

FY 2016 consolidated results
Pieve di Soligo, 15th March 2017

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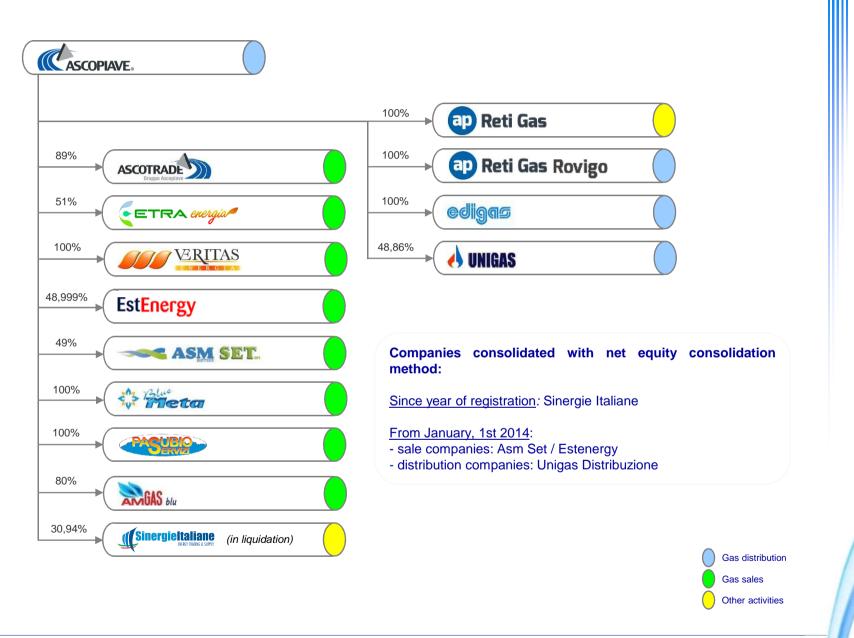
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## Ascopiave Group structure as of 31st December 2016





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| ousand of Euro)                                    | 2016      | 2015      | Chg      | Chg %  |
|--|-----------|-----------|----------|--------|
| Revenues   | 497.689   | 581.655   | (83.966) | -14,4% |
| (Cost of raw materials and consumables)            | (249.916) | (346.431) | 96.516   | -27,9% |
| (Cost of services)                                 | (107.503) | (119.151) | 11.648   | -9,8%  |
| (Cost of personnel)                                | (24.233)  | (21.573)  | (2.660)  | +12,3% |
| (Other operating costs)                            | (21.377)  | (14.106)  | (7.271)  | +51,5% |
| Other operating income                             | 596       | 591       | 5        | +0,8%  |
| EBITDA   | 95.255    | 80.983    | 14.271   | +17,6% |
| (Depreciations and amortizations)                  | (20.227)  | (20.029)  | (198)    | +1,0%  |
| (Provisions)                                       | (2.891)   | (4.004)   | 1.112    | -27,8% |
| EBIT   | 72.137    | 56.950    | 15.186   | +26,7% |
| Financial income / (expenses)                      | (544)     | (518)     | (26)     | +5,0%  |
| Evaluation of companies with net assets method (*) | 7.750     | 7.449     | 301      | +4,0%  |
| EBT  | 79.343    | 63.881    | 15.461   | +24,2% |
| (Income taxes)                                     | (22.401)  | (18.519)  | (3.882)  | +21,0% |
| Earnings after taxes                               | 56.942    | 45.362    | 11.579   | +25,5% |
| (Net loss from discontinued operations)            | -         | -         | -        | n.a.   |
| Net income   | 56.942    | 45.362    | 11.579   | +25,5% |
| (Net income of minorities)                         | (3.307)   | (2.349)   | (958)    | +40,8% |
| Net income of the Group                            | 53.635    | 43.014    | 10.621   | +24,7% |

<sup>(\*)</sup> Result of the companies consolidated with net equity consolidation method (data are considered pro-quota): sale companies, Euro 5,4 mln (Euro 5,0 mln in FY 2015); distribution companies, Euro 1,2 mln (Euro 1,0 mln in FY 2015); Sinergie Italiane, Euro 1,2 mln (Euro 1,5 mln in FY 2015).



