

## ACEA GROUP FY 2022 RESULTS PRESENTATION

8 MARCH 2023



### 2022: A «CHALLENGING» MARKET ENVIRONMENT



## **Energy crunch** and war

Since April 2021, the unprecedented volatility of commodity markets has led to record prices (over €300 per MWh for gas, with peak energy prices in excess of €500 per MWh).

A number of European utilities are at risk of default due to the severe contraction in margins due to wholesale market volatility.



## Rising interest rates

Increase in financing costs due to higher interest rates, which have impacted not only floating rate borrowings, but also the costs linked to the sale of receivables and reverse factoring.



## Government & bills

The authorities have taken a series of actions to mitigate the impact on consumers' energy bills. Since July 2021, the Government has spent over €60bn on financial support to held reduce bills and has halted unilateral changes to contracts in the Aiuti Bis law decree



## Delays to liberalisation

Previously due to start from January 2022 (upselling of gas).

Potential auction for domestic users in 2023 with liberalisation in January 2024



### Regulation

Rate of remuneration (WACC) for the electricity sector confirmed as 5.2% and 4.8% for the water sector. Consultation is nearing completion on the determination of allowed costs using an output-based methodology for the electricity and gas sectors, which will lead to new scenarios for the 2024/2031 period. Launch of a new regulatory framework for waste for non-integrated operators (minimum plants) involving four-year financial plans and regulated prices.



#### **Superbonus**

Continuous changes to the regulatory and political scenario regarding the Superbonus of 110%.

Higher interest rates have added complexity in managing the pipeline and increased factoring costs



### KEY HIGHLIGHTS



#### A DEVELOPING BUSINESS MIX: KEY TRANSACTIONS IN 2022

#### March 2022

Closing of sale to **Equitix** of photovoltaic assets

Acea and Suez sign final agreements on partnership for design and commercialisation of digital water metering systems

#### **April 2022**

Closing of acquisition, in consortium with Ascopiave and Iren, of certain gas distribution concessions from A2A

#### **lune 2022**

Operations started at the largest photovoltaic plant in photovoltaic plant, to be Basilicata (20 MW), built by Acea Solar and owned by AE Sun Capital (60% Equitix, 40% Acea Produzione)

Acea Ambiente wins the auction for sale of «Polo Cirsu» business unit (Abruzzo) operating in waste treatment and storage

ACEA and NTT DATA Italia present the "Waidy@ **Management System** (WMS)", the native cloud solution for protecting water resources

#### **July 2022**

Consent received for a largest in Sardinia and one of biggest in Italy. Installed capacity ~85MW

#### October 2022

Acea Ambiente acquires a 70% stake in **Tecnoservizi** (Lazio), operating in the mechanical treatment and recovery of recyclable urban waste and non-hazardous special waste. Authorised treatment capacity: 210k tonnes a year

#### November 2022

Acea Ambiente acquires Italmacero (Marche). operating in the mechanical treatment and recovery of recyclable urban waste and non-hazardous special waste

#### December 2022

Completion of first phase of business combination with **ASM Terni** 

#### SUSTAINABILITY: ESSENTIAL VALUE

#### August 2022

First Green Bond Allocation & Impact **Report** published for years 2019 and 2020

#### **June 2022**

Acea publishes its first climate-related disclosure, in accordance with the recommendations of the Task Force on Climate-Related Financial Disclosures (TCFD)

#### May 2022

Acea signs sustainability rating-linked revolving credit facility with CDP worth €200m and with a 3year duration, linked to two target ESG ratings

#### December 2022

ACEA becomes first listed Italian multiutility to obtain RINA UNI/PdR 125:2022 certification, the only national standard for gender equality

#### **ACEA'S NEW GOVERNANCE**

#### 26 September 2022

#### Fabrizio Palermo appointed Chief Executive Officer of ACEA.

The new CEO immediately prepared an action plan to bolster the Group's accounts. A series of initiatives have been undertaken to strengthen ACEA's industrial role, with particular attention on cost control. These actions have enabled the Company to offset the one-off impact on net profit in the fourth guarter of the year.

#### 17 February 2023

Barbara Marinali is appointed Chairwoman of ACEA.



