and consultation
- Email alert for clients
- Online payments via credit card

# CORPORATE **Preliminary Opinion** Multi-Risk Plus One Basic online PRI online

**BANK Preliminary Opinion** CreDoc online Surety Policy online SME International Guarantee ST Financial Guarantee



# **Preliminary Opinion**

**Preliminary Opinion** 

Evaluation on: credit rating of the counterparties, transaction's feasibility, coverage and, when opportune, pricing range for the operation. Pre-paid cards available.

#### **Key characteristics**

Risk type	Any, depending on the product/risk		
Counterpart at risk	Corporate	Bank	Country
Max payment deferment	No limits	No limits	No limits
Method of issuing	Case-by-case analysis	Automatic or Case-by- case analysis	Case-by-case analysis
Price	Depending on the risk.		



# **Supplier Credit**

Multi-risk Plus One

**Basic online** 

Basic online and Plus One are online supplier credit policies to protect foreign sales online, with simplified application form compared to traditional insurance policies.

Key characteristics	Basic online	Plus One
Risk type	Credit risk	<ul><li>Credit Risk</li><li>Pre-shipment cover</li><li>Unfair bond calling</li></ul>
Counterpart at risk	Corporate or Bank (guarantor)	
Max amount	500.000€	5 Mln €
Max payment deferment	36 months	60 months
Time for preliminary investigation	7 days	

#### **Credit transfer**

Simplified online credit transfer without recourse for transferring rights under the insurance to a financial institution.

#### **Corporate Online Evaluation**

Service for obtaining real-time evaluation of foreign corporate for transaction up to 250.000 €.



## **Confirmation of Letters of Credit**

#### **Credoc online**

This product allows banks to cover themselves against the risk of failure to repay documentary credit resulting from confirmation, by a foreign bank<sup>1</sup>, of the opening of a documentary credit

facility linked to any Italian company export or related activities<sup>2</sup>.

The Credit Line policy allows the bank to obtain online insurance cover on the maximum amount requested from several banks (pre-selected by SACE) located in a single country.

#### **Key characteristics**

Risk type	Credit Risk - Political and Commercial events	
Counterpart at risk	Foreign Bank	
Max insurable amount	5 Mln €	
Max payment deferment	60 months	
Time for preliminary investigation	Real-time	
Coverage	Up to 100%	

- 1) Resident in a country other than that of the confirming bank
- 2) Supply of services, foreign studies and design activities



# **Surety Policy online**

**Surety Policy online** 

Guarantees required to take part in tenders, in Italy and abroad, so as not to lose business opportunities: Bid Bond, Performance Bond, Advance Payment Bond, Maintenance Bond, Money Retention Bond.

#### **Key characteristics**

Risk type	Performance Risk	
Counterpart at risk Italian enterprises		
Max insurable amount	5 MIn €	
Tenor	Up to 5 years	
Coverage Up to a maximum of 70% of the bond		



# **Political Risk Insurance**

**PRI** online

Political Risk Insurance (PRI) protects overseas investment against political risk – such as nationalization, embargo or civil disorders – which may cause loss of the invested capital. Insured operations include: equity contribution, financing to foreign owned company, guarantees for financing from third party.

#### **Key characteristics**

Risk type Investment risks¹ – Political events	
Counterpart at risk	Country
Max insurable amount	5 Mln €
Tenor	Up to 10 years
Coverage	Up to 100%

1) Loss of capital invested abroad and loss of any sums due to the Italian investor in relation to its foreign investment



# **SME** internationalization Guarantee

SME Internationalization
Guarantee

This product guarantees loans financing the internationalization of Italian SMEs (supply of goods and services or the execution of civil works) thanks to the master agreements between SACE and several financial institutions.

#### **Key characteristics**

Risk type Credit Risk – Non-repayment of the loa	
Counterpart at risk Italian enterprises	
Max insurable amount	5 MIn €
Tenor	Up to 7 years
Coverage Up to a maximum of 70% of the loan	



# **ST Financial Guarantee**

**ST Financial Guarantee** 

This product guarantees loans financing:

- 1. working capital (raw materials, semi-finished products) relating to export operations;
- 2. advances on export trade receivables or export contracts;
- 3. funding related to internationalisation activities.

