



# Investor Presentation

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# ACEA Group: infrastructure operator with a strong presence in regulated sectors<sup>1</sup>

 <b>Water</b> <b>#1</b> <b>by customer base</b>	 <b>Electricity</b> <b>#2</b> <b>by customer base</b>	 <b>Environment</b> <b>#4</b> <b>by waste managed</b>
<p><b>Italy:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• ~9m customers</li><li>• ~59,000 km network</li><li>• &lt;30% water leaks in Rome</li></ul> <p><b>South America:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 3 countries</li><li>• ~10m customers</li></ul> <p>Sources: 2022 Annual Report, 2022 Sustainability Report</p>	<p><b>Power grids:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• ~1.7m PODs<sup>2</sup> for 32,000 km of grid</li><li>• ~6% grid losses</li></ul> <p><b>Generation:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• ~0.7 TWh generated</li></ul> <p><b>Commercial:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• ~1.4m customers</li></ul> <p>Sources: 2022 Annual Report, 2022 Sustainability Report</p>	<p><b>Waste management:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• ~1.7m tonnes waste managed</li></ul> <p><b>Waste to energy:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• ~47% recycling rate</li></ul> <p><b>Waste to materials:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• ~340 GWh of energy produced</li></ul> <p>Sources: 2022 Annual Report, 2022 Sustainability Report</p>

# Highly challenging outlook for the sector in the coming years



## Water<sup>1</sup>

**Importance of protecting water resources**

**~18% of GDP directly/indirectly** linked to the availability of **water**

**High leakage rate in Italian system**

**~42% leakage rate** in Italy vs. European average of **~23%**

**Limited public awareness**

**66% of Italians** underestimate their water consumption



## Electricity<sup>2</sup>

**Energy transition**

**60-65 GW** growth in renewables by 2030, of which **~80% solar**

**Electrification and role of grids**

**Consumption up 1.5x** in 10 years, with need to guarantee system resilience

**Significant need for flexibility**

**10GW** of energy storage expected by 2030



## Environment<sup>3</sup>

**Circular economy drive**

**+10 pp of plastic waste recyclable** in Europe by 2030

**Developments in the regulatory framework**

Progressive **regulation of waste in Italy**

**New forms of treatment**

**Waste-to-Chemical and special waste** thanks to recent technological developments



## Engineering

High demand for **technical expertise** to support the **country's infrastructure investment**

# ACEA vision: infrastructure growth to support the country, enabled by people

- High level of service for the **community** (customers, citizens, towns, provinces, regions)
- Development opportunities for **personnel**
- **Shareholder** returns

- **Renewables** (photovoltaic plants)
- **Decarbonisation**, waste recycling, carbon capture
- **Smart cities** (public lighting)



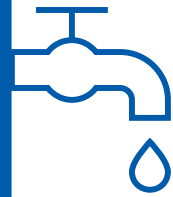
- **National in the integrated water cycle** (internationally scalable)
- **Local in power grids** (Rome)
- **Regional in the environment sector** (central Italy, replicable on a national scale)

- **Major projects** (Peschiera, Waste-to-Energy)
- **On field activities excellence** (digital, AI)

# Water: strategic pillars

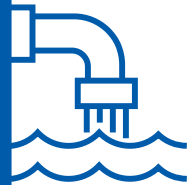
Consolidating the Italian market, positioning the Group as a **Water market leader**, leveraging:

- Solid **track record for delivering services** to 9m inhabitants
- Opportunities to **deliver major strategic projects** for the country



**Strengthening the presence in municipal water supply systems in Italy**

**Infrastructure development** (e.g., doubling the Peschiera aqueduct), **geographical expansion, new technologies** (smart meters), incentives to **protect water resources**



**Growth in industrial water services**

Positioning in the industrial water services market, leveraging **existing assets and distinctive water-related expertise**



**Assessment of overseas opportunities**

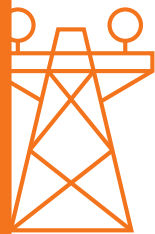
**Potential for targeted growth in existing businesses**, with scope for partnerships with other operators

# Electricity: Strategic pillars

Guaranteeing a **resilient grid** and **protecting quality of service** in the city of Rome

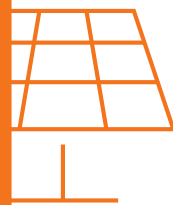
Developing **new renewable capacity** in response to energy transition

Consolidating **retail market performance and service**



## Focus on electricity grids in Rome

Boosting the grid's **resilience** and **digitalisation**, improving **service quality**, incentivising **distributed flexibility** and **local dispatching** and offering **smart city services**



## Growth in renewables

Developing **photovoltaic plants** to balance the Group's consumption, achieve our **SBTi targets** by cutting emission intensity and contribute to **the country's energy transition**



## Consolidate retail market performance and service

Boosting **digital channels**, optimising the **customer management** model, ensuring the **effective transition** of customers to the free market



# Environment: Strategic pillars

**Consolidating / expanding our leadership in central Italy** throughout the waste management chain

**Meeting future demand for new Waste-to-Energy plants** to dispose waste in central Italy



## **Consolidation in central Italy**

Optimising our existing **industrial footprint**, through **geographical expansion** in **synergy with other businesses**



## **Growth in Waste-to-Energy**

**Revamping and developing new lines**, leveraging **the Group's extensive experience** in Waste-to-Energy (e.g., expansion and revamping of San Vittore)



## **Strengthening capabilities in materials recycling**

Boosting capabilities and quality in materials recycling to close the waste cycle, assessing **opportunities in new segments** (e.g., Waste-to-Chemical)

# ACEA commitment to ESG

**E** | **Confirmation of our SBTi targets** for cutting CO<sub>2</sub> emissions

Strengthening **the waste recycling chain**

**Reducing water leakage**

**S** | Commitment to **gender equality**

Boosting **youth employment**

Boosting **personnel development and training** opportunities

**G** | **ESG criteria** fully embedded in Risk & Compliance processes

**Support supply chain** to enable ESG performance

Expand on the **ESG KPIs** monitored by the Group



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# A «challenging» market environment

Renewed energy price inflation and ongoing developments in the regulatory framework

## Regulation



**Water:** Updated **regulation of integrated water service tariffs** for the 4th regulatory period (2024-2029) - ARERA Resolution 639/2023

**Reti & Smart cities: Tariff regulation** for **electricity distribution** for the 6th regulatory period (2024-2027) – ARERA Resolutions 556-497-616-617/2023

**Waste:** new criteria are being drawn up for **regulation of the waste sector** for non-integrated providers (minimum plants), involving four-year financial plans and regulated tariffs.

**Uncertain timing of application**

**Commercial: auction for non-vulnerable customers on 10th January 2024** (results due to be published on 11th) with the transfer of customers expected in June 2024

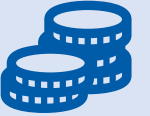
## Commodity prices and inflation



**Commodity prices rose in the quarter:**  
**PUN in September €116/MWh (+3% vs previous month),**  
**PUN Q3-2023 €113/MWh (+7% vs previous two-month period)**  
PUN Jan-Sept 2023 €129/MWh (-60% vs 2022)

**Inflation in September +0.2% vs previous month and +5.3% on a trend basis**  
Inflation Jan-Sept 2023 +7% vs 2022

## Interest rates



**Financial costs up vs 2022**

**Mid Swap 4Y–5Y September 2023: 3.5% - 3.4% vs**

Mid Swap 4Y-5Y September **2022: 2.9% - 3%**

# Highlights 9M 2023

EBITDA GROWTH, INCREASED INVESTMENT IN REGULATED BUSINESSES\* AND CONTINUED OPERATIONAL DISCIPLINE

## REVENUE

Water Italy, Grids & Smart Cities  
and Environment **+4%**



## EBITDA

excluding non-recurring events and  
changes in scope **+3%**



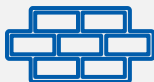
## NET PROFIT

excluding non-recurring events and  
changes in scope **+3%**



## CAPEX

Water Italy, Grids & Smart Cities  
and Environment **+5%**



**OPERATING FREE  
CASH FLOW  
+€112M**



**Group revenue of €3.4bn**, including approximately €1.8bn from Water Italy, Energy Grids & Smart Cities and Environment segments (+4% versus 9M 2022)

**Recurring EBITDA of €992m, up €29m versus 9M 2022** driven by organic growth in regulated businesses (+6% Water Italy and +6% Grids & Smart Cities) and ongoing operating cost efficiencies

**Net profit of €209m** with EBITDA growth offsetting increase in financial charges caused by rising interest rates and increase in depreciation linked to capex in previous years

