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Coface wins the Le Fonti International Award, another major acknowledgment for Coface Italy

On 27 June, Coface was awarded the 2013 **Le Fonti International Award** in the special categories '**Excellence in Credit Insurance**' and '**Excellence in Services to Companies**'.

The Award, organised under the High Patronage of the European Commission and the patronage of the Lombardy Region, Province of Milan, Ascosim, Assofondazioni and many other institutions, was held at Palazzo Mezzanotte (the centre of the Italian Stock Exchange in Milan), in the presence of the most important names on the insurance, finance and entrepreneurial scene.

The selection was made by the Studies Centre of the publisher Le Fonti, the Istituto di Scienze e Cultura¹ and the financial magazines 'Finanza & Diritto' and 'Family Office' on the basis of a far-reaching survey of 40,000 qualified contacts from the corporate and professional world.

Ernesto De Martinis, Country Manager Coface Italy, commented: *"It is a special honour for Coface to win the Le Fonti International Award. It is another prestigious acknowledgement for our company, as it comes after the recent prize received from 'Milano Finanza Insurance e Previdenza Awards 2013'² as the best Credit Insurance Company 2012. We are particularly proud of these two acknowledgements which encourage us to intensify our company's steady commitment to support Italian companies, especially in the current fragile economic times."*

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About Coface

The Coface Group, a worldwide leader in credit insurance, offers companies around the globe solutions to protect them against the risk of financial defaults by their clients, both on the domestic market and for export. In 2012, the Group posted €1.6 billion in consolidated turnover. Its 4,400 staff in 66 countries provide a local service worldwide. Each quarter, Coface publishes its country risk assessments for 158 countries, based on its unique knowledge of companies' payment behaviour and on the expertise of its 350 underwriters located close to clients and their debtors.

In France, Coface manages public export guarantees on behalf of the French state.

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¹ Institute of Science and Culture

² Milan Finance Insurance and Welfare Awards 2013