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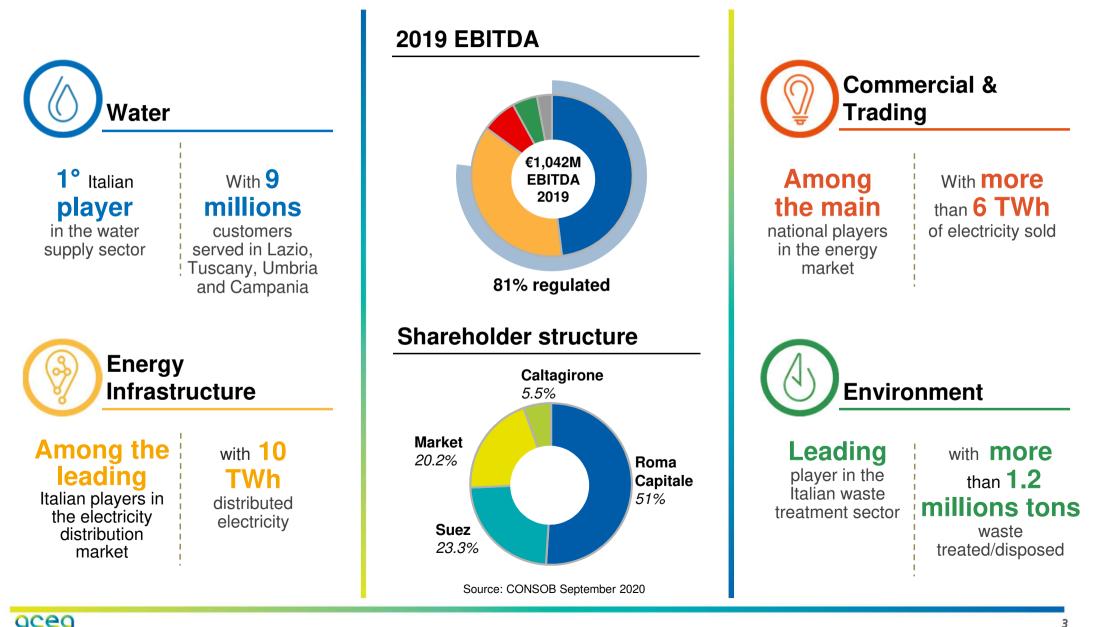
## Acea Group Italian Conference – JP Morgan

2 October 2020

## Agenda



## Acea Today Leader in the multi-utility market

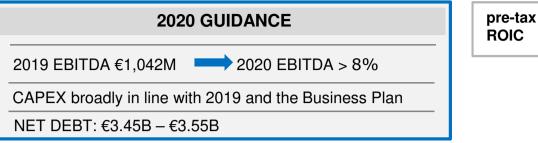


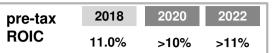
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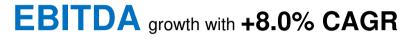


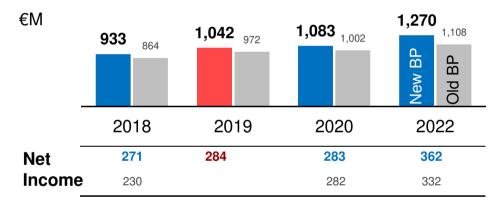
## Strategy and Targets - Strong and sustainable growth

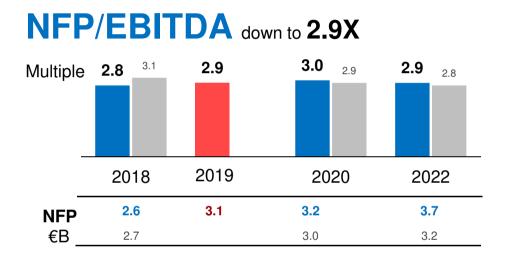
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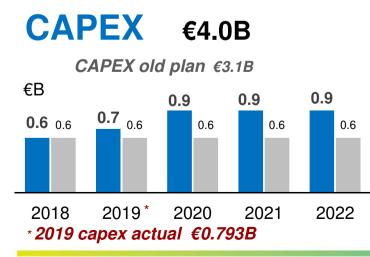


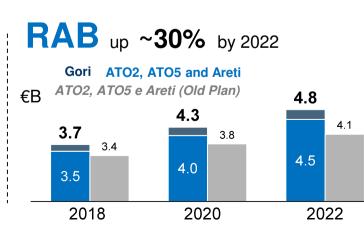




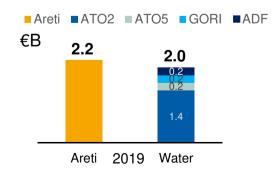








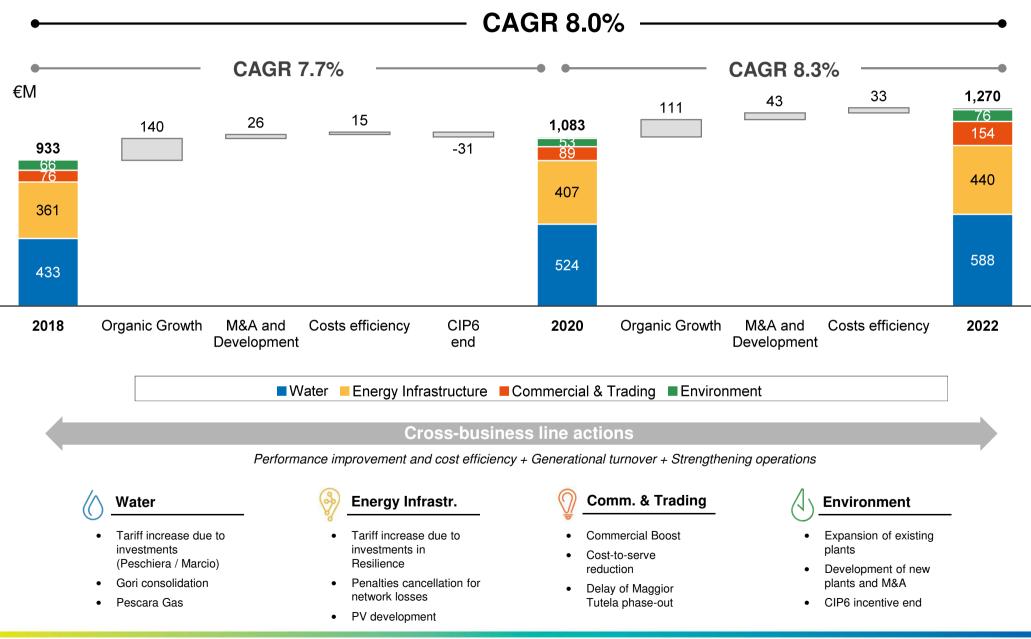
## **RAB 2019**



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## **Strategy and Targets**

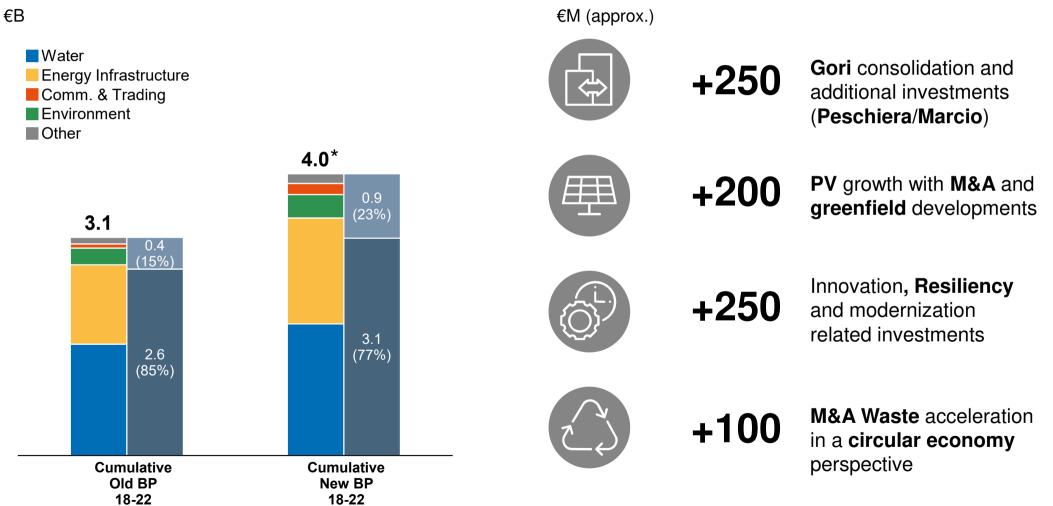
## Outperformed previous business plan EBITDA targets



## Strategy and Targets Additional €900M investments

**Cumulative 2018-2022** 





\*of which €0.5B innovation and industry 4.0 (smart meter, network districtization, automated secondary cabins, etc.)

## **Strategy and Targets** Sustainability growth

Additional €400M sustainabilitylinked capex bring our Sustainability effort to €1.7B overall



Peschiera & Marcio

+€200M PV development +€100M Development / M&A circular economy

### **United Nations** Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)





Acea is a member of the SE European Multi-Utilities Index.