**Capex of €733m up across regulated businesses** in line with investment plans and with the average for 2022

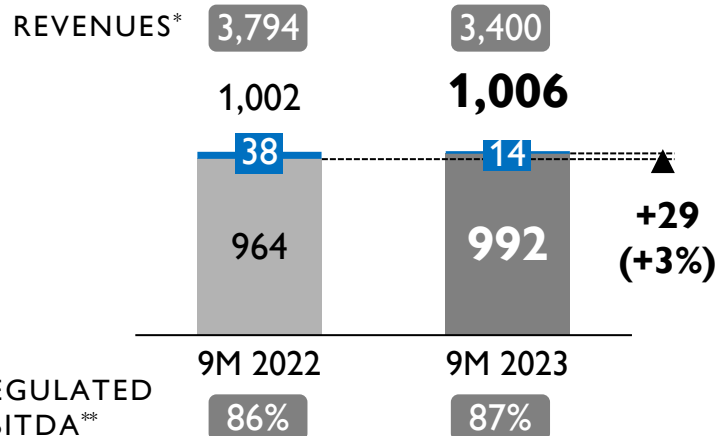
**Operating free cash flow of €24m up €112m** versus 9M 2022, enabling the Group to maintain a solid financial structure: Net Debt/EBITDA of 3.7x fully in line with guidance (<3.8x)

# Overview of 9M 2023 results

## ORGANIC GROWTH AND RELAUNCH OF INVESTMENTS

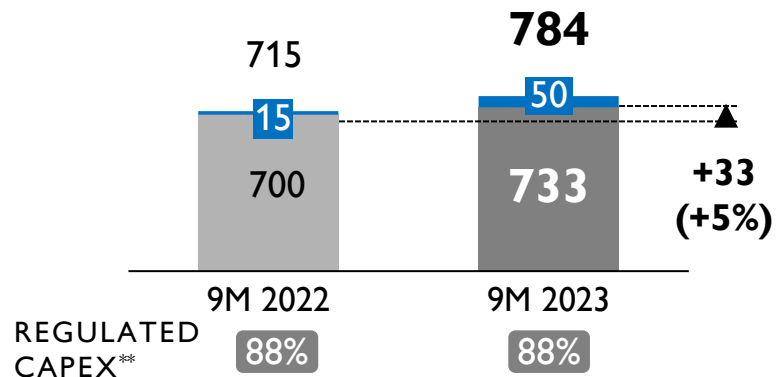
### EBITDA (€m)

■ Non-recurring events and changes in scope



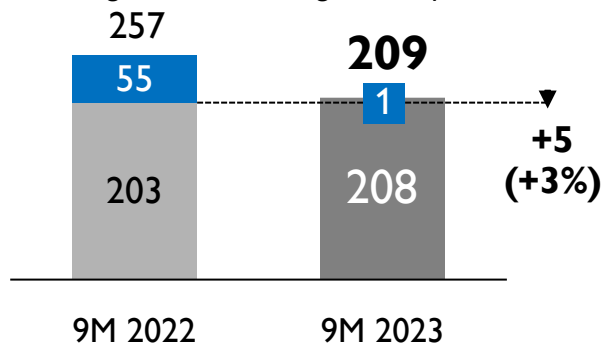
### CAPEX (€m)

■ Grant-funded

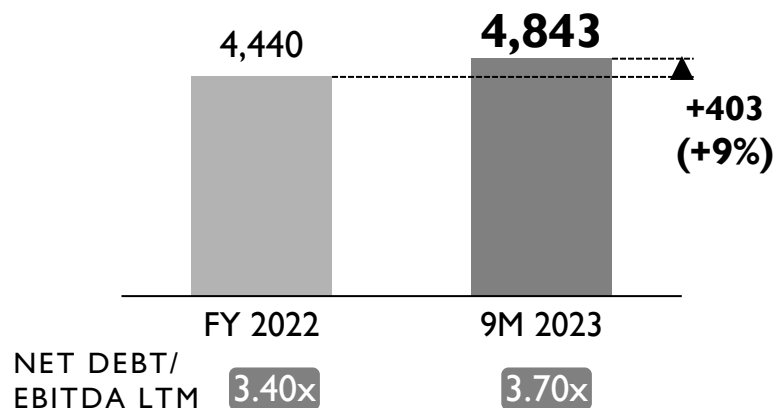


### NET PROFIT (€m)

■ Non-recurring events and changes in scope



### NET DEBT (€m)



**Organic EBITDA growth driven primarily by the regulated businesses and efficiency initiatives, offsetting the negative impact of the energy scenario**

**Relaunch of the investments in the Water Italy and Grids & Smart Cities businesses**

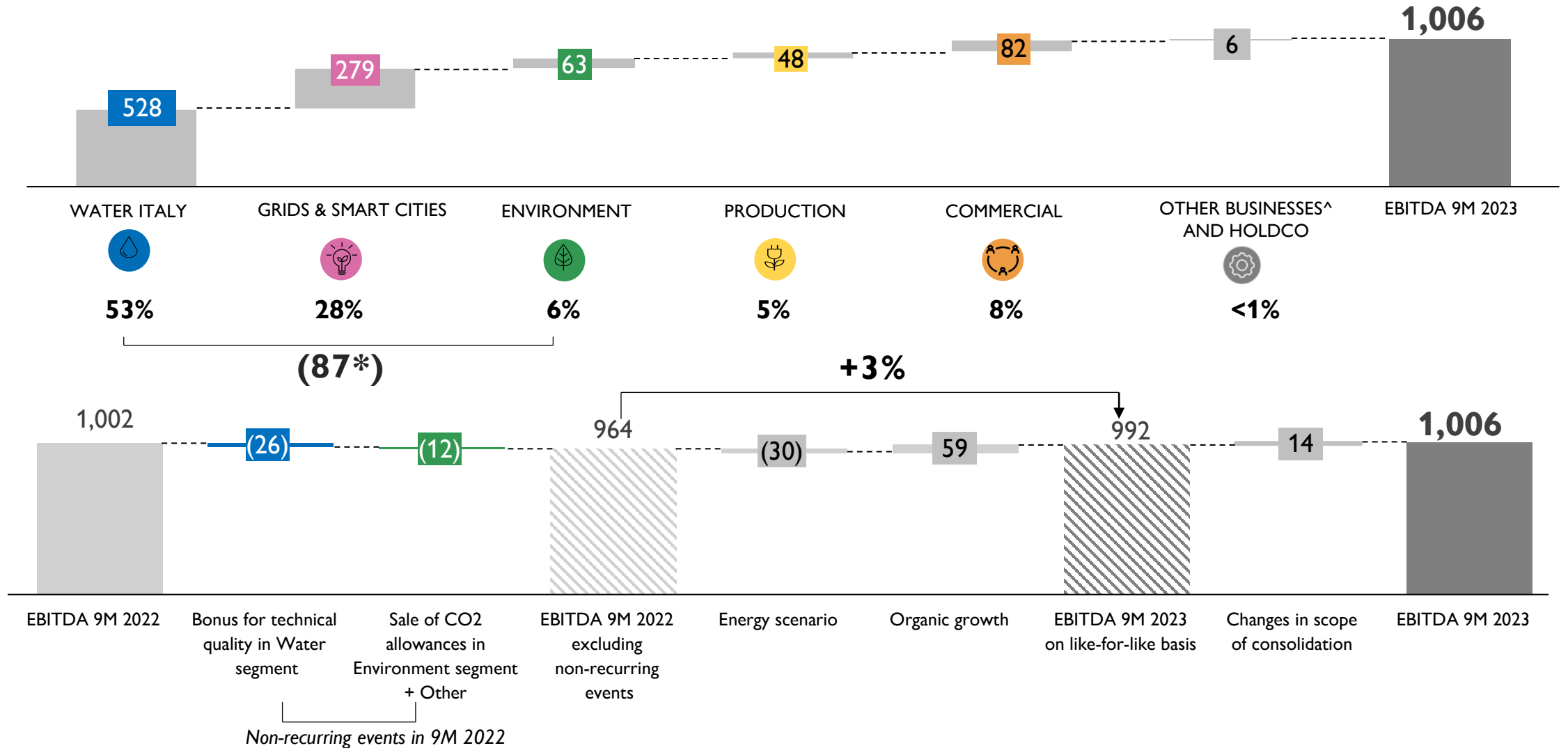
**Operating performance has offset increases in depreciation and financial costs**

**Ratio NET DEBT/EBITDA in line with the guidance for 2023**

# EBITDA 9M 2023

IMPROVEMENT DRIVEN BY ORGANIC GROWTH OF REGULATED BUSINESSES

EBITDA (€m)