#### **Key characteristics**

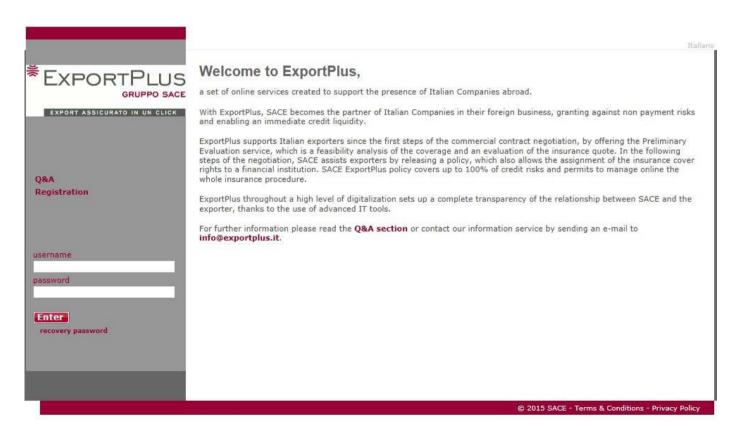
Risk type	Credit Risk - Non-repayment of the loan
Counterpart at risk Italian enterprises	
Max insurable amount	5 MIn €
Tenor	From 6 to 18 months
Coverage Up to a maximum of 70% of the loan	



# Presentazione live export plus

### https://training.exportplus.it

#### https://training.exportplus.it/work/Backoffice





## FAQ

- Who's got access to your on-line systems?
- Do Banks have centralized or decentralized access?
- Does any product entail banks submitting their own credit assessment?
- Is it possible for a bank or an exporter to take out the documents (i.e. guarantee policy, terms and conditions) directly from the on-line system?
- Do you offer any product from your core business outside the system ('manually') or are all your products accessible through the online system?
- KYC is important for banks. Have you got any product where you have performed KYC checks on behalf of the banks?
- What are your general experiences with the online system? How has the development in volume, applications etc. been? Have you experienced an increase in interest?

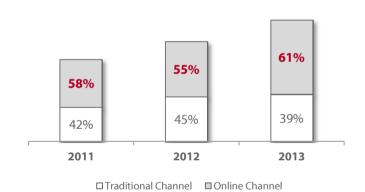


# **ExportPlus: channel utilization**

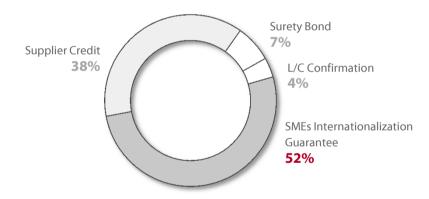
The 'Export Plus' Platform has become a major tool for SACE's clientele, in particular SMEs, to obtain policies and/or preliminary assessments. The results achieved over the years indicate a growing trend: in 2013 over the 60% of transactions approved was processed through the online channel.

As to the response time, the average period necessary for the issuance of a standard Supplier Credit policy with online application is 9 days (compared to 15 days through the traditional channels).

**SACE's New Guarantees** (% online vs. traditional)



2013 New Guarantees by Product (%, online channel only)



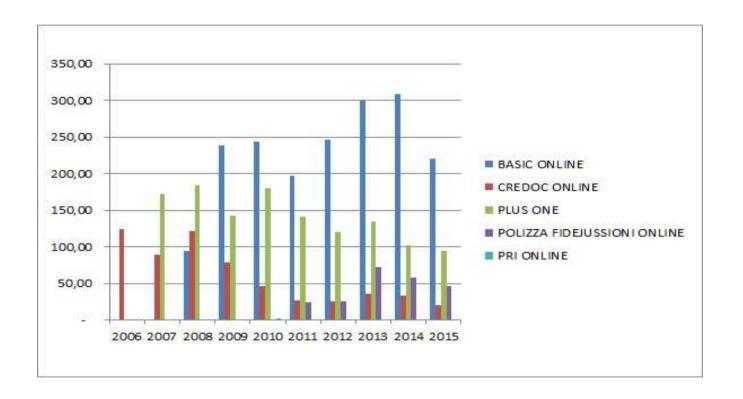
#### An important tool for Italian SMEs: SACE's Internationalization Guarantee

SACE's guarantee for internationalization of SMEs aims at guaranteeing banks for loans granted to SMEs for their internationalization purposes. This product addresses in specific the target of facilitating SME access to financing. Such financial guarantee is also available for large corporates (e.g. in case of M&As, research and development investments).



# **Export Plus results**

Since the introduction of Export Plus more than 4500 requests have been forwarded to the system and 2831 have been finalized.





# **Training and Advisory**



# **Training and Advisory Services**

#### **Global Solutions**

Global Solutions is a SACE's dedicated service, providing advisory and training programs aimed at transferring own experience and know how to ECAs, ministries and financial institutions

#### **Advisory SMEs**

Italian businesses can count on SACE's consultancy services in every stage of their internationalisation project: from planning to assessing opportunities and risks, to realisation, management and monitoring of activities

Since 2004, SACE has provided Training and Advisory services through a dedicated structure in order to transfer experience and know-how. The activities have been recently enhanced and widened as to address:

- ECAs, Banks, Financial Institutions and Multilaterals: sharing best practices and know how enhances mutual understanding and facilitates cooperation
- Italian companies with a focus on SMEs in their internationalization process: SACE acts as a partner and assists SMEs in their growth on international markets, hence its support goes beyond the product offer.