CO<sub>2</sub> Reduction (Reduced losses, Purchase of Green Energy, Biogas Recovery)



⑦ ♂ Green Energy  $\sim$  for internal use within the Group



Power Grid Risk index reduction due to resiliency increase

contractors

Safety inspections of maintenance +50%

>200

kton

500

GWł

-10%

## Strategy and Targets

Growing dividends vs previous business plan



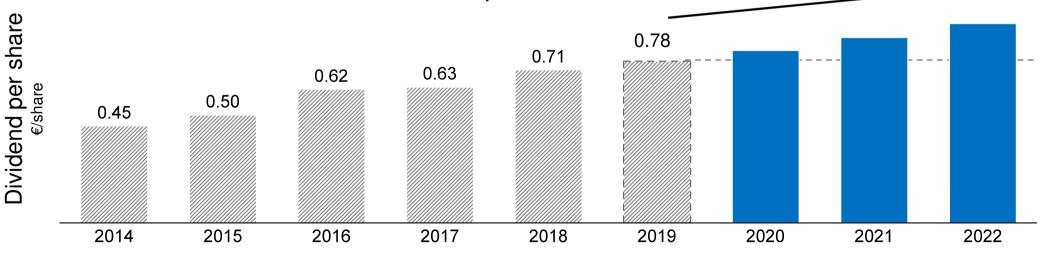




**Growing** dividends vs old business plan €800M of dividends
throughout the plan,
+€100M vs old
business plan

## €0.75 minimum

dividend per share from 2019



## **Strategy and Targets** Financial strategy

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**16 May 2019 -** Placing of Euro 500 million bond under the EMTN Programm, 9 years, fixed rate 1.75%.

July 2019 – EMTN programme ceiling increased to €4bn

**29 January 2020 -** Placing of Euro 500 million bond under the EMTN Programm, 9 years, fixed rate 0.50%.

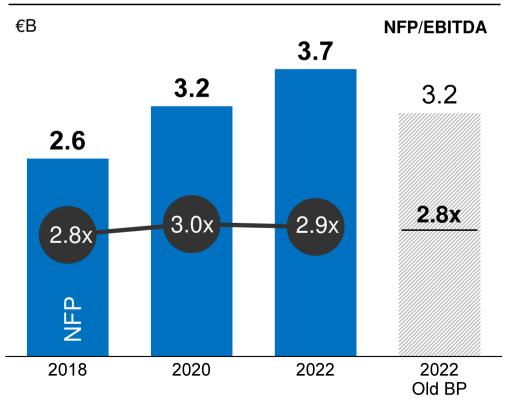
### Highlights

Working Capital	Improved working capital absorption (~€30M/year)			
Rating	FitchRatings BBB+ Stable outlook	Moody's Baa2 Stable outlook		

### Debt

- Situation at 30 June 2020
- Average maturity 5.85 yrs
- Average cost of debt **1.82%**

### **Net Financial Position**





## Water Business Line Highlights



Development of a Smart Water **Company** for a sustainable usage of water, improving service quality and efficiency



500k+ smart water meter and projects for water network districtization

Focus on preservation of water, with development of a dedicated structure

Rationalization of 35+ small purification facilities

90% investments on Technical Quality

Supply securitization, by doubling Peschiera (€100m already included in 2019-'22 Plan)

Gori full consolidation (1.4M clients served)

Acquisition of Pescara Gas (62k PDR) to enter in gas distribution business

Procedure completed for renewal of concession for the Peschiera-Le Capore water main, due to expire in September 2031 (July 2019)

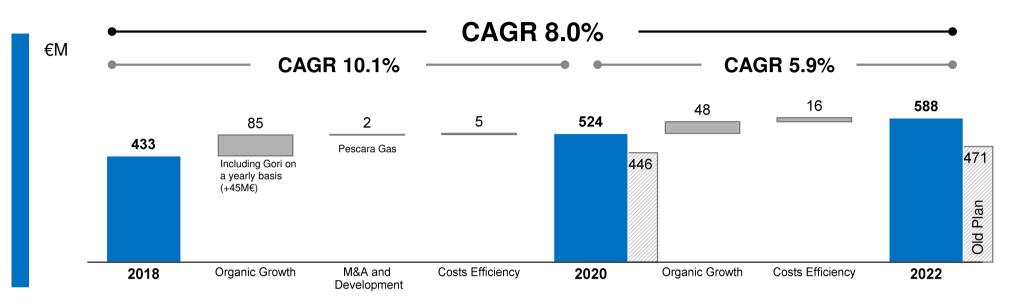
Acquedotto del Fiora full consolidation (over 402K clients served: October 2019)

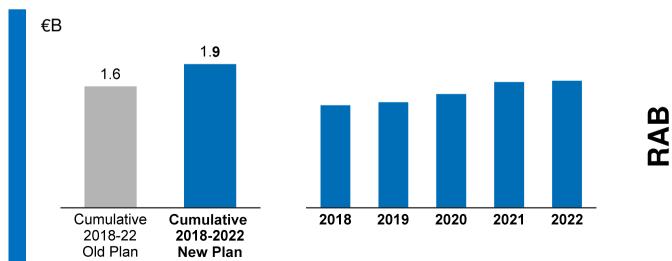


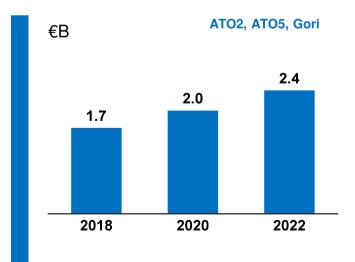
Acquisition of 51% stake in the company Alto Sangro Distribuzione Gas (~34PDR; August 2020) EV of 100% of Alto Sangro Distribuzione Gas: €40m

➤ Alto Sangro Distribuzione Gas's EBITDA: ~ €5m

## Water Business Line Key Financials







INVESTMENTS

EBITDA



**Business Line Highlights** 



## Main actor of the energy transition with projects enabling the decarbonization of the system

**150MW PV** between grid parity and M&A on the secondary market

**100+ M€ for Resiliency** for electricity **supply** 



**Remote control extension on 60%** of the LV/MV secondary stations



Installation of over **600km of optical fiber** at the service of the existing infrastructure

Renovation/expansion activities on the LV/MV network for over 2,500km

Acquisition of photovoltaic plants with total capacity of approximately 45 MWp (H2 2019-H1 2020)

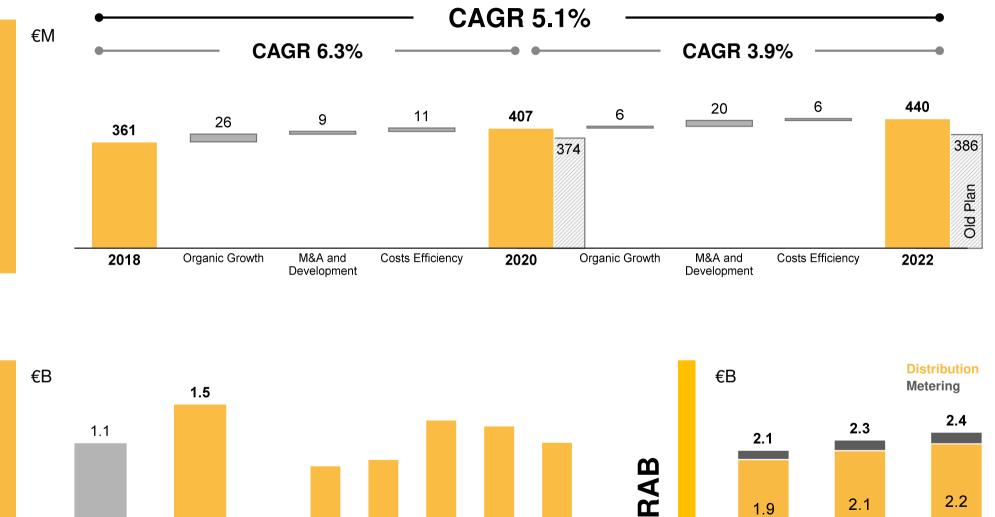
Development of primary market projects, **40 MWp already authorised** out of a pipeline of over 400 MWp

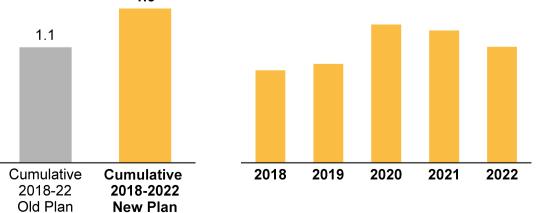


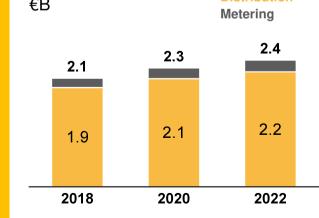
600k smart meters roll-out start

continuity vs Authority guidelines









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# Commercial and Trading Business Line Highlights





**Growth** of retail portfolio, improvement of service quality and exploitation of energy transition opportunity





**Strong commercial boost** (3x vs. 2018) supported by a new offering model

**Increase of share of pull commercial channels** (e.g. Shop, Branch and Digital) up to 50%



**Strengthening of digital channels** (10% on total acquisitions)



Operational excellence on key processes and reduction of 20% on CtS and 15% on CtC



Launch of new **Value Added Services** (e.g. smart meters, insurance, thermal systems)