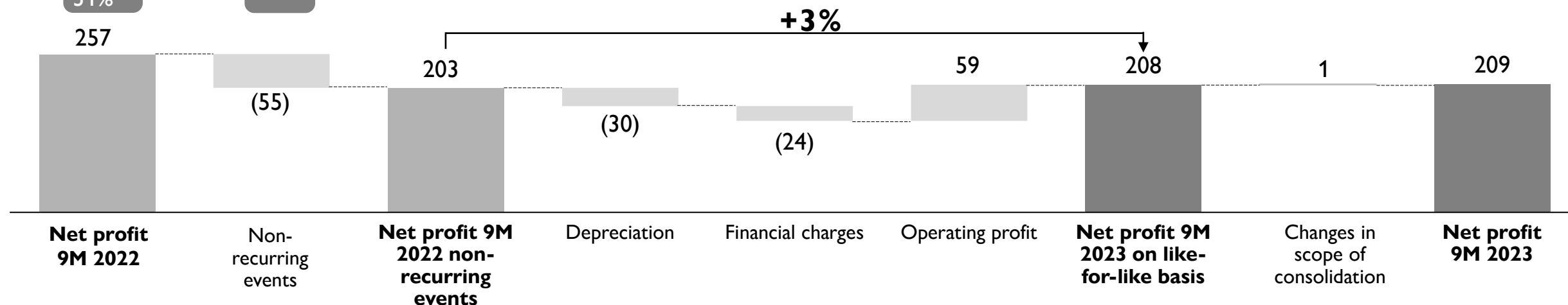
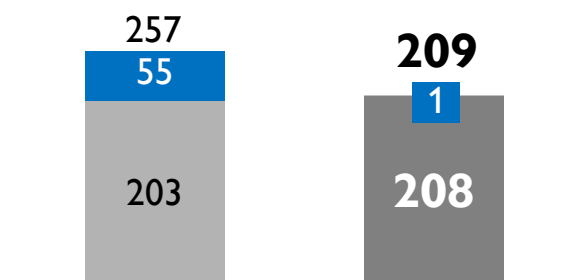


# Net profit 9M 2023

OPERATING EFFICIENCIES AND ORGANIC GROWTH HAVE OFFSET INCREASES IN DEPRECIATION AND FINANCIAL COSTS

## NET PROFIT (€m)

■ Non-recurring events and changes in scope



**Efficiency improvements and growth of regulated businesses more than offset increase in depreciation and interest rates** (rise in rates began in H2 2022)

**Profit for 9M 2023 (€209m)**

**Non-recurring events in 9M 2022 (-€55m), primarily including:**

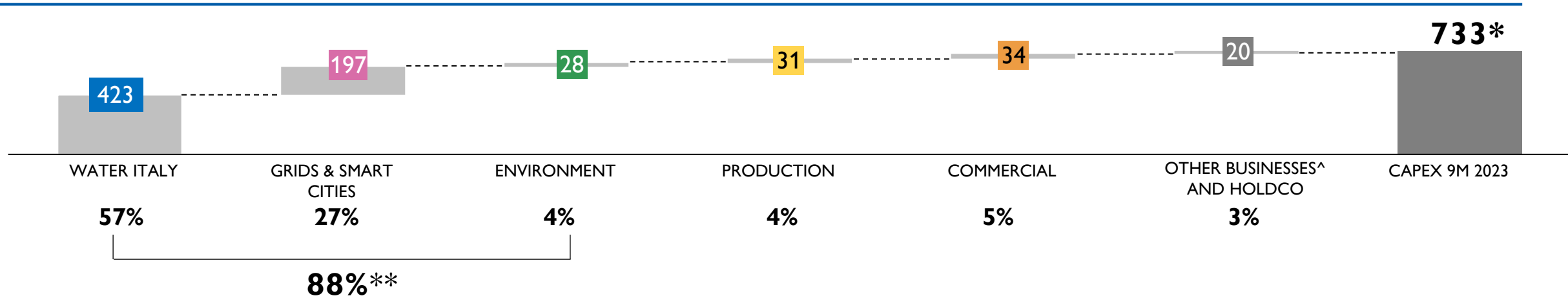
- Gain on sale of stake in photovoltaic assets (-€19m)
- Exemption from obligation to purchase CO2 allowances for Terni's plant (-€8m)
- Bonus for technical quality in the Water segment (-€18m)
- Income from the updating of Gori's debt (-€8m)



# CAPEX 9M 2023

INVESTMENT DRIVE CONTINUES WITH FOCUS ON REGULATED BUSINESSES

## CAPEX (€m)



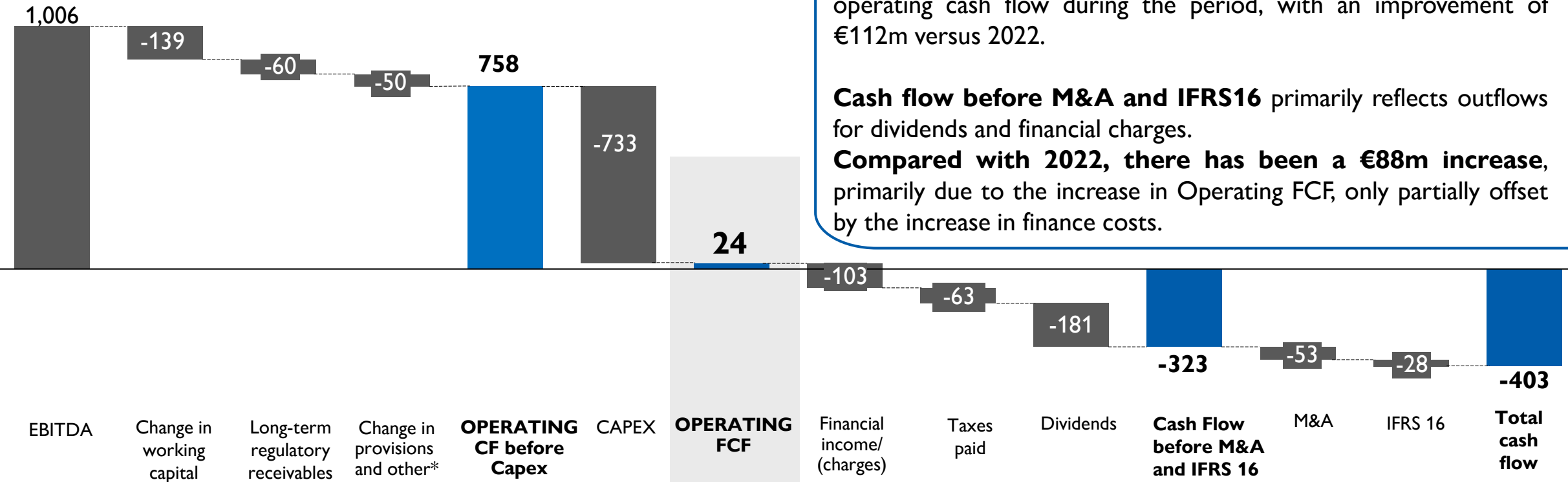
Water Italy	Grids & Smart Cities	Environment	Production	Commercial	Other Businesses and Holdco
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>REPAIR AND WIDENING OF WATER AND SEWER PIPES</li> <li>EXTRAORDINARY MAINTENANCE OF PLANTS AND NETWORKS</li> <li>WORK ON TREATMENT PLANTS</li> <li>CHANGE IN SCOPE OF CONSOLIDATION</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>UPGRADE OF THE GRID</li> <li>WORK ON PRIMARY AND SECONDARY SUBSTATIONS</li> <li>INSTALLATION OF 2G METERS</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>WORK ON SAN VITTORE AND TERNI PLANTS</li> <li>CONSTRUCTION OF PLASTIC SORTING PLANT</li> <li>CHANGE IN SCOPE OF CONSOLIDATION</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>UPGRADE OF HYDROELECTRIC PRODUCTION PLANTS</li> <li>CONSTRUCTION OF PHOTOVOLTAIC PLANTS</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>CUSTOMER ACQUISITION</li> <li>SMART SERVICES AND E-MOBILITY PROJECTS</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>CORPORATE: IT PROJECTS</li> </ul>

# Cash Flow 9M 2023

IMPROVEMENT IN FREE CASH FLOW

## CASH FLOW (€m)

9M 2023



**Operating FCF of €24m** highlights ability to fund capex with operating cash flow during the period, with an improvement of €112m versus 2022.

**Cash flow before M&A and IFRS16** primarily reflects outflows for dividends and financial charges.

**Compared with 2022, there has been a €88m increase**, primarily due to the increase in Operating FCF, only partially offset by the increase in finance costs.