# Advisory SME: Kenya project on dairy and meat chain

# Creation of a 25 M€ integrated dairy farm "from feed to cheese" State of the art technologies allow 10X productivity increase vs Country average

# **Attractive Financial Structure**

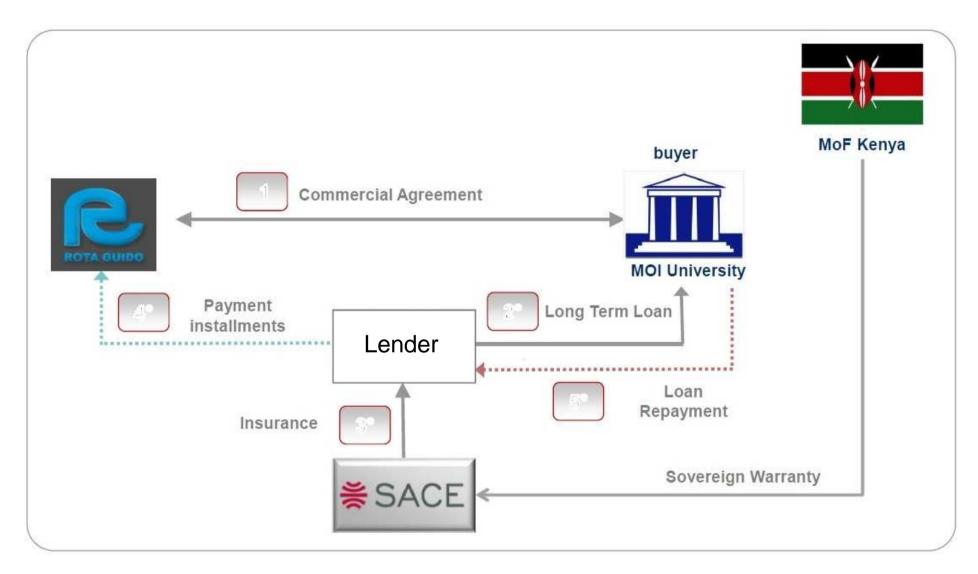
- 100% financed through an Italian Bank + only land as equity provision
- Transaction backed by State Guarantee 100% counter guaranteed by SACE
- Payback period ~7 years

# Benefits for all stakeholders involved

- The investment contributes to fill the current gap in milk production vs domestic demand
- Through the involvement (as buyer) of a leading University, Kenyan authorities make a long term investment in know how in the sector, and are currently considering similar projects in other Regions
- Also local farmers can benefit from the infrastructure and know how