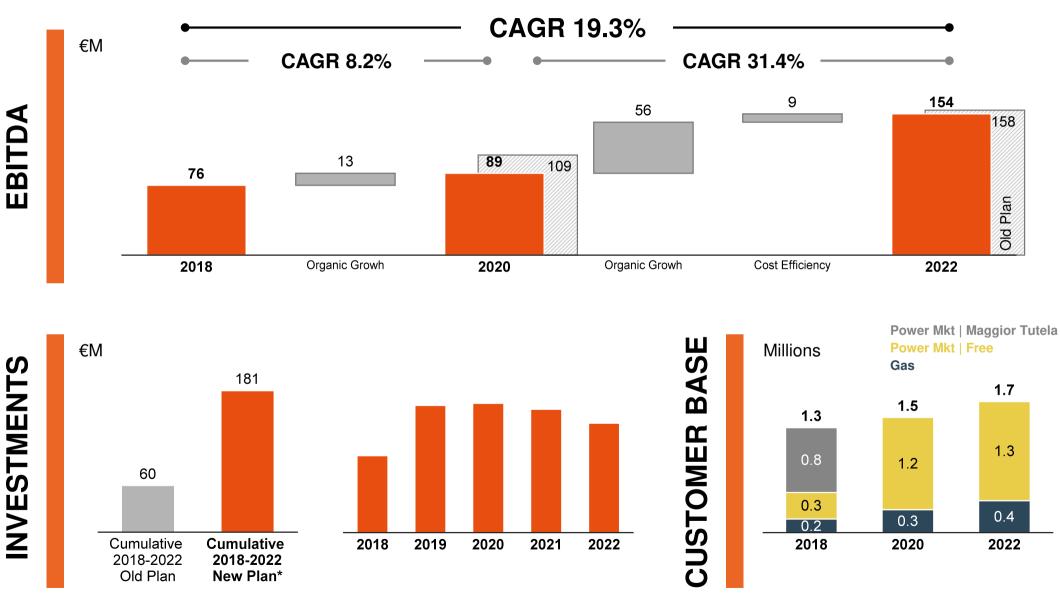


**Entrance in the flexibility market** (Terna auction for **UVAM** assigned to Tor di Valle plant for 10 MW)

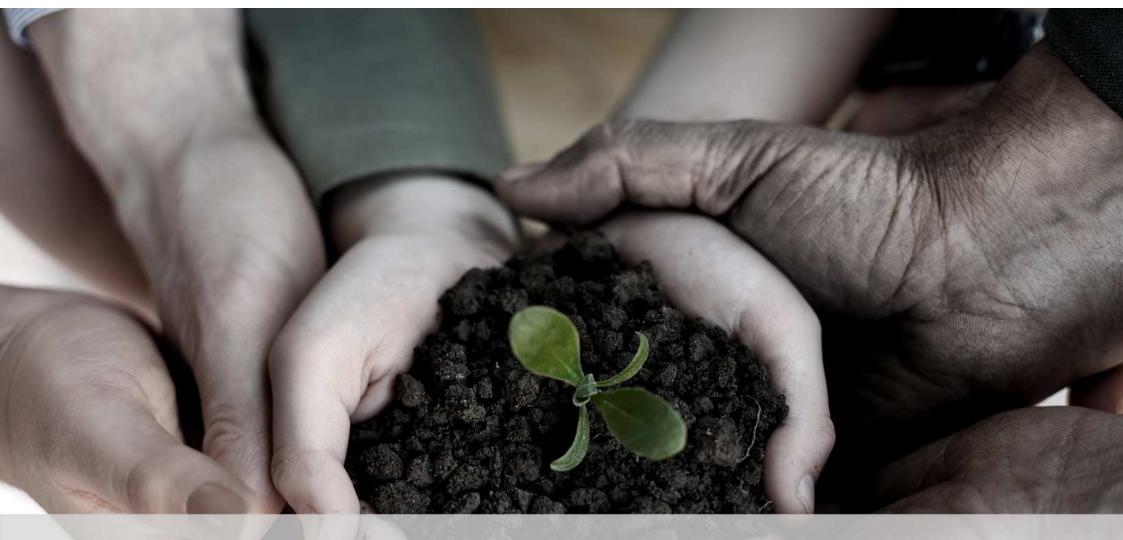


Signed with ERG two Power Purchase Agreements (PPA) concerning the supply of renewable energy totalling 1.5 TWh during the period 2020-2022 (October 2019)

## **Commercial and Trading** Key Financials



\*Investments include Commissioning Capitalizations IFRS15



# **Environment** Business Line Highlights



Acceleration of plant development aimed at recovering materials and energy in a Circular Economy perspective



Implementation of old BP strategic initiatives

**Doubling** of treated waste (2.2 Mton target) with new plant development (e.g., organic fraction, liquid/sludge treatment, multi-material)

**M&A and development** in a **Circular Economy** perspective focused on material recovery (200+ kton)

Self-sufficiency in **sludge treatment** with innovative thermal hydrolysis technologies (80 kton)



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**Bioecologia integration** with **liquid waste** treatment plant (~ 110 kton)



**Partnership** with market operators for the **recovery** of San Vittore WTE plant **ashes** in a **circular economy** perspective



Acquisition of 90% of DEMAP, which owns a plastic treatment plant with an authorized capacity of 75,000 tons per year (July 2019)

- ➢ EV of 100% of DEMAP: €20m
- > DEMAP's EBITDA: €3.5m



Acquisition of 60% of Berg, engaged in the treatment of wastewater with an authorized capacity of 143,000 Tons per year (July 2019) > EV of 100% of Berg: €10m > Berg's EBITDA: €1.6m



**Inaugurated at Monterotondo Marittimo** (Grosseto) **one of the largest composting plants in Central Italy** with an authorized capacity of 70 kton per year (October 2019)

- ≻ Capex €22m
- Expected contribution to EBITDA €2.5m



Acquisition of 60% of Ferrocart and Cavallari (which owns 100% of Multigreen), active in the storage, treatment and selection of waste with a total authorized capacity of more than 145,000 tons per year (April 2020)

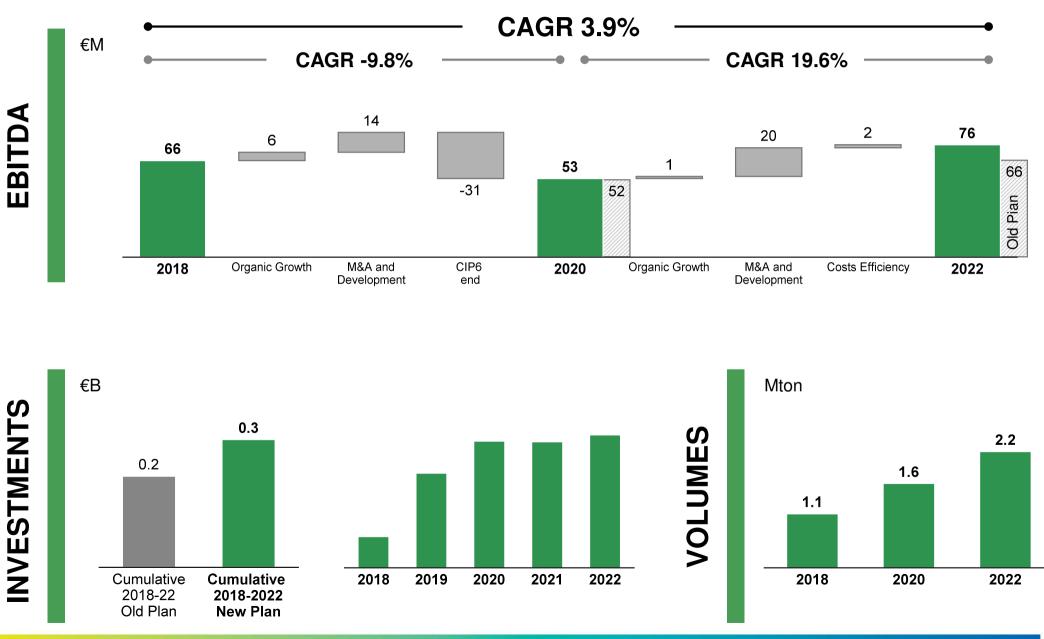
- ➢ EV of 100% of Ferrocart and Cavallari: ~ €25m
- Ferrocart and Cavallari's EBITDA: ~ €4.5m

Environment / Engineering and Services areas



> Simam's EBITDA: ~ €7.0m





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## Strategic Opportunities Potential Business Plan Upsides

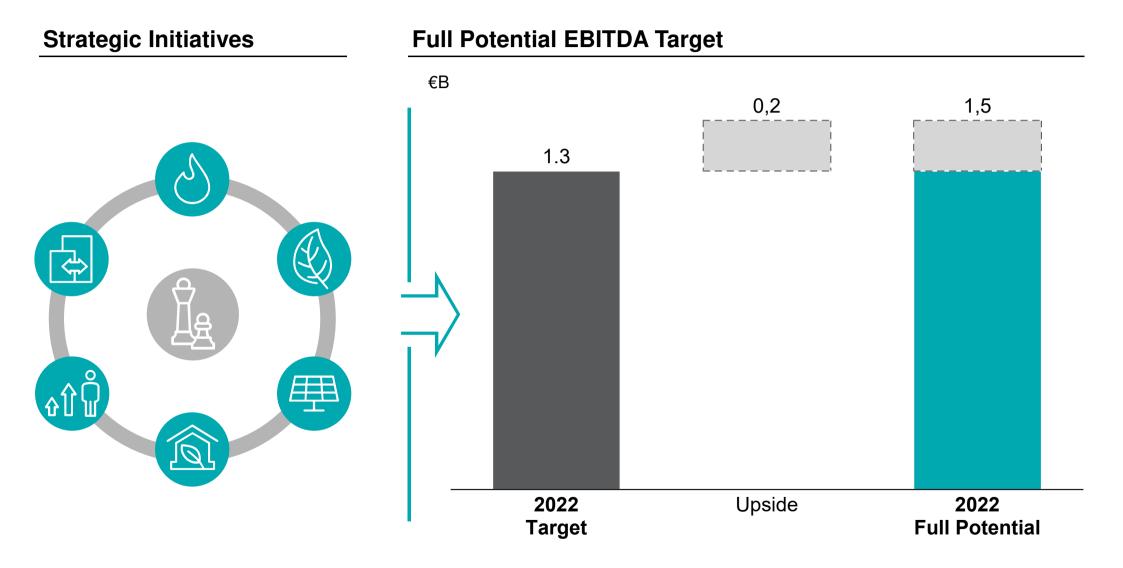
## Strategic Opportunities Potential initiatives to be implemented