	EBITDA	Change in working capital	Long-term regulatory receivables	Change in provisions and other*	<b>OPERATING CF before Capex</b>	CAPEX	<b>OPERATING FCF</b>	Financial income/(charges)	Taxes paid	Dividends	<b>Cash Flow before M&amp;A and IFRS 16</b>	M&A	IFRS 16	<b>Total cash flow</b>
<b>9M 2022</b>	1,002	(261)	(38)	(92)	611	(700)	<b>(88)</b>	(69)	(72)	(181)	<b>(411)</b>	51	(45)	<b>(405)</b>
<b>Δ 9M 2023 VS 9M 2022</b>	4	122	(22)	43	<b>146</b>	(34)	<b>112</b>	(33)	9	0	<b>88</b>	(104)	17	<b>1</b>

\* Provisions for expected credit losses reclassified from the change in provisions to the change in working capital.

# Financial structure 9M 2023

LEVERAGE GUIDANCE CONFIRMED, AVERAGE COST OF DEBT 2%

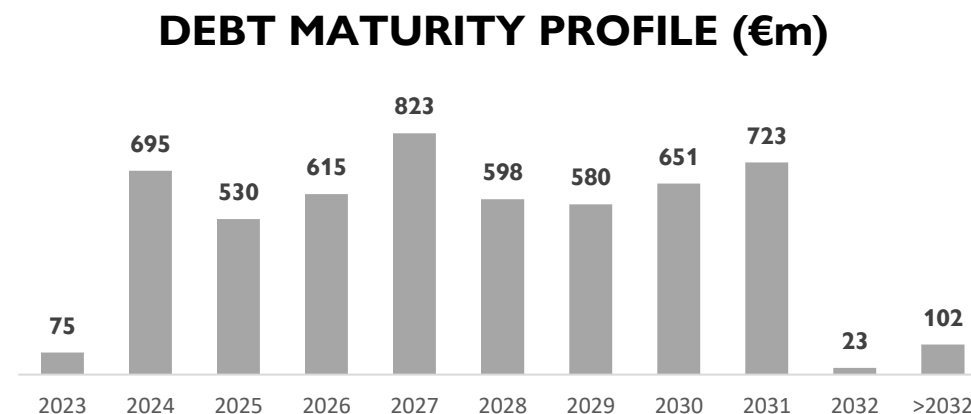
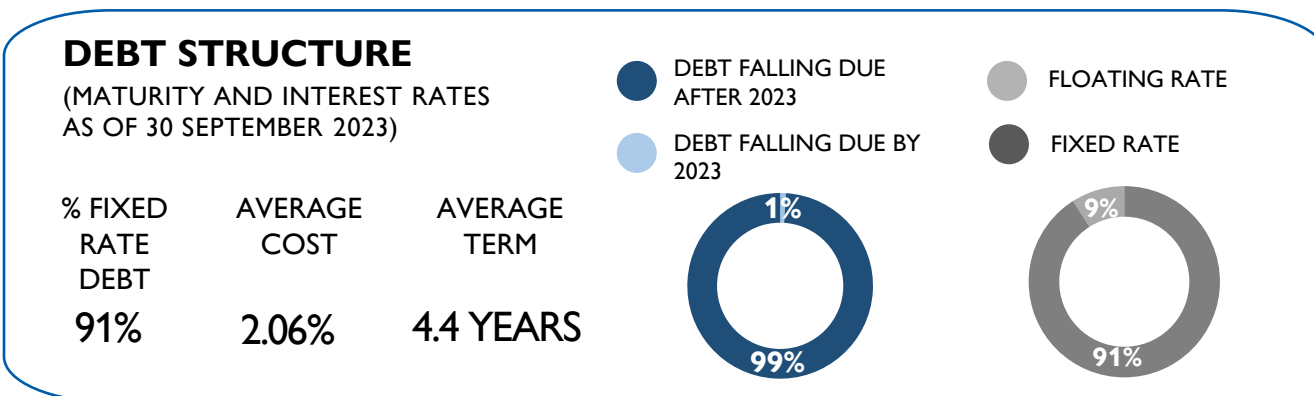
(€m)	CONS 9M 2023	DEC 2022	CONS 9M 2022	CONS 9M 2023 vs DEC 2022	CONS 9M 2023 vs 9M 2022
<b>Net debt</b>	<b>4,843</b>	<b>4,440</b>	<b>4,393</b>	<b>403</b>	<b>450</b>
Long-term debt	4,795	4,723	4,706		
Short-term debt	986	619	756		
Cash and cash equivalents	(938)	(902)	(1,069)		

### LEVERAGE

NET DEBT/EBITDA LTM 30 SEPTEMBER 2023	NET DEBT/EBITDA 31 DECEMBER 2022
<b>3.7x</b>	<b>3.4x</b>

### RATINGS

<b>FitchRatings «BBB+»</b>	<b>MOODY'S «Baa2»</b>
<b>Negative outlook</b>	<b>Stable outlook*</b>



**17 JANUARY 2023**  
Placement of a new Green Bond worth €500m, paying coupon interest of 3.875% and maturing on 24 January 2031.

**3 FEBRUARY 2023**  
Completion of the €200m tap issue of January's Green Bond on the same terms (coupon and term to maturity).

**6 JULY 2023**  
€435m EIB loan to be used to fund investment in improving the coverage and quality of integrated water services, cutting water losses and boosting energy efficiency.



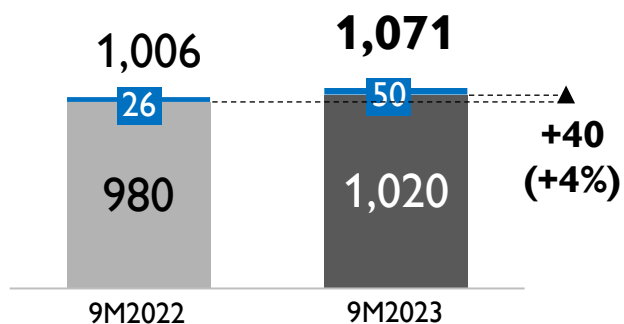
# Water Italy<sup>^</sup>: organic EBITDA growth +6%

VALUE CREATION THROUGH INVESTMENT

## REVENUE

(€m)

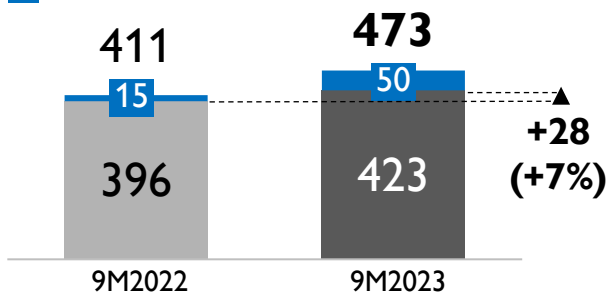
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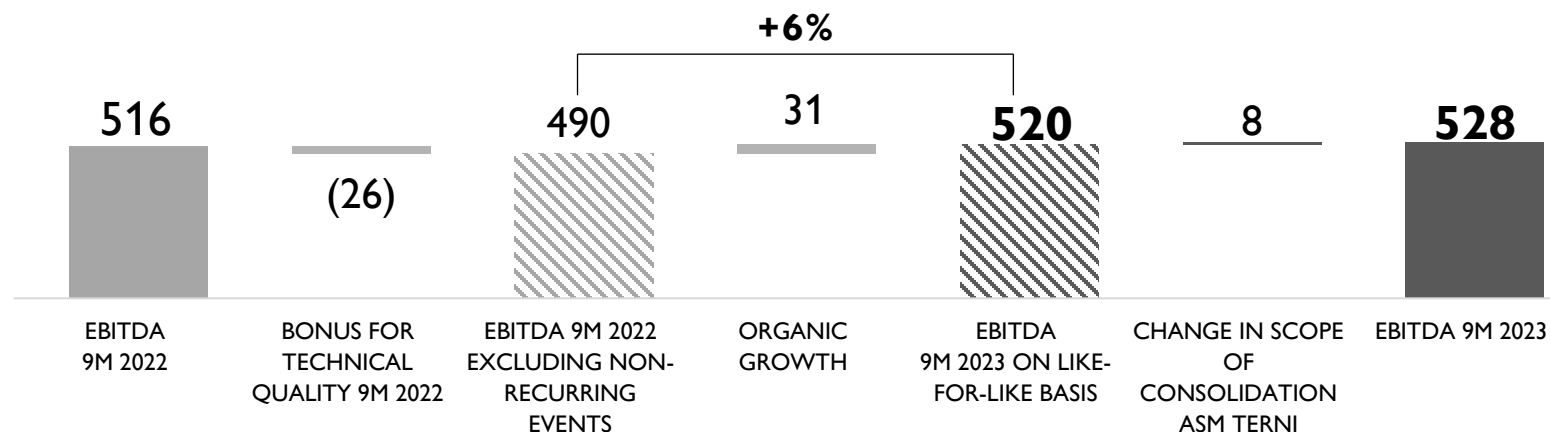
(€m)