### **PERFORMANCE AND DELIVERY 2022**

POSITIVE RESULTS DESPITE THE UNCERTAIN AND VOLATILE SCENARIO

#### NET PROFIT AFFECTED BY EXTERNAL FACTORS

REVENUE

**EBITDA** 

**EBIT** 

**NET PROFI** 

€5,138m +29%

€1,305m +4%

€566m -3%

**€280**m -11%

→ **E** Windfall tax

#### LEVERAGE IMPACTED BY ENERGY SCENARIO AND WINDFALL TAX

**CAPEX** 

**NET DEBT** 

**LEVERAGE** 

€I,001m\* +8%

**€4,440**m +||%

**NET DEBT/ EBITDA** 3.4 ×

#### DIVIDEND FLAT IN A «CHALLENGING» ENVIRONMENT

DPS 2022<sup>^</sup> PAY OUT\*\*

**DIVIDEND YIELD\*\*\*** 

0.85€

~65%

6.6%

**GUIDANCE 2023** 

EBITDA

CAPEX

NET DEBT/EBITDA

+2%/+4% VERSUS 2022 BROADLY IN LINE WITH 2022 Below 3.8X

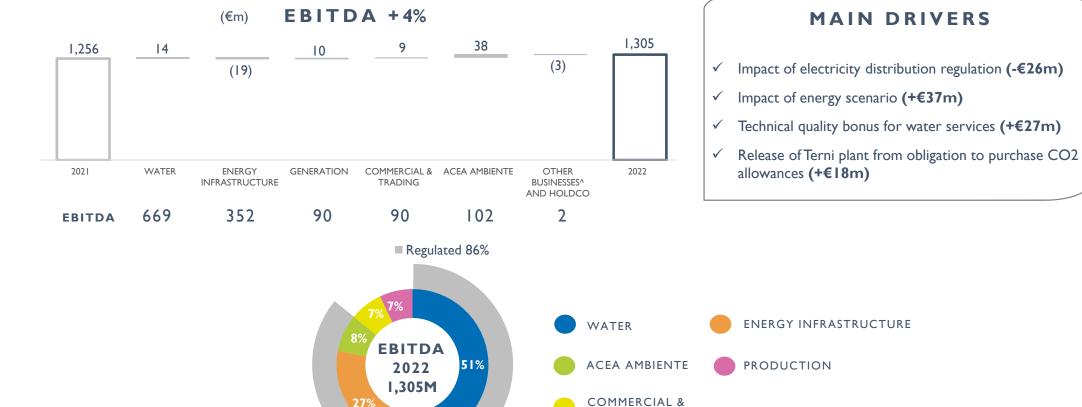
<sup>\*</sup> Net of grant-funded investments (€49m). Includes the impact of Law Decree 50/22 (~€46m).

<sup>^</sup> The Board of Directors will propose payment of the dividend to the Annual General Meeting of shareholders called for 18 April 2023, in first call, and 20 April 2023, in second call.

<sup>\*\*</sup> Based on consolidated net profit after non-controlling interests.

<sup>\*\*\*</sup> Based on the share price at 30 December 2022.

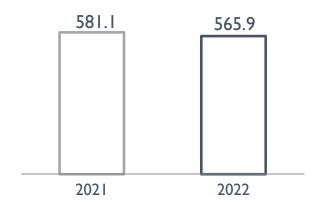
### EBITDA 2022



**TRADING** 

## **EBIT AND NET PROFIT 2022**

## EBIT (€m)



(€m)	2022	2021%	CHANGE
DEPRECIATION	594.6	546.6	+8.8%
CREDIT LOSS PROVISIONS	113.4	86.2	+31.6%
PROVISIONS FOR RISKS	31.2	42.1	-25.9%
TOTAL	739.2	675.0	+9.5%

INCREASE IN PROVISIONS FOR POTENTIAL DETERIORATION IN THE ECONOMIC SITUATION

## **NET PROFIT** (€m)



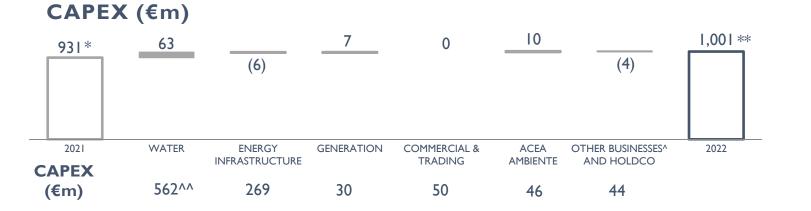
**TAX RATE 2022 37.6%** 

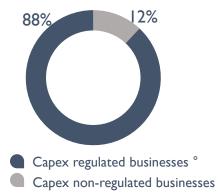
(tax rate 2021: 30.0%)