			EBITDA (€M)	Investments (€M)
C	Gas Distribution	Growth in the gas distribution market with <b>selected</b> acquisition and ATEM tenders	5-20	35-110
	Smart Energy Efficiency	ESCO acquisitions and cogeneration / trigeneration pilots and thermal coat installations	5-10	50-70
	M&A Waste	Plant development acceleration also evaluating strategic partnership according the market consolidation	40-60	200-350
<u></u>	Clients Acquisition	New clients acquisition consistent with current market consolidation trends	8-12	60-90
	Growth in Renewables	Additional growth in the <b>PV</b> market through alternative <b>models</b> (e.g., <b>partnership</b> with investors without society control)	~10	~70
	Water Sector	<b>Consolidation</b> of water operators in Central Italy (e.g.,	30-90	60-150
	Consolidation	Tuscany, Umbria)	L 100-200 (€N	

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# **Strategic Opportunities** €0.2B potential upside 2022



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## Closing Remarks

Old plan targets reached two years in advance



Old plan targets reached **two years** in **advance** 



EBITDA CAGR of 8.8% vs 5,9% old BP (equal starting point) with new 2022 target set to €1.3B



**€4B** investments (+ €0,9B vs old BP) with M&A growth



**RAB** up to ~ €5B



**NFP/EBITDA** ratio under **3.0x** in 2022 with growing RAB and Capex



**€800M** of dividends throughout the Plan (**+€100M** vs old Plan), **minimum dividend per share** of **0.75 €** distributed in 2020





## 2019-2022 Business Plan Key Assumptions

Assumptions		2019	2020	2021	2022
Exchange	\$/€	1.17	1.18	1.18	1.18
Brent	\$/Bbl	76.71	71.67	68.61	67.41
PUN	€/MWh	65.97	60.62	55.10	56.09
EU-ETS	€/tons CO2	21.33	19.74	17.67	17.85
CIP6	€/MWh	237.20			

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## H1 2020 Results



## HI 2020 financial highlights

€m)	HI 2020 (a)	HI 2019 (b)	% change (a/b)
Consolidated revenue	1,622.0	1,553.1	+4.4%
BITDA	568.7	502.6	+13.2%
EBIT	277.4	260.2	+6.6%
Group net profit	143.8	143.0	+0.6%

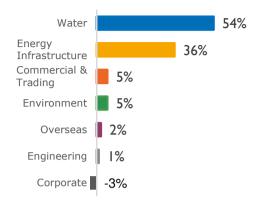
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Average	Group	workforce

Сарех	2	410.6	342.0	+20.1%	_	HI 2020 7,909	HI 2019 6,611	<b>Change</b> +1,298*
(€m)	30 June 2020 (a)	31 Dec 2 (b)	2019	30 June 2019 (c)	% change (a/b)	% change (a/c)		
Net debt	3,527.5	3,062.5	8	2,842.5	+15.2%	+24.1%		

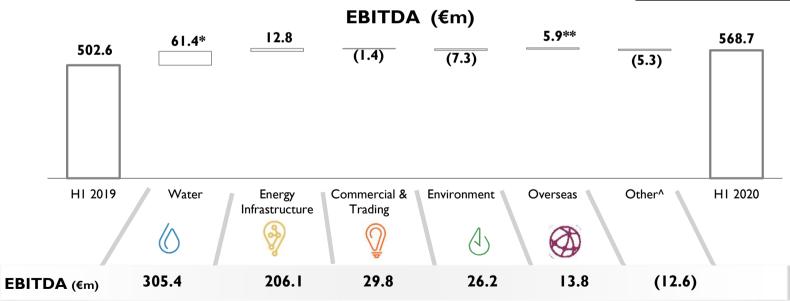
\* The increase in the workforce is primarily due to changes in scope (AdF +402; Acea Perù +437; Environment +172; Simam +132)







Contribution to EBITDA of consolidation of AdF, Consorcio Agua Azul and new acquisitions					
(€m)	HI 2020	HI 2019			
AdF	30.6	^^2.6			
Consorcio Agua Azul	5.0	^^0.6			
Pescara Distribuzione Gas	1.1	0.5			
Demap	2.0	-			
Berg	1.1	-			
Ferrocart/Cavallari/Multigreen	1.6	-			
Simam	1.1	-			
Photovoltaic	5.7	-			
TOTAL	48.2	3.7			



\* Line-by-line consolidation of AdF

\*\* Line-by-line consolidation of Consorcio Agua Azul, following the increase in the interest to 44%

^ Engineering, Corporate

^^ Contribution from consolidation using the equity method

## EBITDA and quantitative data HI 2020 financial highlights



() Water

Including gas distribution

### **KEY HIGHLIGHTS**

 Agreement for Acquisition of 51% of "Alto Sangro Distribuzione Gas"

#### **EBITDA GROWTH**

- Application of Tariff Regime for third regulatory period 2020-2023 (Arera Resolution 580/2019):
  - effect of investment in growth
  - no award of bonus for commercial quality (€16.8m), offset by recognition of new cost components (including those relating to sludge disposal)
- Line-by-line consolidation of AdF (from October 2019): +€28.0m
- Acquisition of Pescara Distribuzione Gas (March 2019): +€0.6m

(€m)	HI 2020 (a)	HI 2019 (b)	% <b>change</b> (a/b)
EBITDA	305.4	244.0	+25.2%
Acea ATO2	200.8	176.8	+13.6%
Acea ATO5	15.7	13.1	+19.8%
Gori	39.5	34.2	+15.5%
AdF	30.6	2.6	n/s
Equity-accounted water companies	15.8	15.2	+3.9%
Other consolidated water companies	1.9	1.6	+18.8%
Pescara Distribuzione Gas	1.1	0.5	n/s
Сарех	229.2	168.3	+36.2%

EBITDA main drivers

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## EBITDA and quantitative data HI 2020 financial highlights



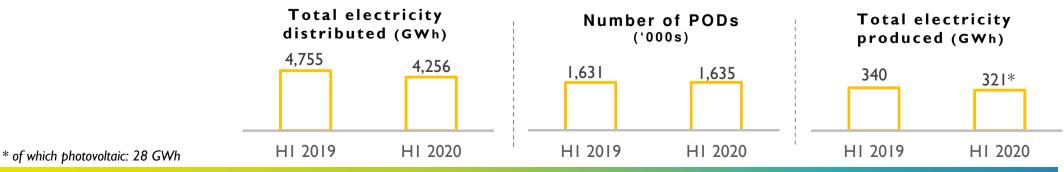
### KEY HIGHLIGHTS

- Acquisition of new photovoltaic plants on the secondary market, increasing total capacity to ~45 MWp
- 40 MWp on primary market already authorised

### EBITDA GROWTH

- Distribution: +€13.1m (primarily due to tariff and regulatory effects)
- Public Lighting: +€1.0m (new lighting points)
- Generation: -€1.3m:
  - Declining volumes and sharp fall in energy market prices, partly due to Covid-19 emergency
  - Fhotovoltaic +€5.7m

(€m)	HI 2020 (a)	HI 2019 (b)	<b>% change</b> (a/b)
EBITDA	206.1	193.3	+6.6%
- Distribution	181.3	168.2	+7.8%
- Generation	24.1	25.4	-5.1%
- Public Lighting	0.7	-0.3	n/s
Сарех	141.3	133.4	+5.9%





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### **EBITDA and quantitative data** HI 2020 financial highlights



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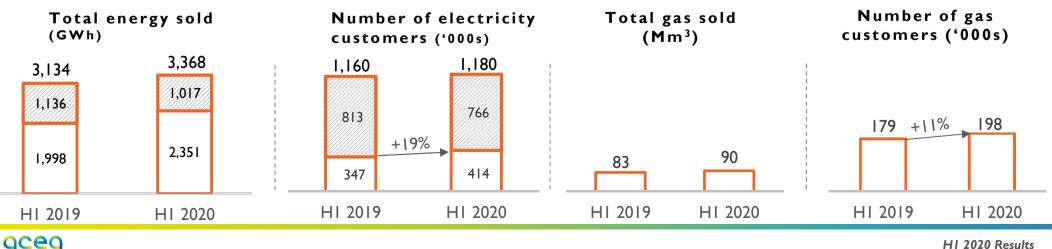
### Commercial & Trading **KEY HIGHLIGHTS**

- Increased customer base on free market
- Ability to recover from an emergency situation, offsetting impact of enhanced protection market regulation and reduced consumption of business customers

### **EBITDA**

- Increased margin on free market: greater number of mass market customers
- Reduction in margin on enhanced protection market: revised mechanism for compensating for delinguent accounts (ARERA Resolution 100/2020
- Reduction in business customers' consumption in March-lune period due to Covid-19 emergency

Enhanced protection market Free market



(€m)	HI 2020 (a)	HI 2019 (b)	% <b>change</b> (a/b)
EBITDA	29.8	31.2	-4.5%
Сарех	17.4	18.5	-5.9%

### **EBITDA and quantitative data** HI 2020 financial highlights

## () Environment

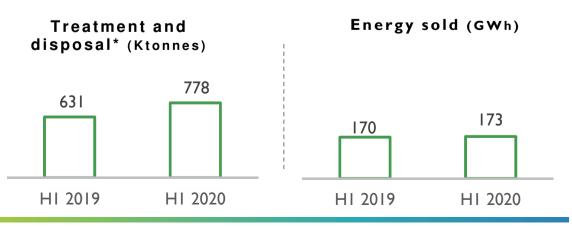
### **KEY HIGHLIGHTS HI 2020**

 Acquisition of 60% of Ferrocart/Cavallari/ Multigreen (waste storage, treatment and sorting)