| Thousand of Euro)                   | 31/12/2016 | 31/12/2015 | Chg      | Chg %   |
|-------------------------------------|------------|------------|----------|---------|
| Tangible assets (*)                 | 32.364     | 34.987     | (2.623)  | -7,5%   |
| Non tangible assets (*)             | 397.664    | 397.418    | 246      | +0,1%   |
| Investments in associates (**)      | 68.738     | 68.078     | 659      | +1,0%   |
| Other fixed assets                  | 23.808     | 26.699     | (2.891)  | -10,8%  |
| Fixed assets                        | 522.574    | 527.182    | (4.608)  | -0,9%   |
| Operating current assets            | 201.908    | 223.484    | (21.576) | -9,7%   |
| (Operating current liabilities)     | (138.003)  | (166.796)  | 28.792   | -17,3%  |
| (Operating non current liabilities) | (48.151)   | (49.698)   | 1.546    | -3,1%   |
| Net working capital                 | 15.754     | 6.991      | 8.763    | +125,3% |
| Total capital employed              | 538.328    | 534.173    | 4.155    | +0,8%   |
| Group shareholders equity           | 438.055    | 415.264    | 22.791   | +5,5%   |
| Minorities                          | 6.154      | 4.873      | 1.281    | +26,3%  |
| Net financial position              | 94.119     | 114.037    | (19.917) | -17,5%  |
| Total sources                       | 538.328    | 534.173    | 4.155    | +0,8%   |

<sup>(\*)</sup> Applying IFRIC 12 involves categorising the infrastructures under concession from tangible to intangible assets; (\*\*) Value of the associated companies consolidated with net equity consolidation method: sale companies, Euro 48,0 mln (Euro 47,9 mln as of 31st December 2015); distribution companies, Euro 20,7 mln (Euro 20,2 mln as of 31st December 2015).



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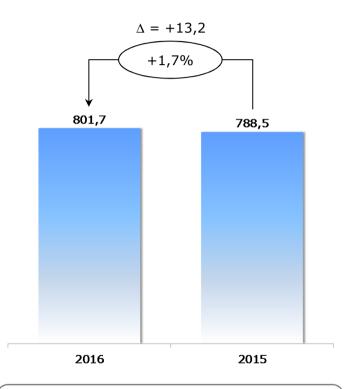
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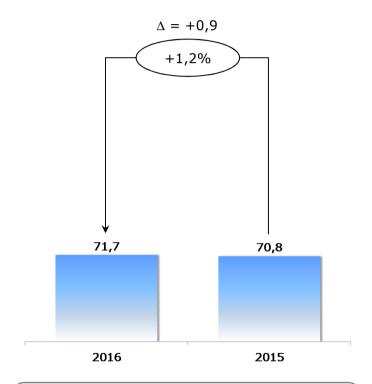


#### Volumes of gas distributed

(Million of standard cubic meters)



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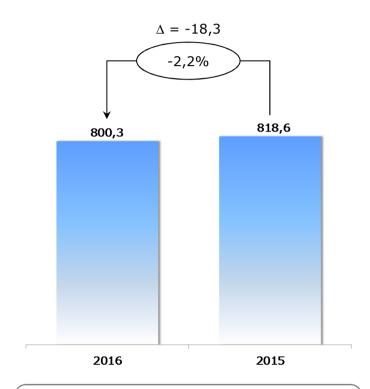


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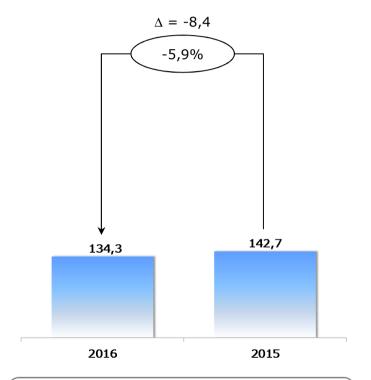


#### Volumes of gas sold

(Million of standard cubic meters)



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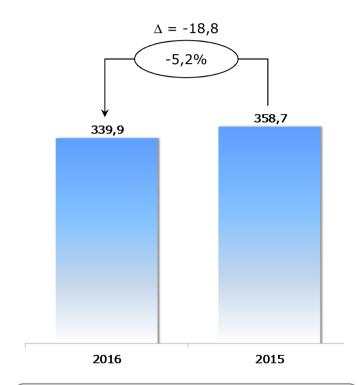