NORMALISED TAX RATE FOR 2022, AFTER ADJUSTING FOR WINDFALL TAX: 29.8 %



### **CAPEX 2022**







- MAINTENANCE AND EXPANSION OF WATER AND SEWER PIPES
- EXTRAORDINARY MAINTENANCE OF PLANTS AND NETWORKS
- WORK ON TREATMENT PLANTS



## ENERGY INFRASTRUCTURE

- UPGRADE OF THE GRID
- WORK ON PRIMARY AND SECONDARY SUBSTATIONS
- INSTALLATION OF 2G METERS

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### **GENERATION**

- EXTRAORDINARY MAINTENANCE OF PRODUCTION PLANTS
- CONSTRUCTION OF PHOTOVOLTAIC PLANTS



## COMMERCIAL & TRADING

- CUSTOMER ACQUISITION
- E-MOBILITY PROJECTS



- WORK ON SAN VITTORE, TERNI AND MONTEROTONDO MARITTIMO PLANTS
- CHANGE IN SCOPE OF CONSOLIDATION



**OTHER** 

 CORPORATE: IT PROJECTS

- \* Net of grant-funded investments of €23m and investment linked to deconsolidated photovoltaic assets, totalling €16m.
- \*\* Net of grant-funded investments of €49m.
- ^ Overseas, Engineering & Services.
- ^^ Figure includes the impact of Law Decree 50/22
- Figure includes investments in the Environment business



#### **CASH FLOW** (€m) 2022 2021 EBITDA 1,305 1,256 CHANGE IN WORKING CAPITAL (87)(95) CAPFX\* (1,001)(931)FREE CASH FLOW 2 | 7 230 FINANCE INCOME/(COSTS) (97)° (86)CHANGE IN PROVISIONS (157)(127)(179)(180)INCOME TAX PAID (181)DIVIDENDS (170)OTHER (40)(43) M & A 22^ (69)

### CASH FLOW 2022

#### **FREE CASH FLOW**

- SALE OF PHOTOVOLTAIC ASSETS
- COLLECTION OF TECHNICAL QUALITY BONUS (WATER)
- **EFFECT OF ENERGY SCENARIO**
- WINDFALL TAX

	EBITDA 2022	CHANGE IN WORKING	CAPEX	COSTS	PROVISIONS	TAX	DIVIDENDS	OTHER	M&A	IFRS 16	CASH FLOW	
(€m)	1,305	CAPITAL				PAID						
		(87)										
			(1,001)	(97)	(157)	(1.70)			22			
					(137)	(179)	(181)	(40)		(36)	(451)	

(15)

(460)



IFRS 16

TOTAL CASH FLOW

(36)

(451)

<sup>\*</sup> Net of grant-funded investments and investments linked to deconsolidated photovoltaic assets.

This figure excludes income from the discounting of Gori's debt (€11m).

This figure reflects proceeds from the sale to Equitix of a majority stake in ACEA's photovoltaic assets (~€150m).

#### 31 Dec 22 31 Dec 21 30 Sept 22 Change Change (€m) (B) (A) (A-B) (A-C)(A) **NET DEBT** 4.439.7 3.988.4 4.393.0 451.3 46.7 Medium/long-16.1 4.722.3 4.792.0 4.706.2 (69.7)Short-term (282.6)(803.6)(313.2)521.0 30.6

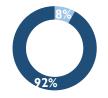
#### **STRUCTURE OF DEBT**

(MATURITY AND INTEREST RATES AT 31 DECEMBER 2022)

FIXED	AVERAGE	AVERAGE
RATE	COST	TERM
84%	1.44%	4.4 YEARS



DEBT FALLING DUE BY END OF 2023





FLOATING RATE

FIXED RATE

#### **17 JANUARY 2023**

Successful placement of a €500m GREEN BOND, with coupon of 3.875% and maturing on 24 January 2031

### **FINANCIAL STRUCTURE 2022**

#### **LEVERAGE**

3.4x	3.2x	0.69	0.65
3 I Dec 2022	3 I Dec 2021		
NET DEBT/ EBITDA	NET DEBT/ EBITDA	NET DEBT/ RAB	NET DEBT/ RAB

#### **RATINGS**

Fitch Ratings BBB+
Stable Outlook
(rating and outlook
affirmed in July 2022)

Moody's Baa2 Negative Outlook

(rating affirmed and outlook downgraded from Stable to Negative in August 2022)

#### **3 FEBRUARY 2023**

Successful completion of the €200m TAP ISSUE of the GREEN BOND launched on 17 January 2023 (coupon of 3.875% and maturing on 24 January 2031)