#### EBITDA

- Acquisition of Demap (July 2019): +€2.0m
- Acquisition of Berg (October 2019): +€1.1m
- Acquisition of Ferrocart/Cavallari/Multigreen (April 2020): +€1.6m
- Increase in disposal tariffs and volume
- End of CIP6 incentives from 1 August 2019 (-€18.0m)

(€m)		HI 2020 (a)	HI 2019 (b)	% <b>change</b> (a/b)
EBITDA		26.2	33.5	-21.8%
of which:	Demap	2.0	-	n/s
	Berg	1.1	-	n/s
	Ferrocart/Cavallari/ Multigreen	1.6	-	n/s
Capex		9.5	10.6	-10.4%

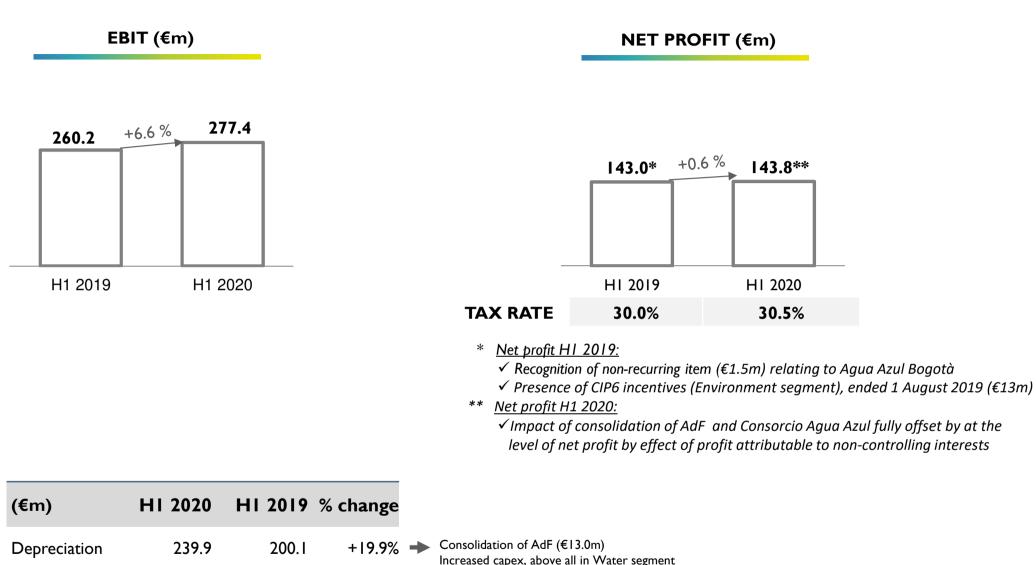


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### EBITDA main drivers

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## EBIT and net profit



+21.7%  $\rightarrow$  Effect of Covid-19 emergency and consolidation of AdF ( $\in 0.9$ m)

Consolidation of AdF (€0.7m)

Write-downs

**Provisions** 

Total

43.8

7.5

291.2

36.0

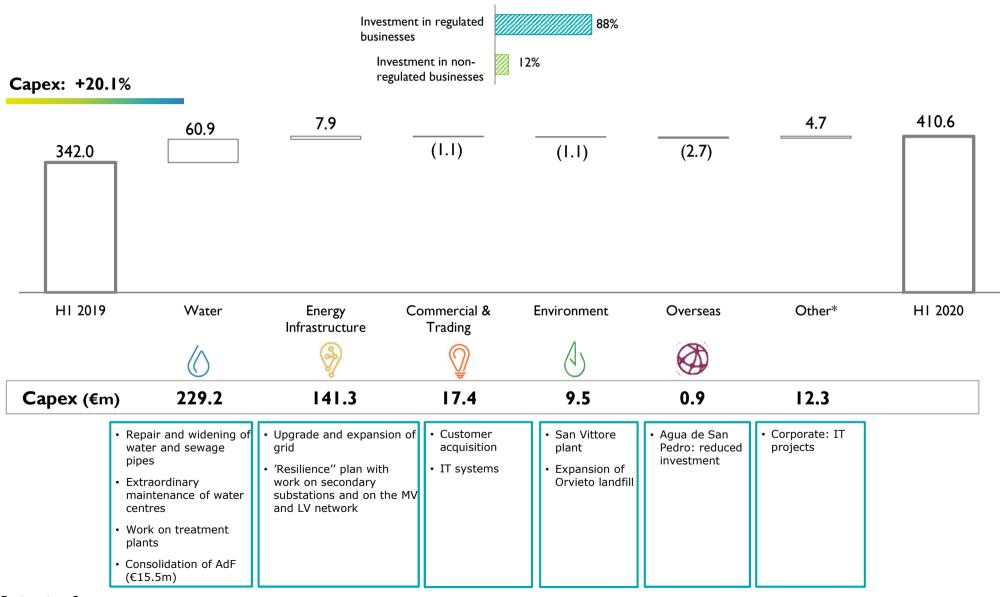
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+20.1%

### Growth in capex on regulated activities continues



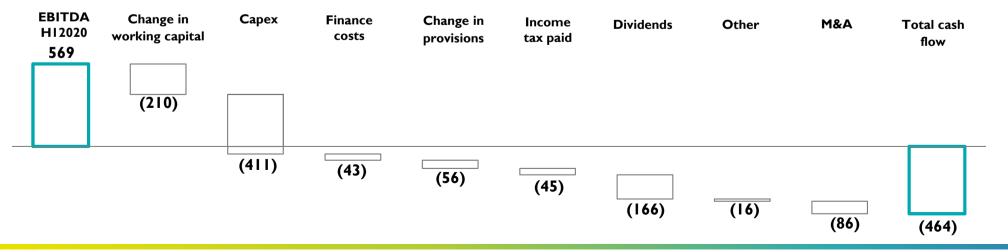
\* Engineering, Corporate

### Cash flow Continued focus on reducing working capital

	HI 2020	HI 2019
EBITDA	569	503
Change in working capital	(210)	(96)
Capex	(411)	(342)
FREE CASH FLOW	(52)	65
Net finance income/(costs)	(43)	(43)
Change in provisions	(56)	(54)
Income tax paid	(45)	-
Dividends	(166)	(151)
Other	(16)	(19)
M&A	(86)	(15)
IFRS 16	-	(57)
TOTAL CASH FLOW	(464)	(274)

The increase in net working capital in H1 2020 is primarily due:

- seasonal effects
- Covid-19 emergency:
  - ✓ payments in arrears at Acea Energia and the water companies (~€60m)
  - ✓ deferred collection of regulatory items (~€60m)



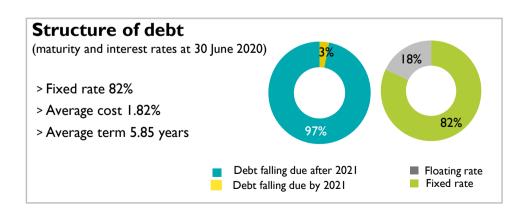
# Net debt

(€m)	<b>30 June 2020</b> (a)	<b>31 Dec 2019</b> (b)	<b>30 June 2019</b> (c)	Change (a-b)	Change (a-c)
Net debt	3,527.5	3,062.8	2,842.5	464.7	685.0
Medium/long-term	4,095.8	3,523.3	3,431.1	572.5	664.7
Short-term	(568.3)	(460.5)	(588.6)	(107.8)	20.3

NET DEBT/ EBITDA LTM 30 June 2020

3.2x

**29 January 2020** – Issue of bonds worth €500m under EMTN. Bonds have a 9-year term and pay a fixed rate of 0.50%





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# Q1 2020 Results



# QI 2020 financial highlights

(€m)	QI 2020	QI 2019	% change
Consolidated revenue	(a) 833.5	(b) 823.3	(a/b) +1.2%
EBITDA	276.4	823.3 247.9	+1.2%
EBIT	136.8	132.8	+11.5%
Group net profit	70.6	75.5	-6.5%

## Contribution to EBITDA of consolidation of Acquedotto del Fiora and new acquisitions

(€m)	QI 2020	QI 2019
Acquedotto del Fiora	15.1	I.4°
Pescara Distribuzione Gas	0.5	-
Demap	1.2	-
Berg	0.6	-
Photovoltaic	2.3	-

Capex	190.0	151.2	+25.7%

(€m)	<b>31 Mar 2020</b>	<b>31 Dec 2019</b>	<b>31 Mar 2019</b>	% change	<b>% change</b>
	(a)	(b)	(c)	(a/b)	(a/c)
Net debt	3,184.4	3,062.8	2,675.7	+4.0%	+19.0%

#### Average Group workforce

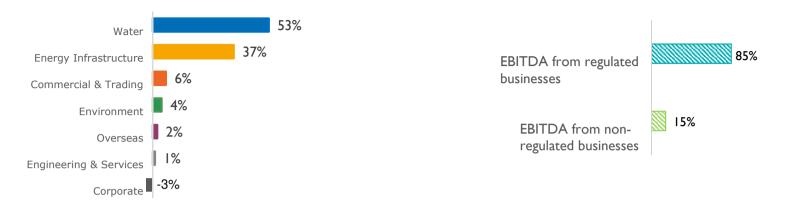
QI 2020	QI 2019	Change
7,706	6,608	+1,098*