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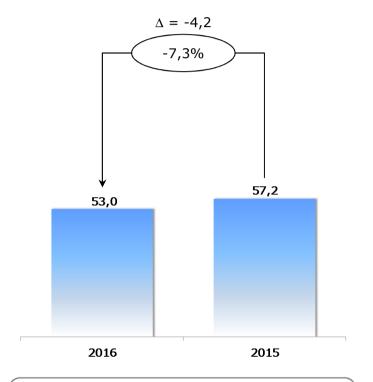


#### **Volumes of electricity sold**

(GWh)







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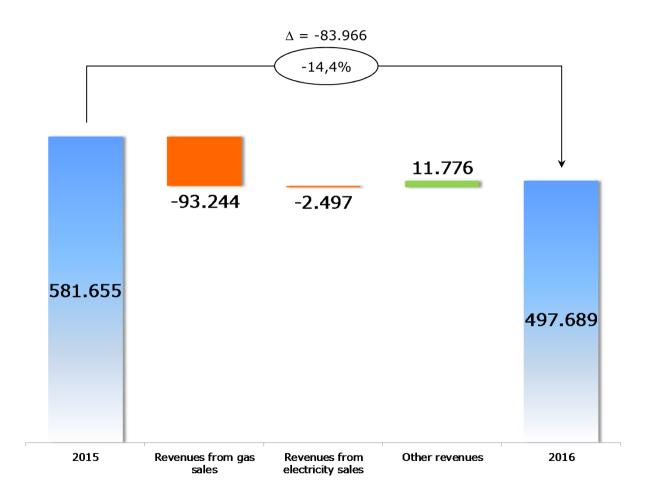
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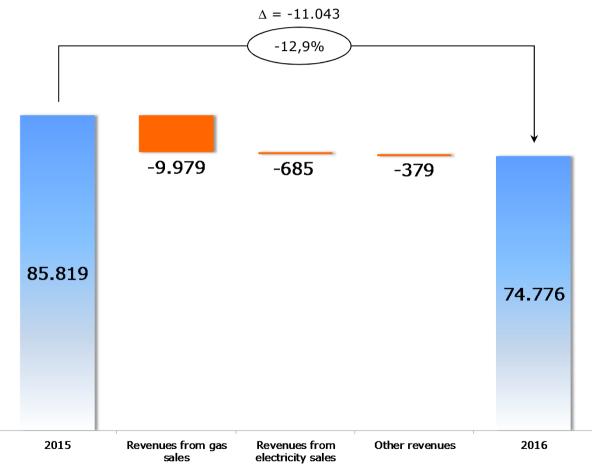
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(Thousand of Euro)



# Revenues bridge Companies consolidated with net equity consolidation method (\*)

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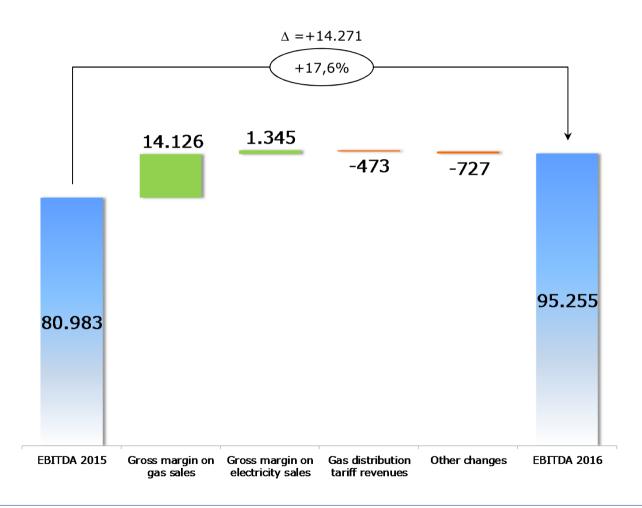


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(Thousand of Euro)

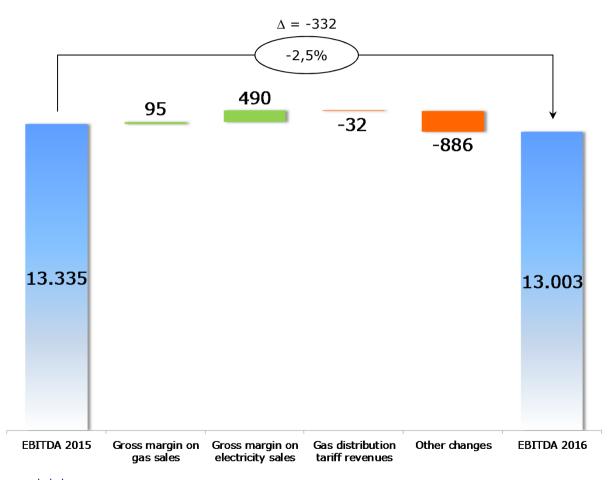




### EBITDA bridge

Companies consolidated with net equity consolidation method (\*)