# Advisory SME: Kenya project financing structure

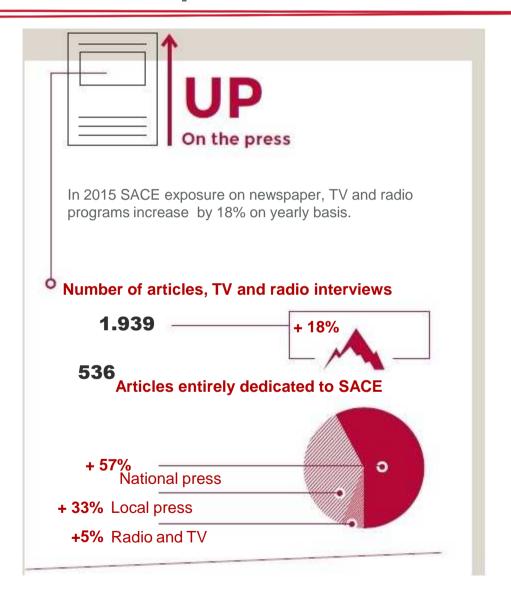




# Our Promotion: SACE on media

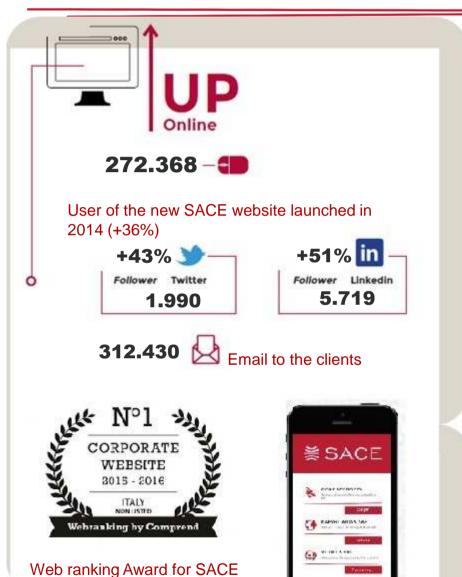


# **Promotion: SACE on the press**

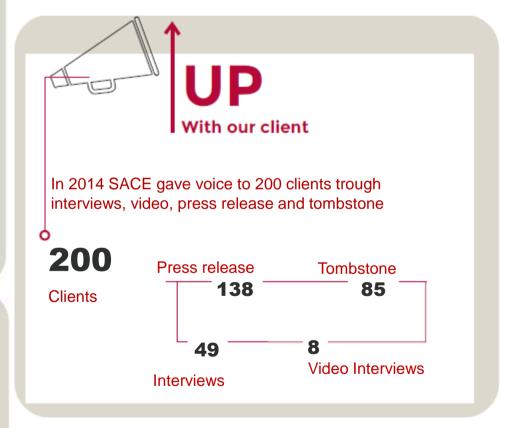




# Promotion: SACE online and on stage



website and lunch of the new APP





# **Export Opportunity Index**

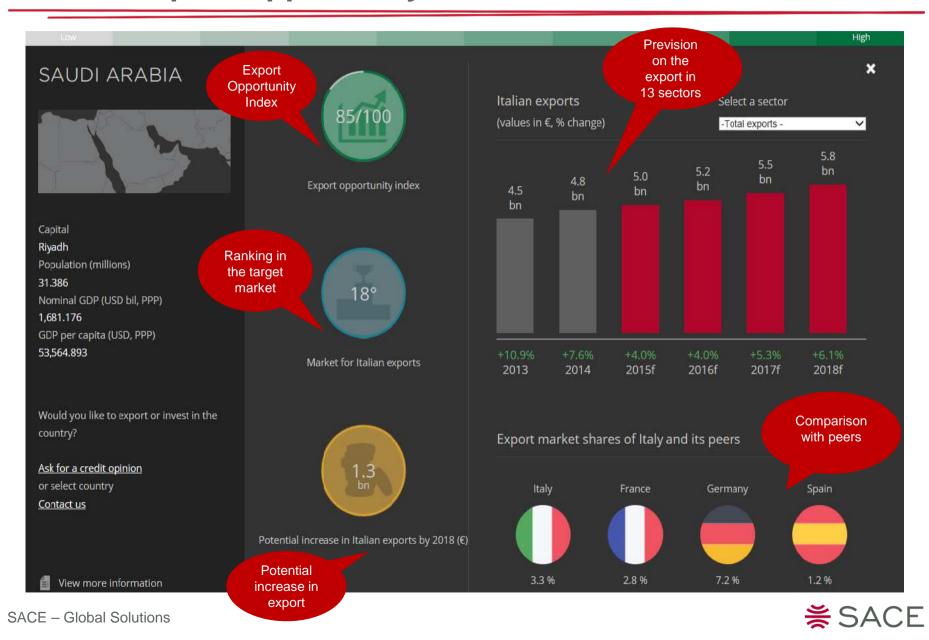


# **SACE's Export Opportunity Index**

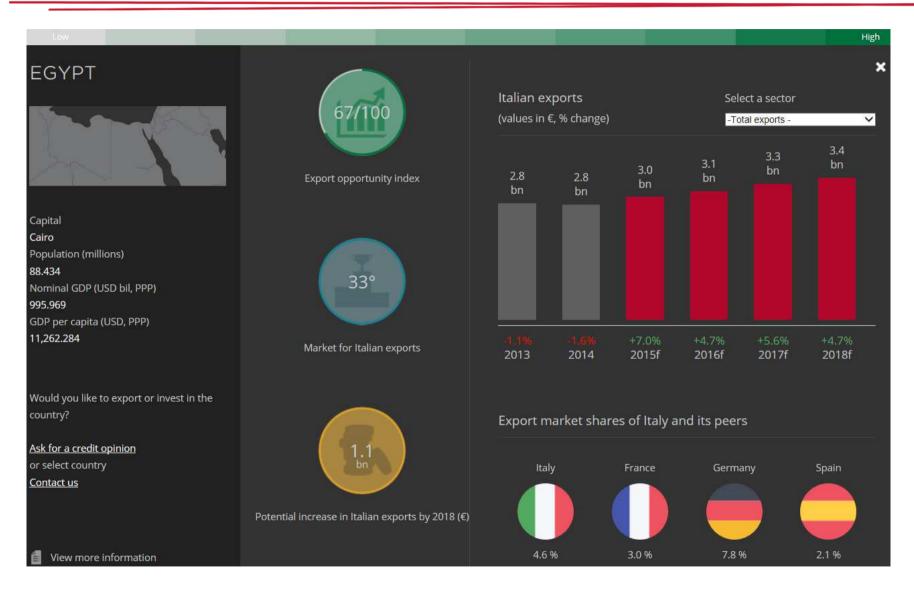




# SACE's Export Opportunity Index – Saudi Arabia

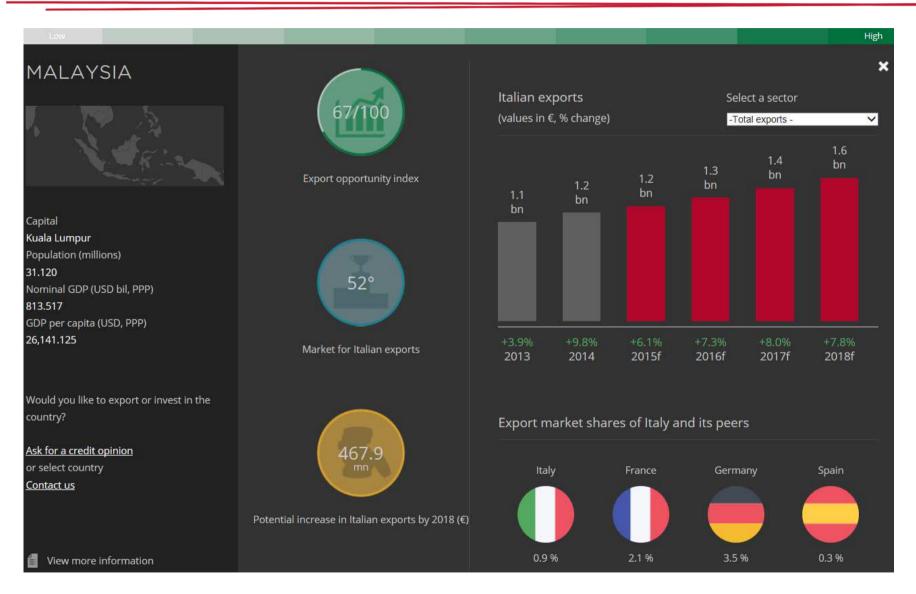


# SACE's Export Opportunity Index – Egypt





# SACE's Export Opportunity Index – Malaysia





# SACE's Export Opportunity Index – Algeria





# SACE's Export Opportunity Index – Criteria

## The index is calculated by weighing four variables:

- Total value of (Italian) export to the Country
- Average growth rate of (Italian) exports to the country (2011-2018f)
- <u>Diversification / concentration of the country's imports</u>
- Share of the country's imports from Italy



## Let's discuss

- It is important to diversify the distribution channels
- SACE business model approach focuses on direct contact with the client through domestic and international offices
- The utilisation of online channels allow the ECA to interact with potential clients saving time and increasing efficiency
- Sharing know how and experience through advisory services.
- Promote your business and your clients using dedicated tools.
- SACE developed an Export Opportunity Index methodology and export map with the aim to discover opportunities for Italian exports.





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# Focus on MENA Region





# **SACE Dubai Office**

SACE opened in February 2016 a new office in Dubai which is evaluating over € 5 billion of new projects and will act as the company hub for Middle Eastern and North African markets.





"Closely overseeing this area is indispensable today and strategic for the future"