■ Grant-funded



## ORGANIC EBITDA GROWTH\* MAIN DRIVERS

(€m)



### COMBINATION WITH ASM TERNI

- ✓ closing of first phase (6 December 2022)
  - ✓ closing of second phase completing the transaction (20 April 2023)
- Acea's stake in ASM Terni rises to 45%

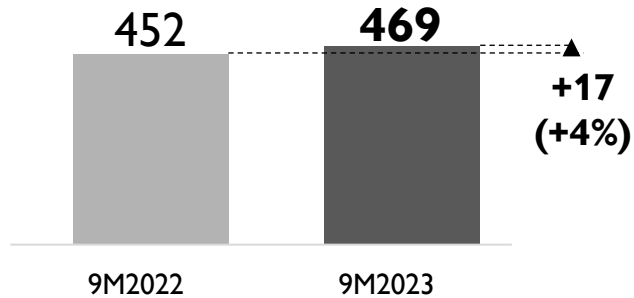


# Grids & Smart Cities: EBITDA growth +6%

FOCUS ON RESILIENCE AND DIGITALISATION OF THE GRID

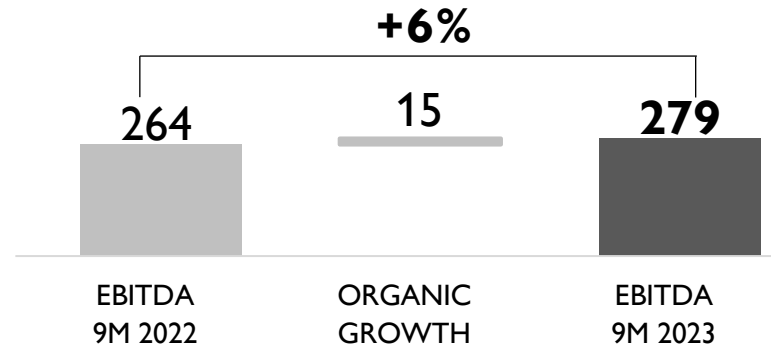
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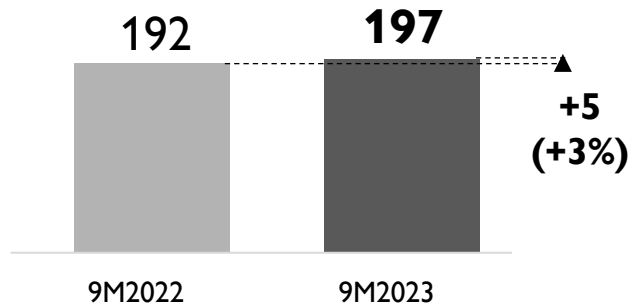
## EBITDA MAIN DRIVERS

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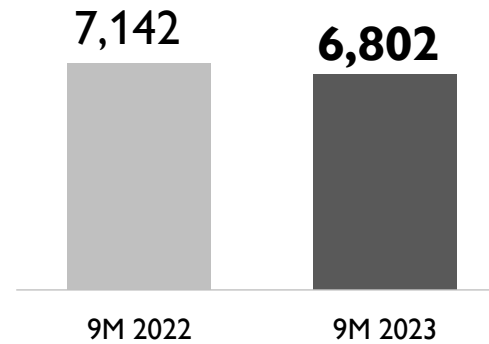


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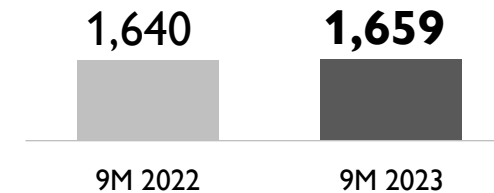


## TOTAL ELECTRICITY DISTRIBUTED (GWh)



## NUMBER OF PODs

('000s)



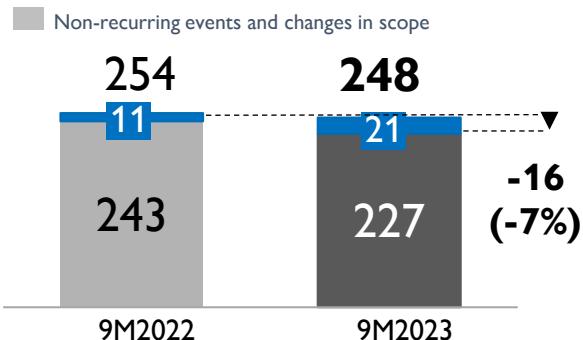


# Environment: increase in waste treated +9%

ONGOING INTEGRATION OF PLANTS ACQUIRED IN CENTRAL ITALY

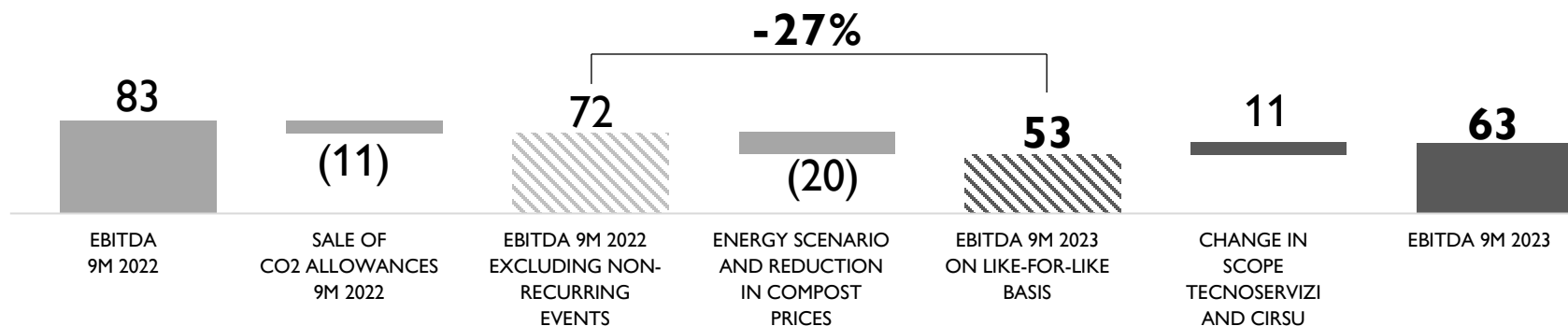
## REVENUE

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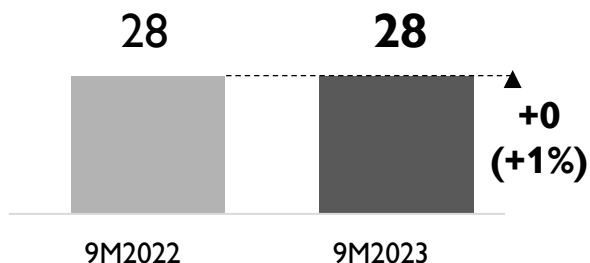
## EBITDA MAIN DRIVERS

(€m)



## CAPEX

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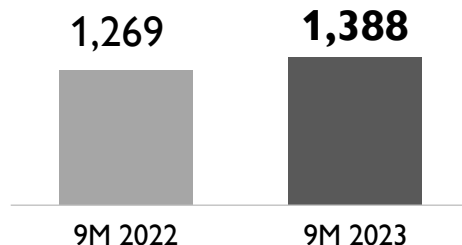
### ACQUISITION OF 35% OF DECO

✓ ACEA has increased its stake in Deco, a waste management company in Abruzzo, to 100% (23 January 2023)

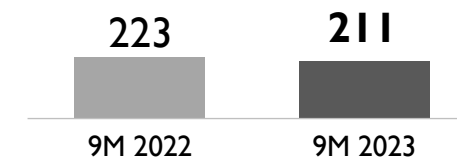
### ACQUISITION OF 70% OF TECNOSERVIZI

✓ Tecnoservizi (province of Rome) operating in the mechanical treatment and recovery of urban waste and non-hazardous special waste (3 October 2022)