## **FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS 2022**

HIGHLIGHTS

(€m)	2022 (A)	202 I (B)	% change (A/B)
EBITDA	669.0	655.3	+2.1%
- ACEA ATO2	452.3	436.6	+3.6%
- ACEA ATO5	30.2	33.7	-10.4%
- Gori	70.5	79.0	-10.8%
- Adf	63.5	62.8	+1.1%
- SII Terni	14.4	13.8	+4.3%
Equity-accounted water companies	25.6	16.7	+53.3%
Other consolidated water companies	5.8	5.8	=
Gas distribution	6.7	6.9	-2.9%
CAPEX*	562.1	499.3	+12.6%
RAB	3,886	3,670	+5.9%



SLUDGE DISPOSED OF (ktonnes)



# EBITDA main drivers



+2%

TECHNICAL
QUALITY BONUS
(years 2018/2019)

ACEA ATO2

Operational efficiency
Technical quality bonus
(€23.6m)

EQUITY-ACCOUNTED WATER COMPANIES

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**GORI** 

Increased sludge disposal costs and absence of tariff increase

+€26.9m

+€15.7m

+€8.9m

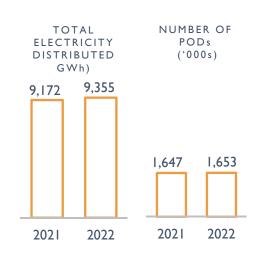
-€8.5m



<sup>\*</sup> Net of grant-funded investment of €49m in 2022 and €23m in 2021.

HIGHLIGHTS

(€m)	2022 (A)	202 I (B)	%change (A/B)
EBITDA	352.2	371.6	-5.2%
- areti	351.3	374.6	-6.2%
- Public lighting	0.9	(3.0)	n/s
CAPEX	268.8	274.5	-2.1%
RAB	2,539	2,464	+3.0%





**EBITDA** main drivers



**-5**%

ELECTRICITY DISTRIBUTION ARETI

70-bps reduction in WACC from 5.9% to 5.2%

-€26m

2G ELECTRICITY METERS

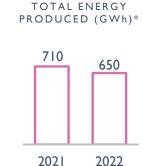
Number installed at 31 December 2022

~ 650k



HIGHLIGHTS

(€m)	2022 (A)	202 I (B)	%dnange (A/B)
EBITDA	89.8	79.5	+13.0%
CAPEX	30.3	**23.4	+29.5%





# EBITDA main drivers



+13%

#### PRICE AND VOLUME EFFECTS

Effect of energy price rises (+€298/MWh), partly offset by reduction in hydroelectric volumes (-95 GWh)

+€21.0m



## DECONSOLIDATION OF PHOTOVOLTAIC ASSETS

-€10.2m

Situation of photovoltaic plants:

Total pipeline: 1,070 MW

- consents obtained for 211 MW (under construction + ready to build)
- > 859 MW awaiting consents Installed capacity: 96 MW



#### SOSTEGNITER LAW DECREE

Introduction of cap on sale price of electricity. Impact on Sant'Angelo power plant

-€18.3m

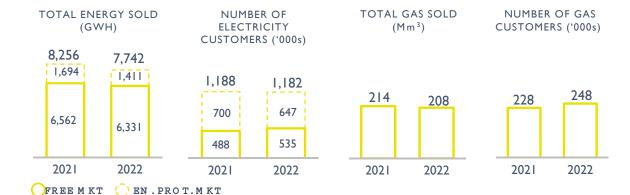


- \*\* Of which photovoltaic: 114 GWh in 2022 and 71 GWh in 2021.
- \*\* Net of investments linked to deconsolidated photovoltaic assets, totalling €16m.

HIGHLIGHTS

(€m)	2022 (A)	2021 (B)	% change (A/B)
EBITDA	90.0	80.5	+11.8%
CAPEX	49.6	49.4	+0.4%





EBITDA
Main drivers



+12%

ACEA ENERGIA

> Small reduction in energy margin (-€0.8m) and increase in VAS (up €4.1m)

> > +€3.6m



Increased revenue from Energy Efficiency projects

+€5.8m



Result of auction for "small" and "micro" enterprises on enhanced protection mkt

-18k CUSTOMERS



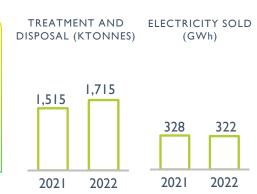
Result of auction for "small" and "micro" enterprises on enhanced protection mkt