# SACE's activity: focus on Middle East and North Africa



MENA Portfolio (%, YE2015)	by Country	
Egypt	24,1%	
Qatar	23,2%	
Oman	21,0%	
Saudi Arabia	16,2%	
EAU	4,1%	on or in the

Most of SACE's total exposure towards the Middle East and North Africa\* is concentrated in the Gulf countries: Qatar, Oman, Saudi Arabia and UAE(65%). Egypt and Iran are markedly increasing their role within SACE portfolio.

In 2015, SACE approved 190 new guarantees to support export of goods and services to the MENA region amounting to EUR 2.8 bln. Out of these transactions, the majority is linked to contracts closed by SMEs (with an average size of less than EUR 1 million).

SACE is currently evaluating additional projects for a total amount of more than EUR 5 billion in the region.

<sup>\*</sup> Middle East and North Africa include Algeria; Bahrain; UAE; Egypt; Iran; Kuwait; Libya; Morocco; Oman; Pakistan; Qatar; Saudi Arabia; Tunisia; Yemen



# SACE's strategy in the Middle East and North Africa

MENA Region represents a strategic market for SACE with growing counter-trade and investments directed from and to Italy.

















# GCC: different markets, multiple opportunities

GCC represent a global hub for trade between Asia, Europe, Africa and North America

Ernst & Young's Rapid-Growth Markets Forecast

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- The UAE are emerging as global economies and in the last 10 years doubled their contribution to the global GDP
- UAE economic growth projection in the next years will exceed 4% (source IMF) and will be higher than the one in the Eurozone
- The UAE represent attractive FDI destinations thanks to an improving business climate. According to World Bank Ease of Doing Business and World Economic Forum Global Competitiveness Report, United Arab Emirates climbed to the top ranking positions
- The Emirates' traditional strengths of well-developed infrastructure, cross –border initiatives, long term strategies, and ease of doing business offers international investors easy access to many of the world's fastest-growing markets