## TREATMENT AND DISPOSAL (KTONNES)



## WTE ELECTRICITY SOLD (GWh)





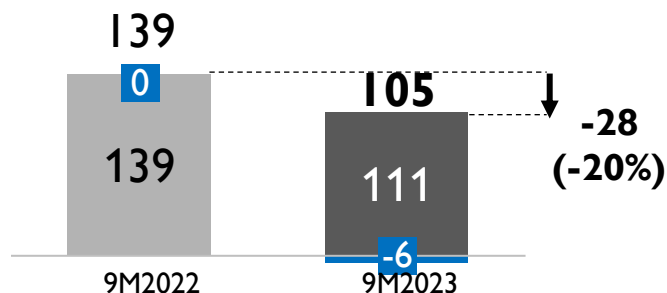
# Production: increase in electricity production +14%

OVER 200MW OF READY-TO-BUILD PHOTOVOLTAIC PLANTS

## REVENUE

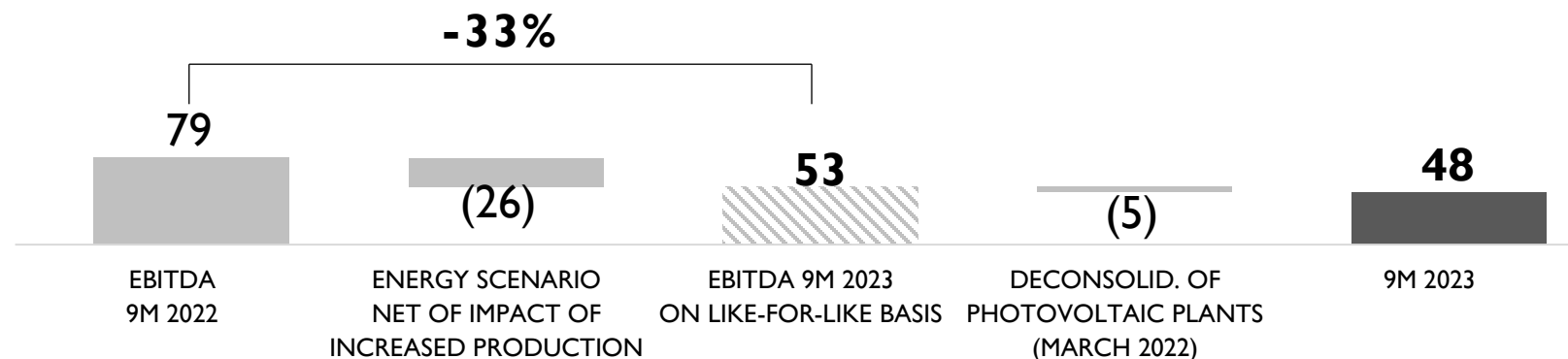
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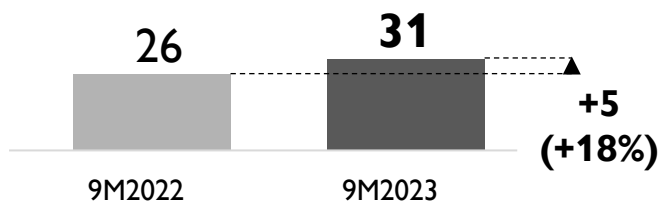
## EBITDA MAIN DRIVERS

(€m)



## CAPEX

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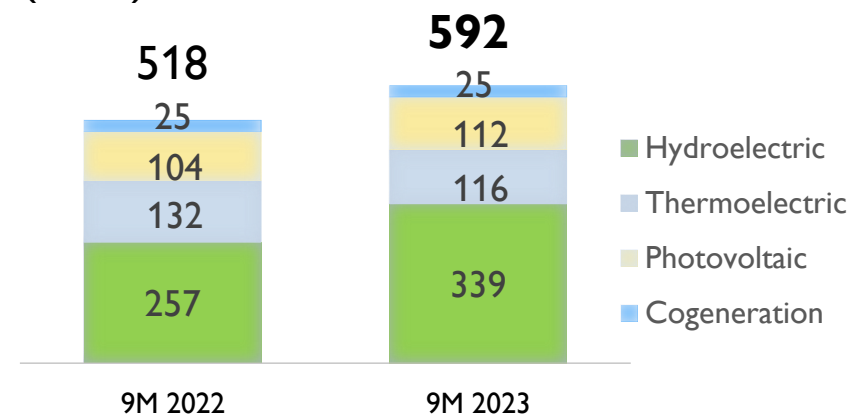
## UPDATE PHOTOVOLTAIC PLANTS

Total pipeline of 866 MW

- consents obtained for 208 MW (under construction + ready to build)
- 658 MW awaiting consents

Installed capacity 101 MW

## TOTAL ELECTRICITY PRODUCED (GWh)





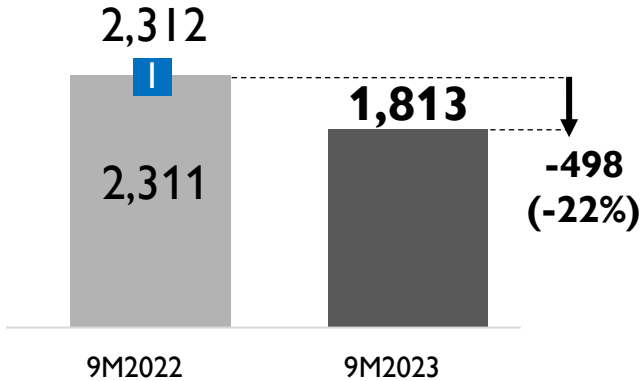
# Commercial: EBITDA growth +44%

GROWTH IN FREE MARKET CUSTOMER BASE

## REVENUE

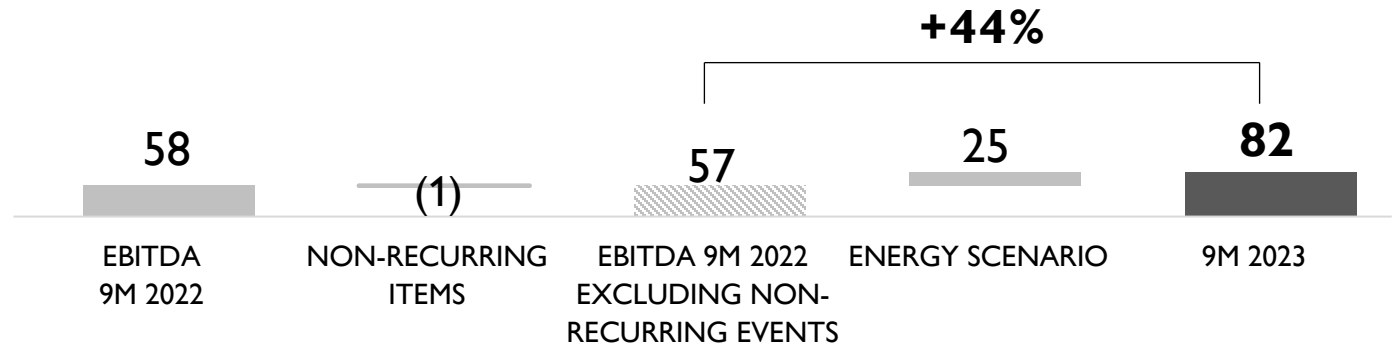
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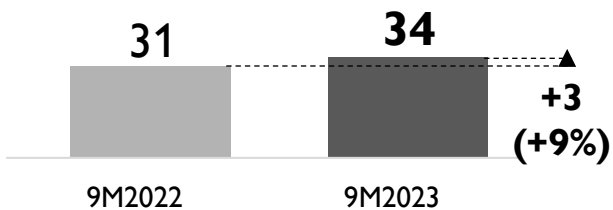
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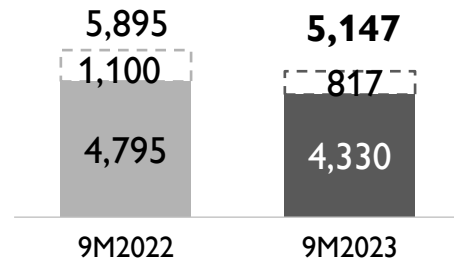


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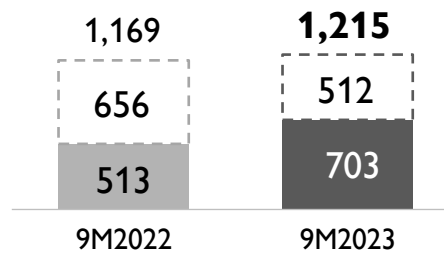


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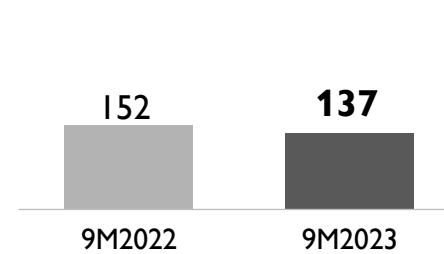


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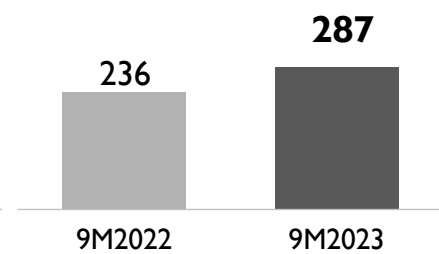
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## TOTAL GAS SOLD (Mmc)



## NUMBER OF GAS CUSTOMERS ('000s)







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## KEY DEVELOPMENTS

### **DECO**

#### **January 2023**

Completion of the acquisition of the remaining 35% of DECO (waste management in the Abruzzo region).