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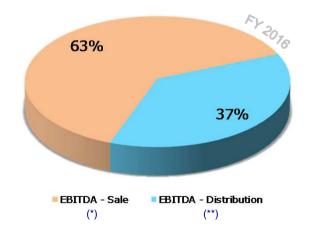
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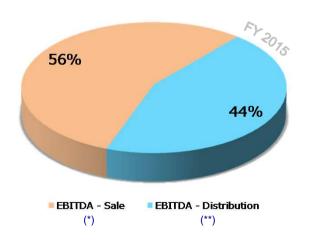


# EBITDA breakdown Companies consolidated with full consolidation method

(Thousand of Euro)

| Thousand of Euro)     | 2016   | 2015   | Var    | Var %  |
|-----------------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| EBITDA                | 95.255 | 80.983 | 14.271 | +17,6% |
| EBITDA - Sale         | 60.235 | 45.167 | 15.068 | +33,4% |
| EBITDA - Distribution | 35.020 | 35.817 | (797)  | -2,2%  |
| ЕВІТ                  | 72.137 | 56.950 | 15.186 | +26,7% |
| EBIT - Sale           | 54.940 | 39.173 | 15.767 | +40,3% |
| EBIT - Distribution   | 17.196 | 17.778 | (581)  | -3,3%  |





(\*) Sale companies; (\*\*) Distribution companies.

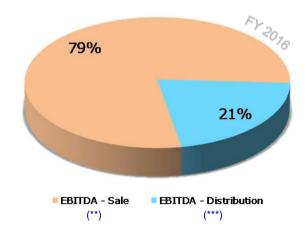


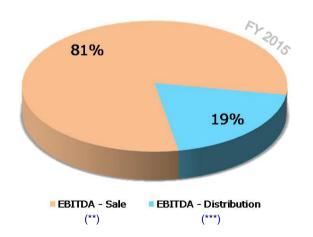
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# EBITDA breakdown Companies consolidated with net equity consolidation method (\*)

(Thousand of Euro)

| Thousand of Euro)     | 2016   | 2015   | Var   | Var %  |
|-----------------------|--------|--------|-------|--------|
| EBITDA                | 13.003 | 13.335 | (332) | -2,5%  |
| EBITDA - Sale         | 10.221 | 10.752 | (531) | -4,9%  |
| EBITDA - Distribution | 2.782  | 2.583  | 199   | +7,7%  |
| ЕВІТ                  | 9.027  | 7.420  | 1.607 | +21,7% |
| EBΠ - Sale            | 7.503  | 6.024  | 1.479 | +24,6% |
| EBIT - Distribution   | 1.523  | 1.395  | 128   | +9,2%  |





(\*) Sinergie Italiane excluded; (\*\*) Sale companies; (\*\*\*) Distribution companies.



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## Gross margin on gas and electricity sales and other net operating costs

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| (Thousand of Euro) (*)                              | 2016      | 2015      | Chg      | Chg %  |
|---|-----------|-----------|----------|--------|
| Revenues from gas sales                             | 343.127   | 415.962   | (72.835) | -17,5% |
| (Gas purchase costs)                                | (182.079) | (258.281) | 76.202   | -29,5% |
| (Distribution costs)                                | (82.531)  | (93.290)  | 10.759   | -11,5% |
| Gross margin on gas sales (A)                       |           |           |          |        |
| Company consolidated with full consolidation method | 78.517    | 64.391    | 14.126   | +21,9% |

The increase of gross margin on gas sales of the companies consolidated with full consolidation method, equal to + Euro 14,1 mln, is due to:

- 1) reduction of the gas purchase cost due to the accounting of the compensation entitled to the Group for the adhesion to the mechanism for the renegotiation of the long-term gas procurement agreements in the years 2014-2016 according to the AEEGSI Res. 447/2013/R/gas (- Euro 11,1 mln);
- 2) higher unit profit margins, in spite of the lower volumes of gas sold.