° Contribution from consolidation of equity-accounted investments

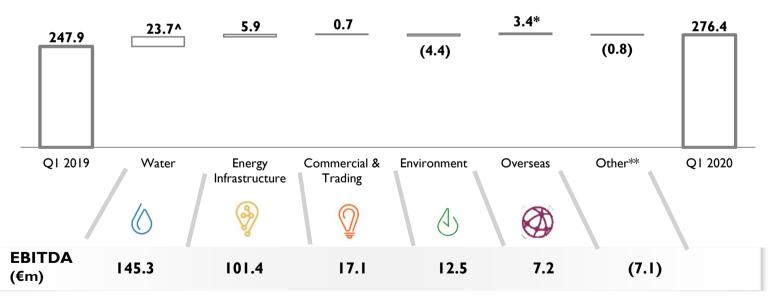
\* The increase in the workforce is primarily due to changes in scope (Acquedotto del Fiora +399; Pescara Distribuzione Gas +13; Acea Perù +499; Consorcio Agua Azul +32; Demap +15; Berg +18)



#### EBITDA QI 2020



#### EBITDA (€m)

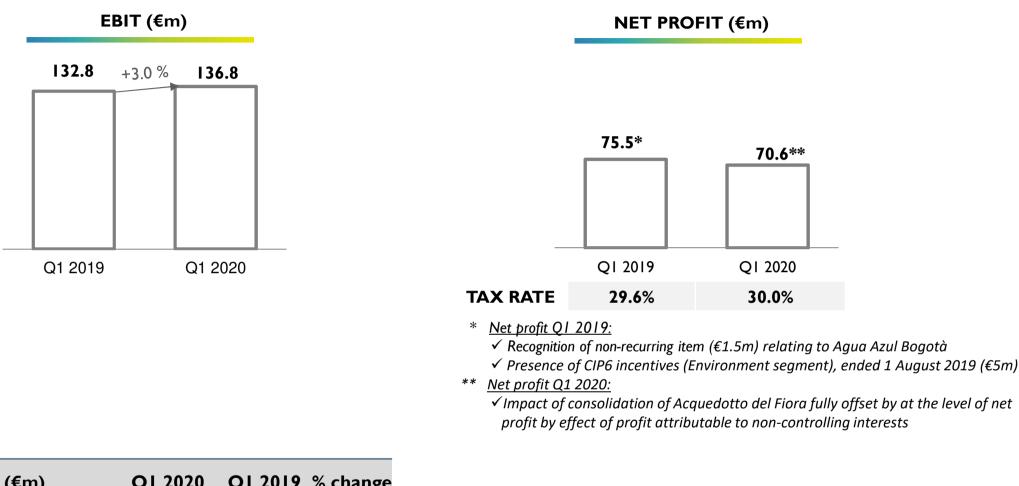


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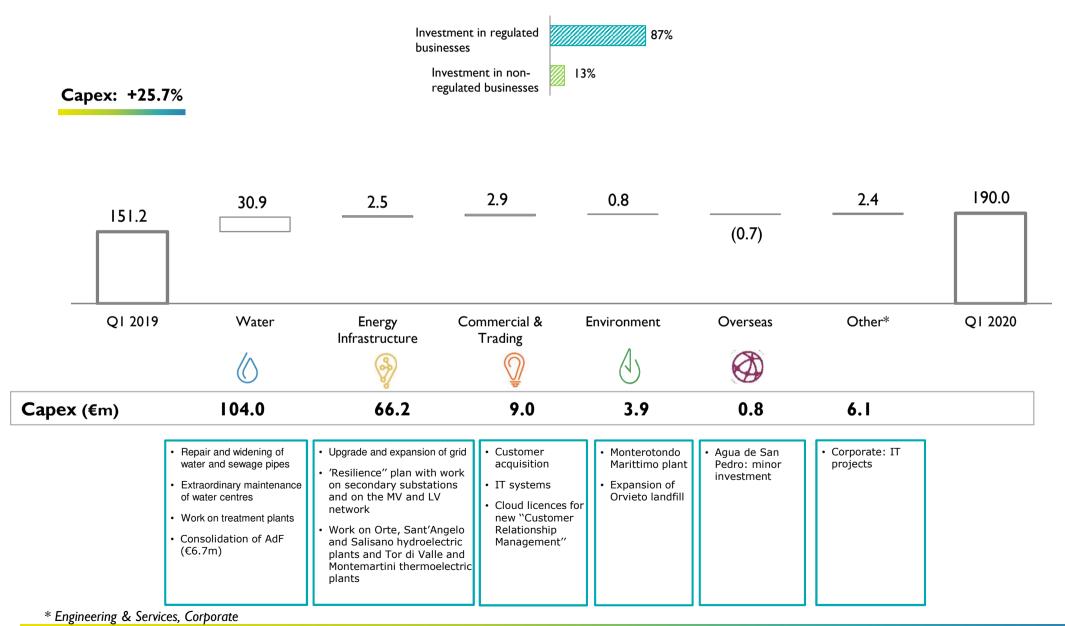
# EBIT and net profit



(€m)	Q1 2020	Q1 2019	% change	
Depreciation	7.	95.2	+23.0% →	Consolidation of Acquedotto del Fiora (€6.3m) Increased capex
Write-downs	19.9	18.6	+7.0% →	Consolidation of Acquedotto del Fiora (€0.6m)
Provisions	2.6	1.4	+85.7%	Consolidation of Acquedotto del Fiora (€0.5m)
Total	139.6	115.2	+21.2%	

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# Capex growth continues across all areas of business, with focus on regulated activities



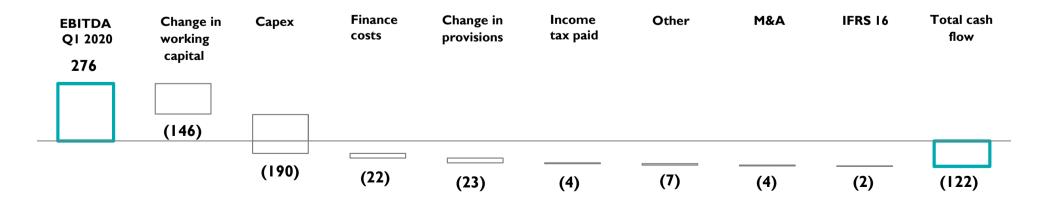


### Cash flow Continued focus on reducing working capital

	QI 2020	QI 2019
EBITDA	276	248
Change in working capital	(146)	(88)
Сарех	(190)	(151)
FREE CASH FLOW	(60)	9
Net finance income/(costs)	(22)	(20)
Change in provisions	(23)	(22)
Income tax paid	(4)	-
Dividends	-	-
Other	(7)	(8)
M&A	(4)	(12)
IFRS 16	(2)	(55)
TOTAL CASH FLOW	(122)	(108)

 Net working capital requirements in Q1 2020 due to:

- ✓ Seasonal effects (also present in QI 2019)
- ✓ Delay in collections by Acea Energia and water companies due to «Covid-19 emergency» (~€40/50m)

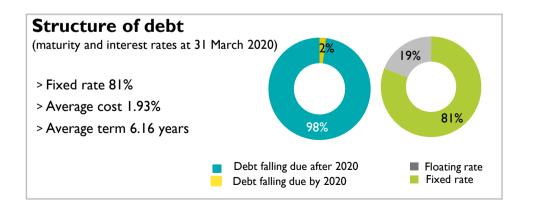


# Net debt

(€m)	<b>31 Mar 2020</b> (a)	<b>31 Dec 2019</b> (b)	<b>31 Mar 2019</b> (c)	Change (a-b)	Change (a-c)
Net debt	3,184.4	3,062.8	2,675.7	121.6	508.7
Medium/long-term	4,026.5	3,523.3	2,979.6	503.2	1,046.9
Short-term	(842.1)	(460.5)	(303.9)	(381.6)	(538.2)

NET DEBT/ EBITDA LTM	NET DEBT/ EQUITY
31 MARCH 2020	31 MARCH 2020
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**29 January 2020** – Issue of bonds worth €500m under EMTN. Bonds have a 9-year term and pay a fixed rate of 0.50%





Affirmed on 12 May 2020 despite the recent downgrading of Italy's sovereign debt rating

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# 2019 Results



# 2019 financial highlights

(€m)	<b>2019</b> (a)	<b>2018</b> (b)	% change (a/b)
Consolidated revenue	3,186.1	3,028.5	+5.2%
EBITDA	1,042.3	933.2	+11.7%
EBIT	518.1	478.6	+8.3%
Group net profit	283.7	271.0	+4.7%
Dividend per share (€)	0.78	0.71	+9.9%
Capex	792.8	630.8	+25.7%

<ul> <li>Initial guidance : +5%/+6%</li> </ul>
<ul> <li>Guidance provided in H1 2019: ≥ +7%</li> </ul>
• Guidance provided in 9M 2019: $\geq$ +10%

(€m)	31 Dec 2019	<b>30 Sept 2019</b>	<b>31 Dec 2018</b>	<b>% change</b>	% change
	(a)	(b)	(c)	(a/b)	(a/c)
Net debt	3,062.8	2,960.3	2,568.0	+3.5%	+19.3%

Net debt: below lower end of guidance (€2.85-2.95bn). €2.83bn excluding impact of IFRS 16, M&A and consolidation of Acquedotto del Fiora

#### **GUIDANCE 2020: FURTHER GROWTH EXPECTED**

- ✓ **EBITDA** +6%/+8% versus 2019 (€1,042m) in line with the CAGR in Business Plan 2019-2022
- ✓ **CAPEX** broadly in line with 2019 and the Business Plan 2019-2022
- ✓ **NET DEBT** €3.45-3.55bn