### **New WTE in Rome**

#### **March 2023**

Expression of interest in bidding for the contract for the new Santa Palomba WTE plant (Rome) submitted together with Suez, Hitachi Zosen Inova and Vianini Lavori.

### **Combination with ASM Terni**

#### **April 2023**

Closing of the second phase of the business combination involving ACEA, ASM Terni and the Municipality of Terni.

### **SIMAM**

#### **April 2023**

Completion of the acquisition of the remaining 30% of SIMAM, specialising in engineering, the construction and operation of water and waste treatment plants and in environmental and remediation projects).

### **WMS** (Waidy Management System)

#### **May 2023**

WMS, ACEA's technology platform for sustainable water cycle management, receives award in the Service Design category.

### **Partnership with Acquedotto Pugliese**

#### **June 2023**

Signature of a Memorandum for the development of joint projects for the protection of water resources and technological innovation.

### **EIB loan**

#### **July 2023**

€435m EIB loan obtained.

### **Safeguarding legality**

#### **July 2023**

Signature with the Ministry of Internal Affairs of a «National Framework Agreement for the safeguarding of legality».

### **Illuminazione Pubblica**

#### **September 2023**

Approval of the proposal for a potential settlement agreement with Roma Capitale regarding the public lighting service.

### **Technical and Contractual Quality bonus**

#### **October 2023**

ACEA ATO2 ranked as the best operator in Italy with regard to reducing water losses.

Technical Quality bonus awarded to ACEA ATO2 for the two-year period 2020-2021: €24.7m.

# Sustainable growth pathway in early 2023

## KEY DEVELOPMENTS

### Top Employers Italia 2023

*January 2023*

Acea obtains «Top Employers Italia 2023» certification.

### Gender-Equality Index

*January 2023*

Confirmation of inclusion in the «Gender Equality Index», with a score of 81.58.

### RSE Top Utility for Research and Innovation

*March 2023*

Winner of the award as «RSE Top Utility for Research and Innovation».

### People and Participation Charter

*May 2023*

Signature with the labour unions of a “People and Participation Charter”.

### Standard Ethics

*July 2023*

Standard Ethics upgrades ACEA’s Corporate Standard Ethics Rating (SER) to “EE+” from the previous “EE” with a “Positive” outlook.

### SBTi

*September 2023*

Science Based Targets initiative (SBTi) validates Acea’s direct and indirect greenhouse gas emission targets.

# Sustainability ratings



62/100



«EE+»  
Positive outlook



«B»  
Management  
Level



«A»



81.58/100



«Leader ESG  
Identity»



ESG risk  
Rating  
20.1

# Consolidated income statement and statement of financial position at 30 September 2023

## Consolidated income statement (€000)

	9M 2023	9M 2022	Increase/ (Decrease)
Sales and service revenues	3,291,370	3,677,828	(386,458)
Other operating income	108,882	115,979	(7,097)
<b>Consolidated net revenue</b>	<b>3,400,252</b>	<b>3,793,807</b>	<b>(393,555)</b>
Staff costs	259,276	224,184	35,092
Cost of materials and overheads	2,154,055	2,623,693	(469,638)
<b>Consolidated operating costs</b>	<b>2,413,331</b>	<b>2,847,877</b>	<b>(434,546)</b>
Net profit/(loss) from commodity risk management	0	34,547	(34,547)
Profit/(loss) on non-financial investments	19,462	21,833	(2,371)
<b>Gross operating profit</b>	<b>1,006,382</b>	<b>1,002,310</b>	<b>4,072</b>
Net impairment losses/(reversals of impairment losses) on trade receivables	64,060	73,854	(9,794)
Amortisation, depreciation and provisions	499,656	443,776	55,880
<b>Operating profit/(loss)</b>	<b>442,666</b>	<b>484,680</b>	<b>(42,014)</b>
Finance income	28,241	20,530	7,711
Finance costs	(131,467)	(78,982)	(52,485)
Profit/(loss) on investments	1,064	19,574	(18,510)
<b>Profit/(loss) before tax</b>	<b>340,504</b>	<b>445,802</b>	<b>(105,298)</b>
Income tax expense	103,854	162,080	(58,226)
<b>Net profit/(loss)</b>	<b>236,650</b>	<b>283,722</b>	<b>(47,072)</b>
Net profit/(loss) from discontinued operations			
<b>Net profit/(loss)</b>	<b>236,650</b>	<b>283,722</b>	<b>(47,072)</b>
<b>Net profit/(loss) attributable to non-controlling interests</b>	<b>27,225</b>	<b>26,325</b>	<b>901</b>
<b>Net profit/(loss) attributable to owners of the Parent</b>	<b>209,425</b>	<b>257,397</b>	<b>(47,972)</b>
<b>Earnings/(Loss) per share attributable to owners of the Parent</b>			
<i>Basic</i>	<i>0.98338</i>	<i>1.20864</i>	<i>(0.22526)</i>
<i>Diluted</i>	<i>0.98338</i>	<i>1.20864</i>	<i>(0.22526)</i>
<b>Earnings/(Loss) per share attributable to owners of the Parent net of treasury shares</b>			
<i>Basic</i>	<i>0.98531</i>	<i>1.21101</i>	<i>(0.22570)</i>
<i>Diluted</i>	<i>0.98531</i>	<i>1.21101</i>	<i>(0.22570)</i>

## Consolidated statement of financial position (€000)

	30 September 2023	31 December 2022	Increase/ (Decrease)
Property, plant and equipment	3,264,629	3,144,250	120,379
Investment property	2,003	2,256	(253)
Goodwill	254,561	255,048	(487)
Concessions and infrastructure rights	3,682,323	3,470,906	211,417
Intangible assets	397,209	420,191	(22,982)
Right-of-use assets	103,584	90,397	13,187
Investments in unconsolidated subsidiaries and associates	365,615	348,885	16,731
Other investments	3,025	3,007	19
Deferred tax assets	216,238	179,823	36,415
Financial assets	24,874	30,531	(5,657)
Other non-current assets	672,089	615,144	56,946
<b>Non-current assets</b>	<b>8,986,151</b>	<b>8,560,435</b>	<b>425,716</b>
Inventories	125,969	104,507	21,462
Trade receivables	1,296,282	1,267,445	28,837
Other current assets	403,211	458,780	(55,569)
Current tax assets	62,151	26,296	35,855
Current financial assets	468,998	342,085	126,913
Cash and cash equivalents	468,457	559,908	(91,451)
<b>Current assets</b>	<b>2,825,068</b>	<b>2,759,022</b>	<b>66,046</b>
Non-current assets held for sale	18,296	19,076	(779)
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>11,829,515</b>	<b>11,338,533</b>	<b>490,983</b>
Share capital	1,098,899	1,098,899	0
Legal reserve	157,838	147,501	10,337
Other reserves	72,815	27,743	45,072
Retained earnings/(accumulated losses)	756,265	737,400	18,865
Net profit/(loss) for the period	209,425	279,725	(70,300)
<b>Total equity attributable to owners of the Parent</b>	<b>2,295,241</b>	<b>2,291,268</b>	<b>3,974</b>
Equity attributable to non-controlling interests	481,732	463,975	17,757
<b>Total equity</b>	<b>2,776,974</b>	<b>2,755,243</b>	<b>21,731</b>
Staff termination benefits and other defined-benefit obligations	109,370	112,989	(3,618)
Provisions for liabilities and charges	317,439	218,025	99,414
Borrowings and financial liabilities	4,794,633	4,722,263	72,370
Other non-current liabilities	439,448	399,628	39,820
<b>Non-current liabilities</b>	<b>5,660,890</b>	<b>5,452,905</b>	<b>207,986</b>
Borrowings	985,915	619,418	366,498
Trade payables	1,669,441	1,849,980	(180,539)
Tax liabilities	12,978	26,810	(13,831)
Other current liabilities	723,108	632,259	90,850
<b>Current liabilities</b>	<b>3,391,444</b>	<b>3,128,466</b>	<b>262,977</b>
Liabilities related directly to assets held for sale	207	1,919	(1,712)
<b>TOTAL EQUITY AND LIABILITIES</b>	<b>11,829,515</b>	<b>11,338,533</b>	<b>490,983</b>