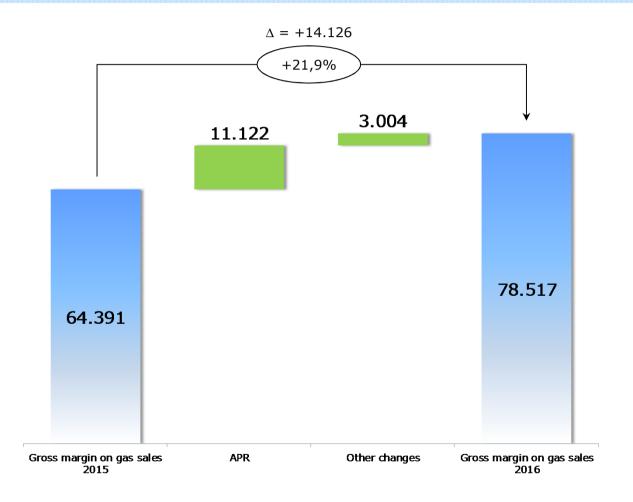
| housand of Euro) (*)  | 2016   | 2015   | Chg    | Chg %  |
|---|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| Gross margin on gas sales (B) Company consolidated with net equity consolidation method | 14.300 | 14.205 | 95     | +0,7%  |
| Gross margin on gas sales (A+B)   | 92.817 | 78.596 | 14.221 | +18,1% |

(\*) Economic data before elisions.



# Gross margin on gas sales bridge Companies consolidated with full consolidation method

(Thousand of Euro)



In 2013, AEEGSI concluded the review of the economic conditions applicable to protected customers, by adjusting them to the gradual and structural evolution of Italy's gas market, which led to the alignment of tariffs with those prevailing in other European countries.

In order to soften the impact of the afore-mentioned review on operators having long-term procurement portfolios, regulation AEEGSI (447/2013/R/gas) has envisaged the following:

- ✓ support the long-term gas price renegotiation by entering a specific CPR component within the general context for defining the new price on the protected market. The goal is the introduction of a compensation payment to offset the dislocation between long-term procurement prices, pegged to oil and its derivatives, and market rates, those prevailing on spot deals, to support the gradual migration of procurement benchmarks in the renegotiation process;
- ✓ guarantee an advantage to the protected customer if, during the mechanism's three-year application period, market prices on the whole turn out to be higher than the average procurement costs of long-term contracts.

Selling firms interested in the APR mechanism enjoyed the option of whether to join or decline admission.



In 2013, in relation to the Group's gas volumes, AEEGSI had planned the following for Ascopiave – in the event of admission:

- ✓ a total maximum compensation, during the mechanism's three-year application, to the tune of Euro 11,2 million;
- ✓ and, in the event of a reversal between procurement and spot price, a disbursement to end customers up to 3 times the figure that was initially defined: approximately Euro 33,5 million.

At the beginning, the Group had resolved to stay out of the APR mechanism, based on proven unfavourable operating conditions, challenging it in the Regional Court of Lombardy (TAR), by requesting a suspension.

Subsequently, having obtained the suspension of the regulation and – thanks to technical data collected in the meantime – having evaluated a high likelihood of success, the management resolved on joining the APR mechanism.

In November 2016, through regulation 649/2016/R/GAS, AEEGSI determined the actual compensation figure in favour of the Group, defining it to the amount of **+ Euro 11,1 million**.



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| 92.810   | (2.219) | -2,4% |
|----------|---------|-------|
|          |         |       |
| (51.181) | 2.402   | -4,7% |
| (37.796) | 1.163   | -3,1% |
|          | ,       | ,     |

The increase of gross margin on electricity sales of the companies consolidated with full consolidation method, equal to + Euro 1,3 mln, is attributable to the higher unit profit margins, in spite of the lower volumes of electricity sold.

| housand of Euro) (*)  | 2016  | 2015  | Chg   | Chg %  |
|---|-------|-------|-------|--------|
| Gross margin on electricity sales (B) Company consolidated with net equity consolidation method | 1.129 | 639   | 490   | +76,8% |
| Gross margin on electricity sales (A+B)   | 6.307 | 4.471 | 1.836 | +41,1% |

(\*) Economic data before elisions.