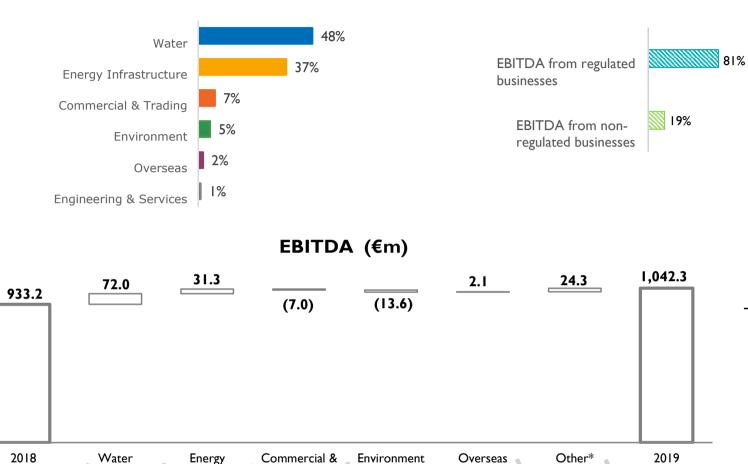


#### EBITDA 2019

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#### Contribution to EBITDA from consolidation of Gori, Acquedotto del Fiora and new acquisitions (€m)

	2019	2018
Gori	68.6	14.7°
Acquedotto del Fiora	18.1	4.6°°
Pescara Distribuzione Gas	1.7	-
Fotovoltaico	3.6	-
Demap	1.8	-
Berg	0.5	-

- \* Engineering & Services, Corporate
- ° Includes contribution from consolidation of equity-accounted investments, totalling €3m

Infrastructure

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Trading

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°° Contribution from consolidation of equity-accounted investments

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EBITDA (€m)

Including gas distribution business

#### **KEY HIGHLIGHTS**

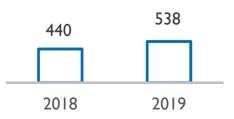
- October 2019: line-by-line consolidation of Acquedotto del Fiora
- March 2019: acquisition of Pescara Distribuzione Gas

#### **EBITDA GROWTH**

- Line-by-line consolidation of Gori (from November 2018): +€53.9m
- Line-by-line consolidation of Acquedotto del Fiora (from October 2019): +€13.5m
- Acquisition of Pescara Distribuzione Gas (March 2019): +€1.7m
- ATO2: commercial quality bonus +€2.2m
- Equity-accounted companies: -€3.7m

(€m)	<b>2019</b> (a)	<b>2018</b> (b)	%change (a/b)
EBITDA	505.0	433.0	+16.6%
Acea ATO2	356.1	357.4	-0.4%
Acea ATO5	24.4	20.8	+17.3%
Gori	68.6	11.7	n/s
Acquedotto del Fiora	18.1	-	n/s
Equity-accounted water companies	36.2	39.9	-9.3%
Other consolidated water companies	(0.1)	3.2	n/s
Pescara Distribuzione Gas	1.7	-	n/s
Capex	380. I	329.7	+15.3%





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EBITDA main drivers

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### Energy Infrastructure

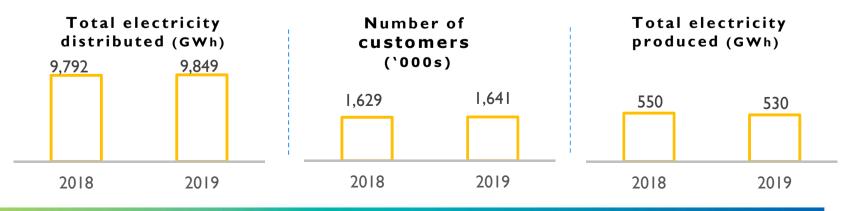
#### **KEY HIGHLIGHTS**

 Acquisition of new photovoltaic plants with total capacity of 28MWp

#### **EBITDA GROWTH**

- Distribution: +€28.3m
- Public Lighting: +€7.3m (new lighting points and cuts to external costs)
- Generation: -€4.4m:
  - photovoltaic contribution +€3.6m
  - recognition in 2018 of an extraordinary component of €5m
  - reduction in volume produced and less price

(€m)	<b>2019</b> (a)	<b>2018</b> (b)	% change (a/b)
EBITDA	392.0	360.7	+8.7%
- Distribution	345.4	317.1	+8.9%
- Generation	44.6	49.0	-9.0%
<ul><li>of which: Photovoltaic</li></ul>	3.6	-	n/s
- Public Lighting	1.9	(5.4)	n/s
Сарех	287.8	238.3	+20.8%



EBITDA main drivers



### Commercial & Trading

#### **KEY HIGHLIGHTS**

- Improvement in sales channels with resulting increase in number of free market customers for electricity (+20.5%) and gas (+11.0%)
- Improvement in collections

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#### EBITDA

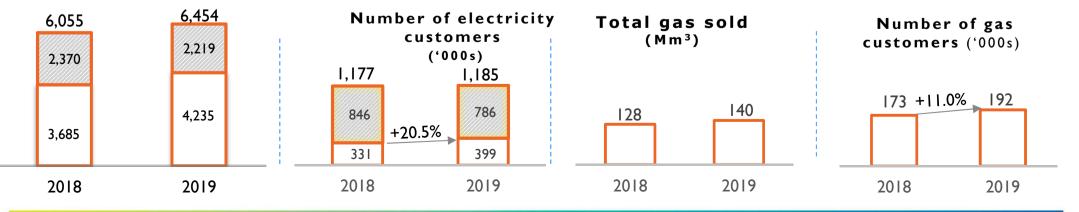
Total energy sold

(GWh)

- Increased sales of electricity and gas to free market customers
- Reduced margins essentially due to revised mechanism for compensating for delinquent accounts and to cut in enhanced protection market tariff (RCV component)

Enhance...

(a)	<b>2018</b> (b)	% change (a/b)
69.1	76.I	-9.2%
42.5	24.6	+72.8%
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#### **KEY HIGHLIGHTS**

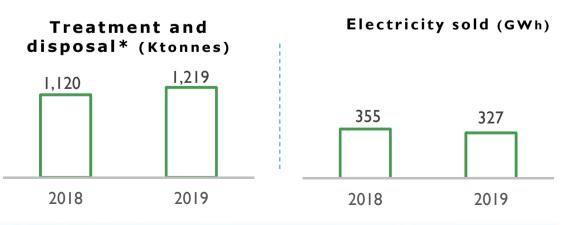
- July 2019: acquisition of Demap (plastics treatment)
- October 2019: acquisition of Berg (liquid waste treatment)
- October 2019: Monterotondo Marittimo composting plant opened

#### **EBITDA**



- Acquisitions of Demap and Berg (+€2.3m)
- End of CIP6 incentives from 1 August 2019 (-€16.7m)

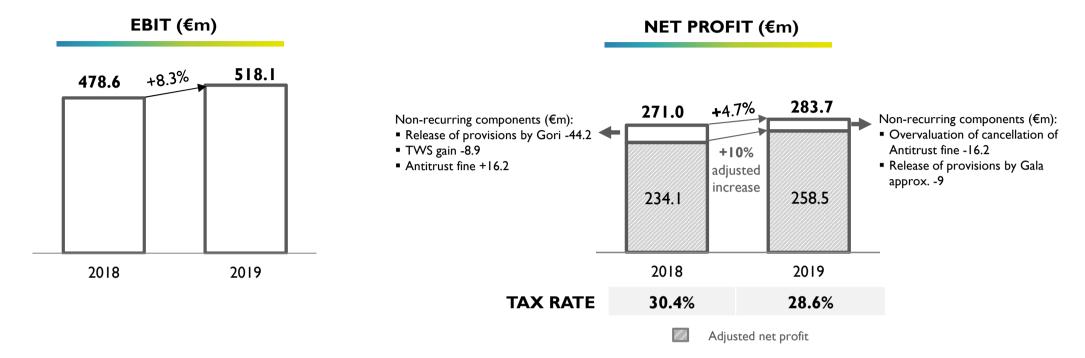
(€m)	<b>2019</b> (a)	<b>2018</b> (b)	% change (a/b)
EBITDA	52.0	65.6	-20.7%
Demap	1.8	-	n/s
Berg	0.5	-	n/s
Сарех	51.9	20.0	+159.5%



\* Includes ash disposed of

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# EBIT and net profit



#### **DIVIDEND HISTORY**

		2017	2018	2019
Consolidation of Gori and Acquedotto del Fiora Increased capex Impact of IFRS 16	DPS (€)	0.63	0.71	0.78
	Total dividend (€m)	134.2	151.2	166.1
	Dividend yield*	4.7%	5.3%	4.7%
Release in 2018 of provisions for risks by Gori (€44m)	Payout**	74%	56%	59%

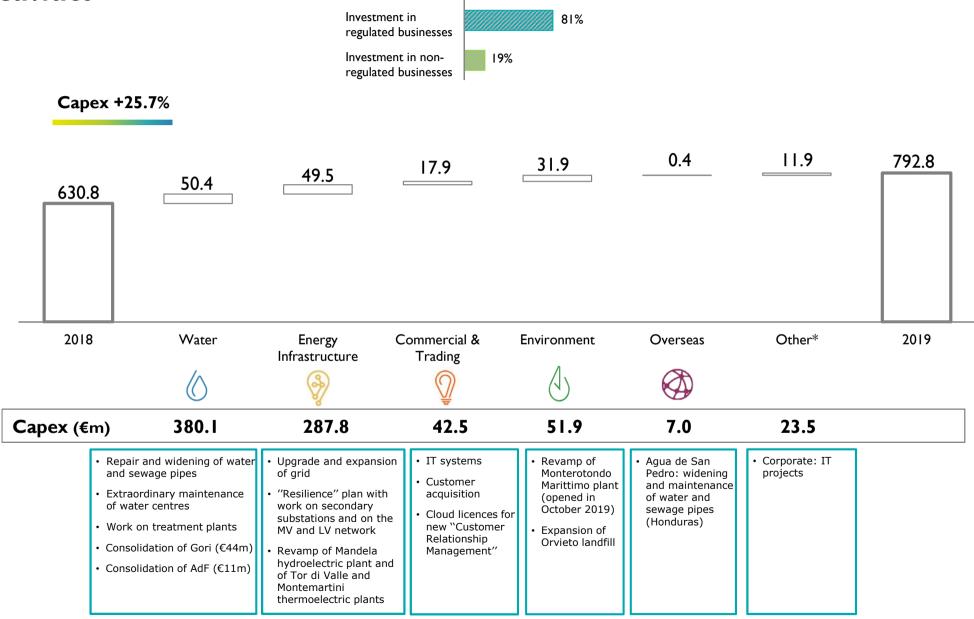
Total	524.2	454.7	+15.3%
Provisions	47.8	12.8	n/s
Write-downs	66.8	75.I	-11.1%
Depreciation	409.6	366.8	+11.7% 🔶
(€m)	2019	2018	% change