# North Africa: hot topics and evergrowing occasions

- After an economic slowdown that affected the area in the latest years, an improvement is expected by 2017 with a growth rate of 3-3.5%
- In 2014 Italy exported goods and services in North Africa for 14 Bn Euro. Future opportunities may emerge from mechanical engineering, refining, heavy infrastructures and defense sectors
- Moroccan stability as important hub to reach the Sub-Saharan Africa Algerian diversification, Egypt's revival and the Tunisian democratization path represent hot topics for the coming years





#### Let's discuss

- A constant introspection and market analysis are successful keys in order to be competitive
- Analyze the banking market
- Analyze the private sector scenario
- Nothing can substitute an 'on the ground' presence





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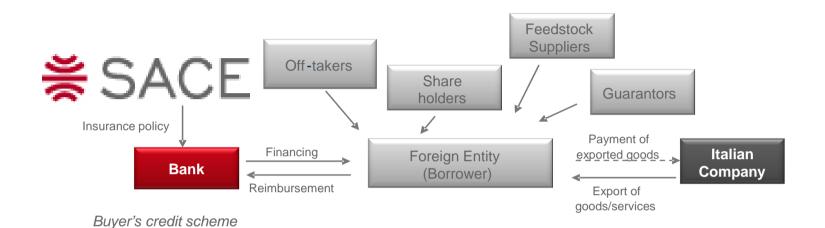
# 1° Meeting – usefull information

- ✓ Turnover (YTD and history)
- ✓ Employees (YTD and history)
- ✓ Date of establishment
- √ Basic information on ownership, management, experience
- ✓ Nature of the company (family owned company, listed)
- ✓ Target markets





#### The credit base: where is the risk?



- Since SACE products range is so diversified the initial step is identifying where the credit risk is and who is the main financial source for debt repayment
- Debtor can vary also in relation to the complexity of the transaction structure
  - ✓ Guarantor
  - ✓ Major client (concentration risk)
  - √ Suppliers
  - ✓ Group lending (shareholder, parent, major subsidiary)
  - Commercial agreements i.e. take or pay contracts
  - ✓ Others



#### **Qualitative assessment**

Operating and industry risk can affect the borrower business. To properly consider all the different aspects, we normally look at the following critical elements:

Sovereign / Macro

Market /Industries

Management

Company
operating
business

economic, political / country risk, legislative and regulatory risk Industry cyclicality, sector regulation

Quality, stability, if well known, experienced, skilled

Vertical integration, market share, business diversification

Years in business, products (quality, prices, image, distribution)

Client base, (quality, prices, image, distribution)



Company's reputation Payment track record

Sace experience

market, other ECAs
official information providers normally signal if the
borrower has experienced any payment irregularity
if the company is a client we give strong
importance to the previous payments history



#### **Quantitative assessment – Data collection**

- ✓ Directors' Report
- ✓ Auditor's report
- ✓ Profit & Loss
- ✓ Balance sheet
- ✓ Cash flow statement
- ✓ Notes to the accounts



Other essential documentation in the credit package:

- ✓ The insurance application request from the exporter
- ✓ Info providers (D&B, Creditreform, Lince, Honyvem, etc...)
- ✓ Bank or third party due diligence
- ✓ Exporter details and financials
- ✓ Others (independent studies, previous transaction with the same borrower etc...)

In other words, the most up to date annual report:

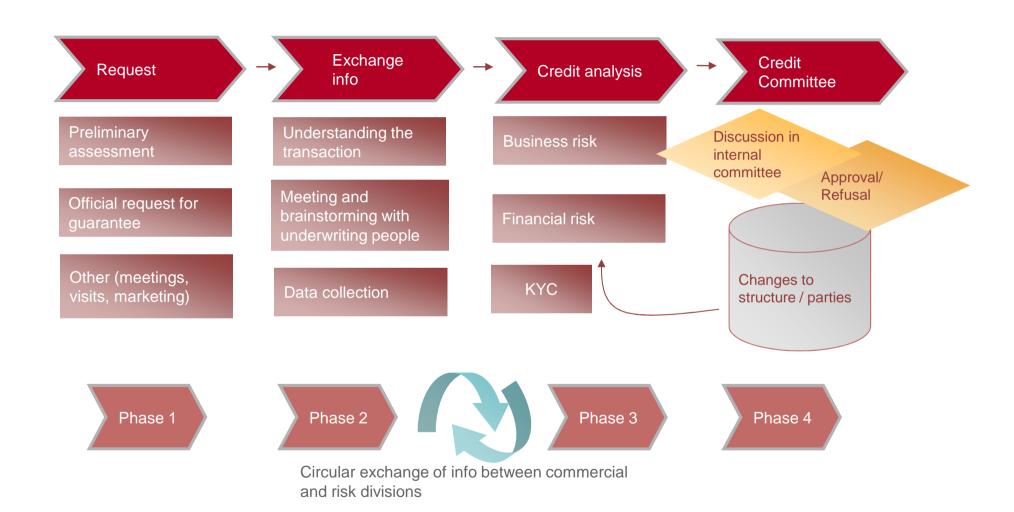
- i) compliant with IFRS
- ii) certified by auditors



- ... we often deal with poor and limited information
- ... support of local branches and institutions is essential (Embassies / ICE Offices / other ECAs, Banks)



# The internal process





#### **Know Your Customer Procedure**

**Reputational database:** from 2012 SACE has been engaged a check procedure on the relevant reputational databases about counterparties (i.e. insured banks, exporters, debtors, guarantors, beneficiaries, and sponsors, as appropriate) on IFI debarment lists.

