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ARMA DEI CARABINIERI AND ACEA, SMARTCOMP PROJECT LAUNCHES TODAY

The innovative composting plant has been installed at the Force's "Salvo d'Acquisto" Station to process organic waste produced on site

Rome, 30 June 2021 – Today, General **Gaetano Maruccia** and ACEA CEO **Giuseppe Gola** signed the protocol that marks the start of the agreement between ACEA and the Arma dei Carabinieri for the implementation of innovative solutions in the processing of organic waste in name of a circular economy. The **AceaSmartComp™** plant, which will process up to 80 tons of organic waste on site, has been installed at the "Salvo d'Acquisto" Carabinieri Station in Rome, in the Tor di Quinto neighborhood, and will be part of a composting network that will serve other stations in the Capital's metropolitan area.

The inauguration of the plant, which represents a significant change in organic waste management, was held in the presence of Lieutenant General **Gaetano Maruccia**, ACEA Group CEO **Giuseppe Gola**, the President of ACEA Elabori, **Alessandro Filippi**, and Brigadier General **Antonio Jannece**.

The Arma dei Carabinieri, as an institutional force with a strong ecological vocation, has chosen to lead by example implementing innovative solutions aimed at reducing the impact of its activities on the environment. The initiative, carried out in collaboration with ACEA, was met positively and with great interest because it provides cyclic management systems for organic waste, manure, and landscape waste, which not only reduce pollution, but also help the communities in which the Carabinieri operate.

AceaSmartComp™, conceived and created by ACEA in collaboration with Enea and Tuscia University, was designed specifically to diffusely manage organic waste produced by major users such as canteens, hospitals, airports, shopping centers, and military bases and stations. Thanks to an aerobic process constantly monitored by state-of-the-art sensor systems, this plant transforms organic waste into compost directly on site, with positive benefits for the environment.

ACEA's Business Plan includes the installation of 150 SmartComp plants by 2024 in order to implement a delocalized and shared waste management model with the capacity of a traditional plant serving a town of 150,000 people, the so-called waste transition.



This eliminates the need for collecting and transporting organic waste, reducing climate-altering emissions, equivalent approximately to 3,000 less trucks on the road and 3.6 million less vehicle kilometers traveled.

“Today, the Arma dei Carabinieri and ACEA have started a project that concretely combines technological innovation with the environmental sustainability of our Country deploying considerable human resources and materials”. These are the words of the Commander of the “Palidoro” Carabinieri Mobile and Special Units, Gen. C.A. **Gaetano Maruccia**, who also said: “The Arma wants to be a virtuous model and an example of environmental sustainability with reference to its management activities and, with a strategic partner such as Acea, it was able to develop a smart and innovative project, such as the one we presented today, that looks to the future and will be applied to the force’s network of stations in Rome”.

“Today’s agreement marks the start of a virtuous collaboration in name of a new sustainability culture – said ACEA Group CEO **Giuseppe Gola** . The SmartComp project, in line with the objectives of the European Union and coherently with ACEA’s Business Plan strategy on waste processing and valorization, in name of a green and sustainable economy, will allow to process considerable volumes of organic waste close to the site where it is produced, with a positive impact on the environment and reducing CO₂ emissions”.

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