



## PRESS RELEASE

### MINISTRY OF ECONOMY AND FINANCE WELCOMES WATER HOUSE INSTALLED BY ACEA

**Rome, 27 January 2022** – The project launched by Acea in 2013 in the city of Rome, aiming at saving water and reducing plastic usage, continues with the installation of a high-tech water house in the headquarters of the Ministry of Economy and Finance (MEF), located in *via XX Settembre*.

This initiative - the first to be launched in a Ministry - stands for a further step in the path taken by the MEF to promote an eco-friendly behaviour and the reduction of environmental impact. At the same time, it is a real and daily testimony to the strategy of sustainability adopted by Acea in all territories managed by the Group as a water service provider.

The dark green structure of the water houses symbolises the high-tech evolution of fountains, which supply natural or sparkling water for free. Now they are 106 in total, 31 of which are installed in Rome and distributed across the fifteen municipalities, and other 75 are in the municipalities of the province and in the metropolitan area. Each house is provided with a USB socket – to charge tablet and mobile phones – and a screen to give information concerning the company and the city.

The amount of water supplied – whose quality is certified by a meticulous and periodic monitoring by Acea and Local Health Authorities - is the same as that provided by aqueducts. With a flow rate of 180 L/h, water dispensers can fill a one-litre bottle in 20 seconds. Since their activation, it has been calculated that more than 130 million litres of water have been distributed, which account for more than 1,400,000 kg of plastic saved for the production of one-and-a-half litre bottles, and for a reduction in CO<sub>2</sub> emissions of around 5,100 tonnes.

#### **ACEA Group Press Office Contacts**

Tel. +39 06 57997733

[ufficio.stampa@aceaspa.it](mailto:ufficio.stampa@aceaspa.it)

<https://www.gruppo.acea.it/en>