### **Gas distribution tariff revenues (1)**

| (Thousand of Euro) (*)               | 2016   | 2015   | Chg   | Chg %  |
|--------------------------------------|--------|--------|-------|--------|
| Tariffs applied to sales companies   | 55.408 | 54.981 | 427   | +0,8%  |
| Equalization amount (+ / -)          | 6.080  | 6.979  | (899) | -12,9% |
| Gas distribution tariff revenues (A) |        |        |       |        |
| Company consolidated with full       | 61.488 | 61.960 | (473) | -0,8%  |
| consolidation method                 |        |        |       |        |

The decrease of gas distribution tariff revenues of the companies consolidated with full consolidation method (- Euro 0,5 mln) is due to:

- 1) change of gas distribution tariffs applied to gas sales companies: + Euro 0,4 mln;
- 2) equalization amount: Euro 0,9 mln.

2016 gas distribution tariff revenues include the equalization amount accounted for the positive difference between the definitive and provisional tariffs related to year 2015 (+ Euro 1,2 mln).

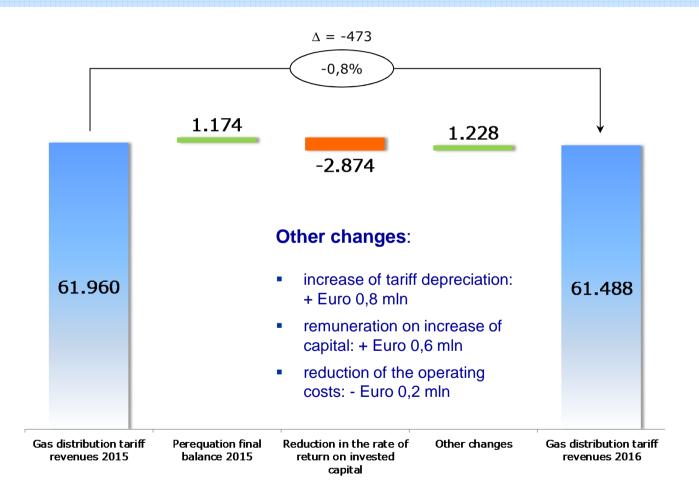
| Γhousand of Euro) (*)  | 2016   | 2015   | Chg   | Chg % |
|--|--------|--------|-------|-------|
| Gas distribution tariff revenues (B) Company consolidated with net equity consolidation method | 5.803  | 5.834  | (32)  | -0,5% |
| Gas distribution tariff revenues (A+B)   | 67.290 | 67.795 | (504) | -0,7% |

<sup>(\*)</sup> Economic data before elisions.



# Gas distribution tariff revenues bridge Companies consolidated with full consolidation method

(Thousand of Euro)



## Other net operating costs (1)

| (Thousand of Euro)                        | 2016     | 2015     | Chg     | Chg %  |
|---|----------|----------|---------|--------|
| Other revenues                            | 30.300   | 20.741   | 9.560   | +46,1% |
| Other costs of raw materials and services | (55.995) | (48.369) | (7.626) | +15,8% |
| Cost of personnel                         | (24.233) | (21.573) | (2.660) | +12,3% |
| Other net operating costs (A)             |          |          |         |        |
| Company consolidated with full            | (49.928) | (49.201) | (727)   | +1,5%  |
| consolidation method                      |          |          |         |        |

# Increase of other net operating costs of the companies consolidated with full consolidation method: - Euro 0,7 mln

of which:

- increase of cost of personnel: Euro 2,7 mln;
- increase of margin on energy efficiency tasks management: + Euro 0,3 mln;
- increase of cost for consulting services: Euro 0,7 mln;
- decrease of cost of energy consumptions: + Euro 0,3 mln;
- decrease of gas concession fees: + Euro 0,6 mln;
- decrease of provisions for risks and charges: + Euro 0,5 mln;
- increase of capital loss: Euro 0,4 mln
- increase of contingent assets: + Euro 1,4 mln.



## Other operating costs (2)

| nousand of Euro)  | 2016     | 2015     | Chg     | Chg %  |
|---|----------|----------|---------|--------|
| Other net operating costs (A) Company consolidated with full consolidation method           | (49.928) | (49.201) | (727)   | +1,5%  |
| Other net operating costs (B) Company consolidated with net equity consolidation method (*) | (8.229)  | (7.343)  | (886)   | +12,1% |
| Other net operating costs (A+B)   | (58.157) | (56.544) | (1.613) | +2,9%  |

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- → Consolidated cost of personnel

