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ACEA PARTICIPATES IN THE 45TH EDITION OF THE RIMINI MEETING, "WATER AS AN ESSENTIAL ELEMENT FOR SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT"

**The CEO Fabrizio Palermo will speak on August 23 in the panel
"Energy transition: costs and competitiveness"**

Rome, 20 August 2024 – ACEA participates in the 45th edition of the Rimini Meeting entitled "*If we are not after the essence then what are we after?*", organised by **the Meeting Foundation for Friendship among Peoples**.

The Group is present this year with a stand inside the exhibition area of the event that will take place at the Rimini Expo Centre until 25 August. An opportunity to **reaffirm the importance of water for the economic and social development of the country**. ACEA proposes its own idea of the future in which sustainability is the cornerstone of every business for the dissemination of a culture that aims at greater awareness and responsibility in the consumption of resources. In particular, water, which is so essential and so strategic at this time. Precisely for this reason, the **ACEA Industrial Plan foresees, by 2028, 4.7 billion of investments** in the water sector.

In the ACEA stand, set up with LED walls, there will be **thematic corners** where the Group's on-site projects will be presented: from NRRP works in the water sector to the use of artificial intelligence for an increasingly smart electricity network. Institutional meetings are scheduled, including visits to the stand of various Ministers of the Republic and other personalities. On 23 August, the CEO **Fabrizio Palermo** will speak on the panel "*Energy transition: costs and competitiveness*" together with the Minister of Environment and Energy Security **Gilberto Pichetto Fratin**. At the centre of the debate are solutions to climate change, which represents one of the most decisive challenges of our time. This is a challenge that ACEA has committed to face, also with the use of innovative technologies, in particular on the water front, considering that, for the Group, the first operator in Italy in the sector, water must in all respects be considered as an energy resource of value like the others, therefore to be protected and preserved.

COMPANY PROFILE

ACEA is one of the main Italian industrial groups. Listed on the Stock Exchange in 1999, it is active in the management and development of networks and services in the water, energy and environment businesses. Acea Group is the first water national operator: it distributes water to more than 10 millions citizens in Lazio, Tuscany, Umbria, Molise and Campania, for a total of more 58,000 km of water network under its management. Always attentive to the protection of water, the Company carries out specific activities that concern all phases of the supply chain: from the protection of sources to analytical determinations to monitor the quality of the resource. ACEA in the water sector has undertaken an innovative approach to management and organisational development, aimed at preventing and mitigating the impacts of climate change, minimising losses and ensuring the resilience of aqueduct systems also through predictive monitoring. This approach includes agreements and synergies with other operators for the sharing of technological know-how and the drive towards the digitisation of infrastructures.