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**ON-LINE TRANSMISSION OF NOTARIAL DEEDS EXTENDED TO
ROME, MILAN, NAPLES AND TURIN**

The Territorial Agency and the National Council of Notaries continue their cooperation in the development of public registration services for real estate transactions, in accordance with their respective institutional duties.

Specifically, following a joint provision signed by the Director of the Agency, Gabriella Alemanno, and the General Manager of Civil Justice within the Department of Justice of the Ministry responsible, Maria Teresa Saragnano, as of 29 September the option of transmitting notarial deeds electronically is to be extended experimentally to the provincial Offices of Turin, Rome, Milan and Naples.

This testing, which already began on 29 December 2010 in the Bologna, Florence, Lecce and Palermo Offices, is producing positive results so that, of the total number of transactions presented in the standard computerised format, over 55% of the deeds (in the case of Palermo) and 45% (for Lecce and Bologna) are forwarded electronically.

More precisely, the electronic transmissions are of the authenticated copy of a notarial document engrossed entirely using computerised tools and bearing a digital signature. For each document forwarded, the Territorial Agency sends back electronically a certificate attesting formal registration; this too carries a digital signature. Should the on-line service be unavailable, the Agency can still carry out its functions by way of the presentation of a true paper copy of the notarial document and the return of a certificate attesting registration.

As a result of this new provision, the first four Offices (Bologna, Florence, Lecce and Palermo) are joined by another four (made up of 13 land registration departments), for a total of 17 districts: this represents a big increase in the application of this important innovation which will eventually involve all 5,000 Italian notaries.

The Territorial Agency and the National Council of Notaries are thus taking a further step in the simplification of administrative procedures by using information technology to achieve useful synergy on behalf of users.

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