SACE structure conducts an enhanced **due diligence on the transaction** if the databases reveal that a SACE insured party or exporter has been convicted or subject to any measures or there is reason to believe that bribery may be involved in the transaction.

If due diligence process reveals evidence of a violation of international laws against bribery of foreign public officials, the Litigation Department is informed thereof and evaluates whether to report to the law enforcement authorities. If it is proven that bribery was involved, the relevant SACE structure informs the Litigation Department thereof and the Litigation Department immediately informs the law enforcement authorities.



#### Let's discuss

- Debtor can vary in relation to the complexity of the transaction structure so the initial step is to identify where the risk is
- Quantitative and qualitative assessment: ratio analysis
- Take in count the reputational risk and evaluate your counterparties





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# **Strategy**

"If the strategy is wrong, the situation does not improve by increasing resources and troops"

Carl von Clausewitz



# Relationship with the client: main steps

#### First approach to the client

Instill confidence in the customer to share info/strategic choices.



Become the main partner for the customer's business.

Help the client understanding the diversification/portfolio balance in a sustainable relationship view.

#### Is the product fit?

Understanding of the specific economic-financial-political environment, and of the main features of the contract offered to the client.

Analytics ability to face a wide variety of operations, together with accounting knowledge...Keep in mind: we are buying risk!



### Relationship with the client: main steps

360° assistance

Provide support in case of contract changes, legal issue, restructuring, recovery tools, etc..

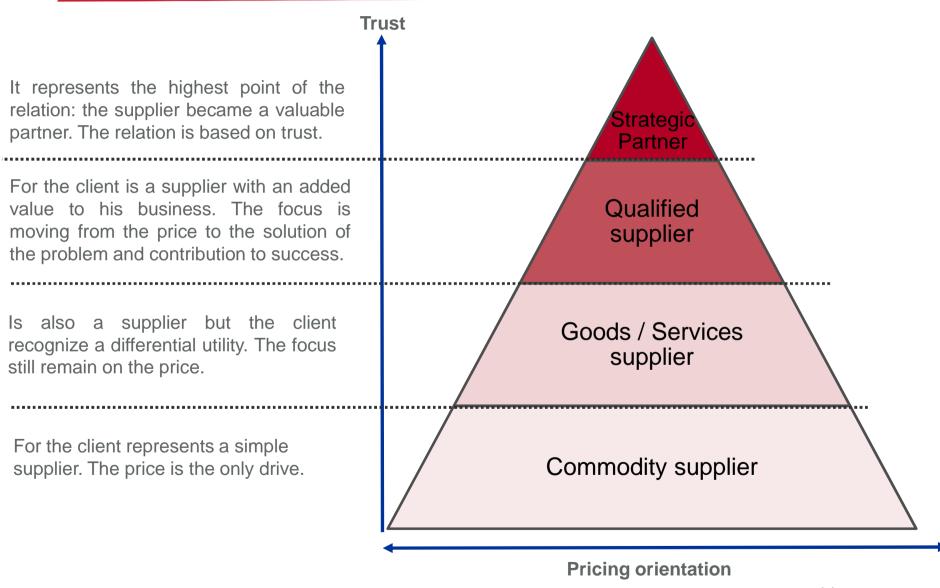
Taking care of the relationship



- Managing the relationship after the acquisition to provide continuity
- Arrange periodical meetings according to potential business volume



# How to improve the relationship with clients



# The relation with client: guidelines





# 1. Be in the right place, at the right moment

- ✓ Cibus is one of the biggest food and beverage exhibition in Italy
- ✓ In that occasion it is very difficult to organizing dedicated meeting with top producers
- ✓ Attending the event, the Head of Verona office had the opportunity to meet the Chief Financial Officer of the biggest Italian beverage producer company (EUR 600 M turnover)
- ✓ In one day a EUR 10 M deal was originated (guarantee for internationalisation)





# 2. Be supportive

- ✓ Being supportive is one of the most effective way to start the relation with client
- ✓ In certain cases our Relation Managers attend the negotiations between the exporter and the buyer
- ✓ It can be also useful to support the client when there is not a direct interest for SACE
- ✓ The ECA could also help the client in providing information about possible business partner (through KYC procedure) and consequently in the business matching process with foreign clients.