# Financial highlights for Engineering & Infrastructure Projects, Overseas Water and the Holdco

## ENGINEERING & INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS

(€m)	9M 2023	9M 2022	% change
<b>Revenue</b>	82.7	84.4	-2.0%
<b>EBITDA</b>	4.5	7.9	-42.5%
<b>Capex</b>	3.3	3.0	+7.6%

## OVERSEAS WATER

(€m)	9M 2023	9M 2022	% change
<b>Revenue</b>	73.5	70.0	+4.9%
<b>EBITDA</b>	27.5	25.2	+9.3%
<b>Capex</b>	3.7	3.2	+16.5%

## HOLDCO

(€m)	9M 2023	9M 2022	% change
<b>Revenue</b>	105.1	107.9	-2.6%
<b>EBITDA</b>	(26.3)	(30.4)	-13.6%
<b>Capex</b>	13.2	21.5	-38.5%



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# Water Italy - Regulation

## TARIFF REGIME FOR THE FOURTH REGULATORY PERIOD (MTI-4) 2024 - 2029

ARERA RESOLUTION: 639/2023

CONFIRMED THIRD REGULATORY PERIOD GENERAL OVERVIEW AND REVENUE CALCULATION METHODOLOGY (i.e. Guaranteed Revenue Constraint (VRG)).

- **Greater visibility:** regulatory period of 6 years (2024-2029), with potential two-year revision of RF (Real Risk-free), WRP (Water Utility Risk Premium) and Kd (cost of debt expressed in real terms) parameters
- **Allowed return: 6.13%** (compared to MTI-3 allowed return of 4.8%), determined based on the sum of 4.31% for the financial charge component and 1.82% for the tax charge component. Recognition of a 1% time lag on investments from 2012 confirmed
- **Revenues cap for the 6 regulatory schemes:** maximum annual variations between 5.95% (scheme 2) and 9.95% (scheme 6). As regards scheme 5, which includes ATO2, the annual limit is 8.45% (compared to 6.2% during the 2020-2023 regulatory period)
- **Expected inflation: 2.7%**
- **RAB deflator:** 3.4% for 2023, 2.8% for 2024
- **Inflation rates applied for revision of allowed opex:** 4.5% for 2023, 8.8% for 2024
- Increase in **late-payment cost** component
- **Introduction of an incentive mechanism**, for the first two years of the regulatory period (2024-2025), **in favour of energy and environmental sustainability** (wastewater reuse and reduction of energy costs)
- **WIPs pertaining to non-strategic works:** remuneration to cover financial charges for 4 years (1st year at 4.31%, up to the minimum level represented by the Kd for the 4th year)



## **ARERA RESOLUTION 556/2023 – «Revision of rate of return on invested capital for infrastructure services in the electricity and gas sectors for the year 2024»**

- **2024 WACC** electricity distribution: **6.0%**

## **ARERA RESOLUTION 497/2023 – «Application Criteria for Spending and Service Objectives (ROSS) for the transport of natural gas and the transmission, distribution and metering of electricity. Amendments to TIROSS 2024-2031 and RTTG 6PRT»**

- Application of the ROSS-base solution from 2024 for electricity distributors serving at least 25K PODs
- Capital costs of 2G smart meters excluded from the scope of application
- Work in progress included in the RAB
- Reduction in the time lag for CPI and deflator

## **ARERA RESOLUTION 616/2023 – «Tariff regulation of electricity distribution and metering services for the period 2024-2027»**

### Operator combination incentives

- Both in the case of operators subject to the parametric regime (serving less than 25K PODs) and the ROSS-base regime (serving at least 25K PODs) and in the case of combinations involving a distributor serving between 25K and 100K PODs and one serving over 100K PODs.

### Rationalisation of HV grid assets

- Proposed one-off bonus to be paid to the selling distributor, expressed as a percentage (decreasing according to the year of sale: 4% by 2025, 3% by 2026 and 2027) compared with the revalued historical cost of the power lines/cables being sold.

### 2024 allowed opex

- Baseline of unit operating costs confirmed for each company according to the eligible operating costs effectively incurred in 2022. This baseline is revalued considering 2023 and 2024 inflation (provisionally inferred from the Bank of Italy's publication "Macroeconomic Projections for the Italian Economy", respectively corresponding to 6.0% and 1.9%)
- RAB deflator: reduction of time lag to 1 year (the deflator for 2024 tariffs will take account of the values referring to both 2022 and 2023, namely respectively 4.2% and 1.6%, as shown in the Draft Budgetary Plan)

# Grids & Smart Cities – Regulation (2/2)

## **ARERA RESOLUTION 617/2023 – «Approval of output-based regulations and the commercial quality of electricity distribution and metering services, with effect from 1 January 2024»**

### Incentives for the use of non-repayable funding

- Bonus for the use of non-repayable funding by electricity distributors equal to 10% (as opposed to the current approximate figure of 8.6%).

### Output-based incentives

- Output-based incentive for distribution grid development interventions: reserved for operators serving over 100K PODs who have the obligation to draw up grid development plans. The resolution sets the incentive mechanism for 2024, whereas the mechanism pertaining to the three years 2025-2027 will be defined by way of a subsequent measure.

### Incentives for the implementation of compensation arrangements for reactive energy input in critical areas

- The right to receive a bonus corresponding to the reactive energy input tariff charges paid by the company in the 24 months preceding the entry into service of the arrangement and during the month in question.

# Environment - Regulation

## **ARERA RESOLUTION 363/2021 (MTR-2) – «Approva of the tariff regime for waste (MTR-2) for the second regulatory period 2022-2025»**

- The scope of application covers treatment plants used in the «recovery and disposal» of all urban waste, regardless of how it is subsequently classified. Recycling chains, managed by recycling consortia and other entities, are, on the other hand, not addressed.
- Regional planning has been given a decisive role in defining plants involved in closure of the cycle, operating in structurally rigid markets (insufficient capacity to meet demand for treatment), as «minimum». These plants are subject to revenue caps.
- Plants not classified as «minimum» as part of the planning process will be considered «additional»: these plants will not be subject to regulated tariffs but will only be subject to disclosure requirements.
- In a later resolution (68/2022/R/rif dated 22 February 2022), ARERA determined, in line with the approach adopted when setting the TIWACC for the energy sectors, the WACC for the regulatory period 2022-2025 – save for any intra-period adjustments – as 6% for facilities not integrated into the waste cycle (the WACC for the integrated cycle is instead 5.6%).
- With Determination 01/DRIF/2022 of 22 April 2022, ARERA approved the standard formats for the documents constituting the tariff proposal that the operators of "minimum" plants submit to the competent bodies, i.e., EGATOs or regional authorities. Reference is made, in particular, to financial plans and the accompanying report.
- In DGR 290/2022 dated 27 April 2022, Lazio Regional Authority designated the San Vittore nel Lazio, Aprilia and Sabaudia plants as «minimum» plants.
- In DGR 375/2022 dated 12 May, Umbria Regional Authority designated the Orvieto plant (landfill, MBT and composting) as «minimum» plants.
- Abruzzo Regional Authority has yet to make an announcement in this regard.

## **ARERA RESOLUTION 487/2023 – «Evaluation of the parameters forming the basis for calculating the cost of capital, in implementation of ARERA Resolution 389/2023/R/rif, concerning the two-yearly review (2024-2025) of the Waste Tariff Regime (MTR-2)»**

- Confirmation at the time of initial application of the amounts for determining the rate of return.
- Any future revisions taking into account determinations regarding the trigger mechanism referred to in art. 8 of the TIWACC (contained in Annex A to Resolution 614/2021/R/COM) are unaffected.

## **ARERA RESOLUTION 7/2024 – «Compliance with the sentences of State Council, regarding the tariff regulation of waste treatment plants, referred to Arera's resolution 363/2021, and further provisions»**

Amendments to waste regulatory scheme MTR-2 (2nd regulatory period 2022-2025):

- **Regulation for essential treatment plants has been confirmed**, due to provisions reported in the national waste management plan “PNGR” (Ministerial Decree 24 June 2022, n. 257).
- The tariff regulation for the two-year period 2022-2023 has been removed, with consequent first application from the two-year period 2024-25 (pursuant to resolution 389/2023/R/rif), with substantial confirmation of the already adopted methodology.
- Following the activation of the trigger mechanism envisaged for gas and power regulated sectors, the **WACC for essential non-integrated plants for the years 2024 and 2025 has been upgraded from 6.0% to 6.6%**.

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