Based on the average price for the year \*

\*\* Based on consolidated net profit after non-controlling interests

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# Strong capex growth across all areas of business, with focus on regulated activities

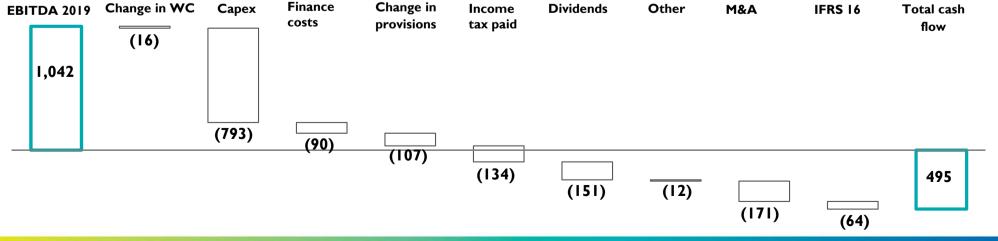


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### Cash flow Continued improvement in working capital

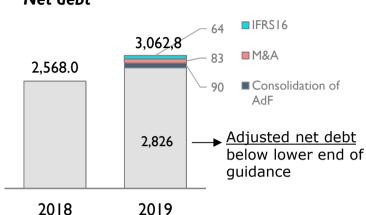
	2019	2018
EBITDA	1,042	933
Change in working capital	(16)	(35)
Сарех	(793)	(631)
FREE CASH FLOW	233	267
Net finance income/(costs)	(90)	(83)
Change in provisions	(107)	(108)
Income tax paid	(134)	(81)
Dividends	(151)	(134)
Other	(12)	(35)
M&A and consolidations	(171)	29
IFRS 16	(64)	-
TOTAL CASH FLOW	(495)	(146)

- ✓ Excellent performance of collections with regard to Acea Energia
- ✓ Working capital demands due to regulatory impact: €41m
- ✓ Excluding regulatory impact, working capital generated a cash inflow



### Net debt Below lower end of guidance

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Medium/long-term	3,523.3	3,467.5	3,341.4	55.8	181.9
Short-term	(460.5)	(507.2)	(773.4)	46.7	312.9



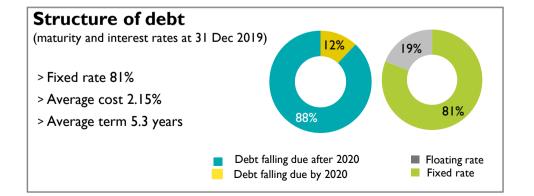
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Ratings		
FitchRatings	BBB+	
	Stable Outlook	
Moody's	Baa2	
	Stable Outlook	



# Regulatory framework

- Water
- Electricity distribution
- Environment

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## Water: regulation

#### TARIFF REGIME FOR THE THIRD REGULATORY PERIOD (2020-2023)

#### Delibera ARERA 580/2019

- WACC: 5.24% (previously 5.3%)
- WACC on fixed assets in progress: 3.92%
- Increase in inflation rate (from 1.5% to 1.7%)
- The limits on annual growth of the tariff multiplier linked to classification in the matrix of regulatory frameworks have been reduced
- Reduction in standard coverage for late payments in Central Italy from 3.8% to 3%

EXPIRY OF CONCESSIONS		
ATO2 Lazio Centrale (Acea ATO2)	2032	
ATO5 Frosinone (Acea ATO5)	2033	
ATO3 Regione Campania (Gori)	2032	
ATO4 Alto Valdarno (Nuove Acque)	2027	
ATO2 Basso Valdarno (Acque)	2031*	
ATO3 Medio Valdarno (Publiacqua)	2024**	
ATO6 Ombrone (Acquedotto del Fiora)	2031*	
Municipality of Lucca (Geal)	2025	
ATO I Perugia (Umbra Acque)	2027	
ATI4 Umbria (Umbriadue Servizi Idrici)	2032	

\* Extension of the concession approved by the concession authority at the time of the biennial review 2018-2019 (also approved by ARERA).

\*\* Extension of the concession approved by the concession authority at the time of the biennial review 2018-2019, yet to be approved by ARERA.



«Adoption of urgent measures for the integrated water service, in response to the Covid-19 emergency»

- > Deferral of deadlines for meeting tariff and technical quality requirements.
- Recognition in allowed costs of 0.6% of turnover to cover late payments caused by restrictions linked to the spread of Covid-19
- Assessment of quality performance based on cumulative data for the two-year period 2020-2021
- Amendment of cost recognition criteria (on a forecast basis, with any gaps to be made up through back-billing) linked to the Covid-19 emergency
- Selective measures for financial sustainability of concessions during the emergency (advance payments to be applied for to CSEA Cassa Servizi Energetici e Ambientali only for concessions where tariffs are approved by 30 September 2020)
- Increase in returns on WIP (Work In Progress): 3.73% in the first two years of the regulatory cycle and 2.77% in the subsequent years (previously 3.58%, 3.31%, 3.04% and 2.77%)

# **Electricity Distribution: regulation**

#### **ARERA RESOLUTION:**

- 568/2019 tariffs for electricity distribution (TIT) and metering (TIME) revised for the sub-period 2020-2023
- 646/2015 "Quality of electricity distribution and metering services and output-based regulation" (TIQE) amended and supplemented by RESOLUTION 566/2019/R/eeI for the sub-period 2020-2023
- 534/2019 Initiatives designed to boost the resilience of electricity distribution networks, Areti plan for 2019-2021.
- 467/2019 experimental regulation for the upgrade of aging plumbing risers in buildings
- 306/2019 Revision for the three-year period 2020-2022 of the recognition of 2G smart metering costs
- 583/2015 TIWACC supplemented by resolutions 639/2018/R/com and 570/2019/R/gas

#### **REGULATORY PERIOD: EIGHT YEARS 2016-2023** divided into two sub-periods, each lasting four years:

- **2016-2019**
- **2020-2023**

#### **REGULATORY PERIOD WACC: SIX YEARS 2016-2021**

- WACC for 2016-2018 5.6%
- WACC for 2019-2021 5.9%

Areti's concession expires in 2030

WACC FOR OTHER ACTIVITIES				
ELECTRICITY TRANSMISSION				
Electricity transmission WACC for 2019-2021 : 5.6%				
GAS NETWORKS				
Gas transport	WACC for 2019: 5.7%	WACC for 2020-2021: 5.7%		
Gas distrib	WACC for 2019: 6.3%	WACC for 2020-2021: 6.3%		
Gas metering	WACC for 2019: 6.8%	f WALL for 2020-2021: 6.3%		
Gas storage	WACC for 2019: 6.7%	WACC for 2020-2021: 6.7%		



#### **ARERA RESOLUTION 248/2020**

"Urgent measures linked to the Covid-19 pandemic: procedure for recovering amounts not paid to distributors by electricity transmission and natural gas distribution users and general system costs not already paid to the CSEA and GSE"

In response to the COVID emergency, in Resolution 60/2020 (revised) ARERA introduced a moratorium on efforts to recover unpaid bills payable by households and small businesses. As a result, Resolution 116/2020 (revised) allows users to make part payment of bills for electricity transmission and gas distribution falling due in April, May and June 2020 and permits distributors to make part payment of amounts covering general system costs to the CSEA and GSE.

In Resolution 248/2020, ARERA has set out the procedure for paying previously unpaid amounts, and specifically:

- users of electricity transmission and natural gas distribution services can make a lump-sum payment by September 2020 or pay in instalments (three monthly instalments, the first falling due in September);
- electricity distributors are required to pay the CSEA and GSE, by the 15th day after collection, general system costs until they have paid the full total billed for general system costs during the period;
- natural gas distributors are required to pay the CSEA, within 60 days of the end of each two-month period in which collection takes place, general system costs until they have paid the full total billed for general system costs during the period.

### **Environment:** regulation

#### **ARERA RESOLUTION 443/2019**

- Regulatory period 2018-2021, structured in line with the previous tariff regulation (Presidential Decree 158/99), with the introduction of certain elements such as sharing arrangements for revenue from the sale of material and energy derived from waste and the related CONAI revenue.
- Real pre-tax WACC: 6.3% for the period 2020-2021, with an additional 1% for the 2-year time lag between capex being carried out and its recognition in RAB.
- Determination of four different regulatory frameworks, limiting the annual rise in the tariff to reflect the quality of service provided and changes in the scope of operations.
- Cost recognition on the basis of accurate ex post data based on reliable accounting records for the previous two years and no longer on forecasts.
- Identification of efficient costs and subsequent adjustments for 2018 and 2019 (introduced on a progressive basis and recognisable over no more than 4 years).
- Whilst awaiting determination of the tariffs for incoming waste (to be determined by 31 December 2020), the charges covering the costs of disposal and treatment and of treatment and recovery are determined on the basis of approved and/or negotiated tariffs.



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