+148k CUSTOMERS



HIGHLIGHTS

(€m)	2022 (A)	202 I (B)	% change (A/B)
EBITDA	101.6	63.7	+59.5%
CAPEX	46.2	36.1	+28.0%





## **EBITDA Main drivers**



## EBITDA FROM WTE PLANTS

Higher prices received for electricity produced by San Vittore and Terni plants

+€16.0m

## CHANGE IN SCOPE OF CONSOLIDATION

Deco group (Nov 2021) €8.9m Meg (Oct 2021) €1.6m SerPlast (Feb 2022) +€0.9m Italmacero (Nov 2022) +€1.0m

+€12.4m

### CO2 ALLOWANCES

Release from obligation to purchase CO2 allowances for Terni plant

Allowances sale in 2022 (€12m) and avoided cost versus 2021 (€6m)

+€18m



## **KEY ESG HIGHLIGHTS**

#### ENVIRONMENTAL, SOCIAL, GOVERNANCE AND ECONOMIC PERFORMANCE



WATER

8.6m Inhabitants served, Italy's largest water company

30 Mm3 Water loss reduction (-6%)



ACEA AMBIENTE 6 GWh of energy produced (+16%) from approx. 20,027 kNm³ of biogas produced

**37,000** Tonnes of quality compost produced (+31%)



**ENERGY INFRASTRUCTURE** 

**9,355** GWh of electricity distributed

~605k <sup>2G smart meters</sup>

18k



COMMERCIAL & TRADING

42% Green energy sold out of total energy sold on free market



**GENERATION\*** 

941 GWh of electricity gross production, 68% from renewable sources

Prosumers (+14%) with 97.3 GWh of energy produced and fed into the grid, 74% from PTV



ENGINEERING & SERVICES

Analytical determinations on drinking water at ATO 2

## **KEY ESG HIGHLIGHTS**

#### ENVIRONMENTAL, SOCIAL, GOVERNANCE AND ECONOMIC PERFORMANCE

#### COMMUNITY



- ACEA'S Covid-19 VACCINATION HUB delivered over 171k doses (closed from 1 January 2023)
- ➤ 166 WATER KIOSKS, over 37.8m litres of water dispensed, saving 774 tonnes of plastic per year, equal to 2,000 tonnes of CO<sub>2</sub> not emitted into the atmosphere

#### WORKFORCE

- > QUALITY JOBS':
  - 99% of employees are permanent
- 427 new recruits in 2022, 43% aged 30 or under.
- CERTIFIED «Top Employers Italia 2023» (January 2023)
- > DIVERSITY & INCLUSION
  - An Equality, Diversity & Inclusion Committee set up and an Equality, Diversity & Inclusion policy adopted
  - First listed Italian multiutility to obtain UNI/PdR 125: 2022 certification of gender equality

#### **SUPPLIERS**





- > 339 SUPPLIERS rated by ECOVADIS (+129%)
- Over 14,700 INSPECTIONS of work sites conducted

#### SUSTAINABLE FINANCE

Issuance of €500m GREEN BOND, with a coupon of 3.875%, maturing 24 January 2031 (January 2023)



- ➤ **TAP ISSUE** of €200m, with coupon of 3.875%, yield 3.820%, maturing 24 January 2031 (February 2023)
- > SUSTAINABILITY RATING LINKED REVOLVING CREDIT FACILITY for €200m, with a 3-year duration, linked to two target ESG ratings assigned by Standard Ethics and EticaNews (August 2022)



## **KEY ESG HIGHLIGHTS**

RATINGS CONFIRM ACEA'S SOLID ESG POSITION

«Leader ESG Identity», further

improving position to 16/86 companies

#### **SUSTAINABILITY RATINGS**



#### **UPGRADED TO 81.58/100**

Acea's presence in Bloomberg GEI confirmed

January 2023



#### UPGRADED TO 62/100

The agency rated the Company based on 75 indicators and 4 areas of assessment (environment, social, governance and stakeholder relations)



«EE» rating, OUTLOOK upgraded to «POSITIVE»



CDP: an international organisation that promotes a global focus on risk management and the effects of climate change



June 2022

ESG Risk rating: 20.1

June 2022

SUSTAINALYTICS



Rating: «A»





December 2022

Acea has been included in the "MIB ESG Index" for Italian blue-chips. The index measures both financial performance and ESG impacts, in line with the UN Global Compact principles.



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# **Q&A SESSION**

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