BUT YOU ARE NOT ALONE



# 3. Find the right approach

- ✓ SACE wanted to approach a sound and well-reputed company in Sicily producing high quality olive oil
- ✓ For our Relation Manager it was almost impossible to obtain a meeting with the owner (an old nobleman)
- ✓ In occasion of the opening of Palermo Office, he decided to invite the owner as a speaker in the event
- ✓ The invitation was really appreciated and during the year SACE BT was able to finalize a short-term cover and SACE Spa is currently finalizing a guarantee for internationalisation





#### 4. Be talkactive but also able to listen to

- ✓ Most of the times business opportunities come out unpredictably chatting with people
- ✓ But it is fundamental to be able to listen to and understand the customer needs
- ✓ A long term relationship with an important client was created in South Africa just chatting in a cafe.





#### 5. Be fast and effective

- ✓ A new potential client signaled a business opportunity with a buyer from Chile to be quickly finalized
- ✓ The info provided on the counterpart were not sufficient to have a positive evaluation
- ✓ San Paulo Office was involved. During a business visit in Chile SACE Representive was able to collect further information on the company
- ✓ The deal was finalized but the Italian Bank was delaying the approval for discounting the PNs
- ✓ The Relation Manager involved SACE FTC that made an effort for being fast in approving the transaction





### 6. Looking for the decision maker

- ✓ The origination activity could be useless if you do not meet the decision maker of the company
- ✓ In the Italian SMEs the decision maker is usually the owner who personally manage the company
- ✓ However all the times you meet new potential clients it is important to understand if the person in front of you is able to understand the products (and the benefits) and if he has the power to take the decision





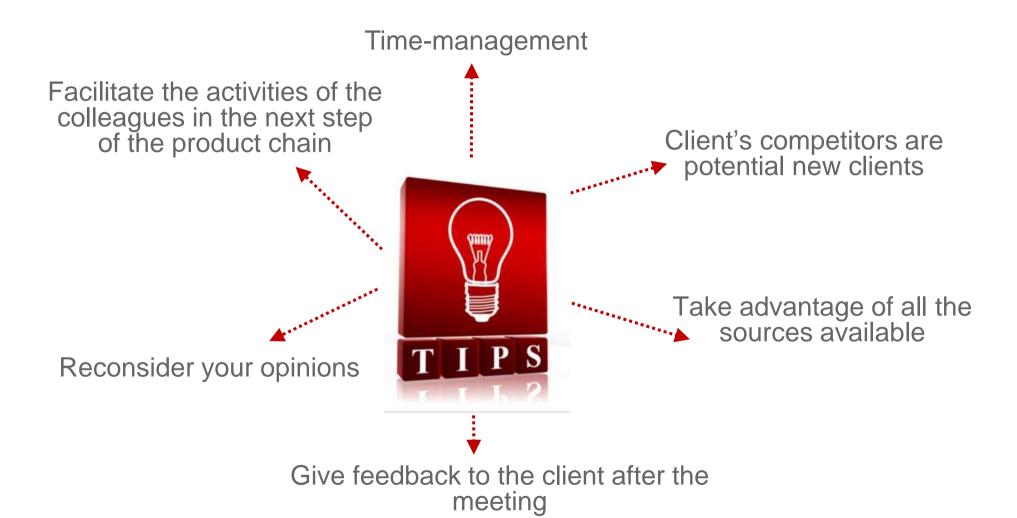
# 7. Be innovative (not with everyone)



Country	
Counterpart	Agency for Railways (Subsovereign)
Supply	Construction works
Contract Amount	euro 1,33 B
Construction period	3 year + 8 months
Payment tenor	30 days (180 days in the policy)
Max Insured Amount	euro 50 M
Insured risk	Credit – (cover: 100%)
Additional info	<ul> <li>The Client wanted to discount the invoices related to each milestone</li> <li>The discount was supposed to be silent</li> </ul>



# Tips & ADVICE







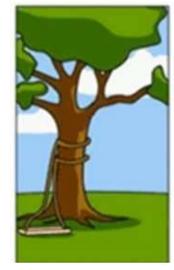
How the customer explained



How the project leader understood it



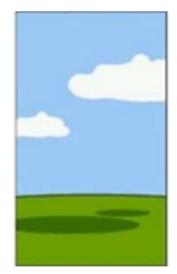
How the engineer designed it



How the programmer wrote it



How the sales executives described it



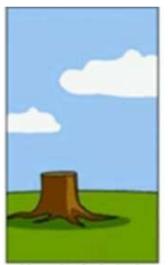
How the project was documented



What operations installed



How the customer was billed



How the helpdesk supported it



What the customer really needed



# Thank you for your attention!





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