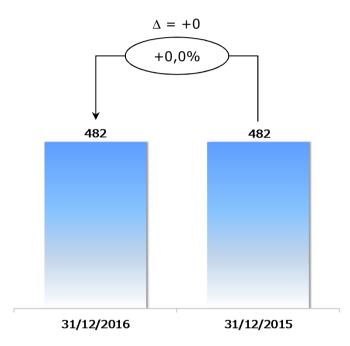
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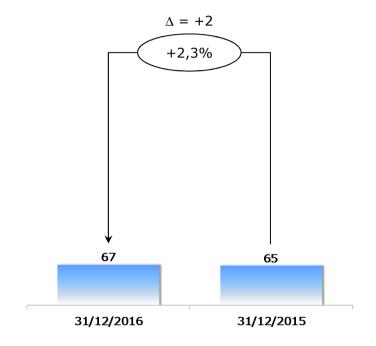
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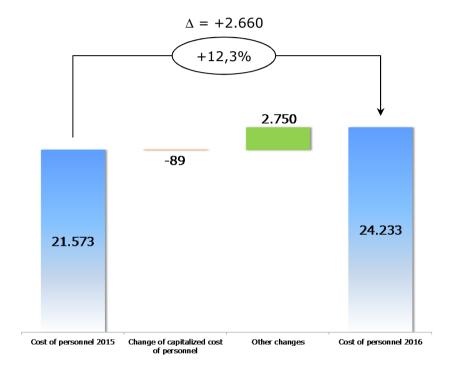


Companies consolidated with net equity consolidation method (\*)



#### **Consolidated cost of personnel**

(Thousand of Euro)



#### **Cost of personnel changes:**

- capitalized cost of personnel: -Euro 0,1 mln
- other: + Euro 2,7 mln, of which:
  - + Euro 1,5 mln: compensations for the financial years 2015-2016 related to the long term incentive plan
  - + Euro 0,3 mln: settlement agreement for disputes with former employees
  - + Euro 0,3 mln: provision to pension funds according to the Law n. 125/2015
  - + Euro 0,4 mln: salary increases under the current labor contracts and for salary improvements
  - o + Euro 0,2 mln: other changes

FY 2016 cost of personnel of the companies consolidated with net equity consolidation method (Sinergie Italiane excluded): Euro 3,2 mln (-7,8%).



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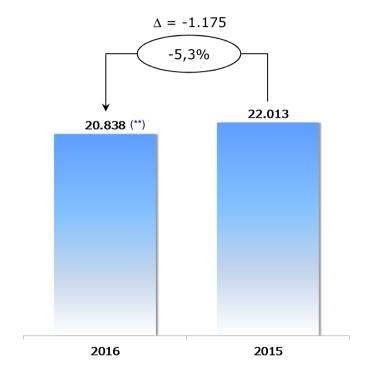


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#### Consolidated capex (\*)

(Thousand of Euro)



- Gas distribution systems: Euro 12,7 mln
- Gas meters: Euro 7,0 mln
- Other: Euro 1,1 mln

FY 2016 investments of the companies consolidated with net equity consolidation method (Sinergie Italiane excluded): Euro 1,4 mln (-5,3%).

<sup>(\*\*)</sup> Investments in tangible assets: Euro 1,2 mln; investments in intangible assets: Euro 19,7 mln (excluded realizations of tangible and intangible assets and investments in associated).



<sup>(\*)</sup> Excluding network extension in new urbanized areas that according to IAS are considerated as operating costs and not investments.

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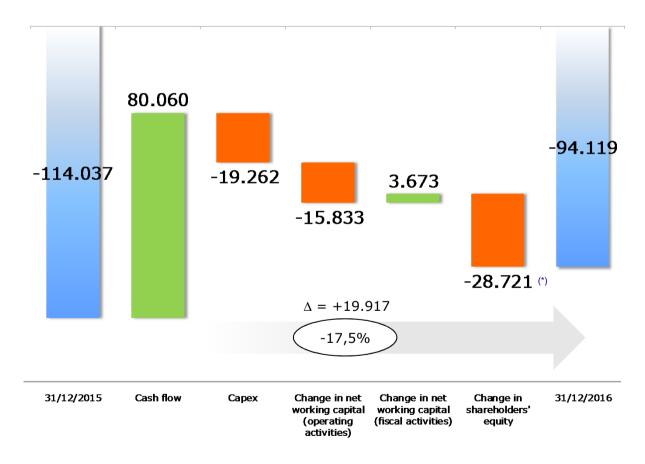
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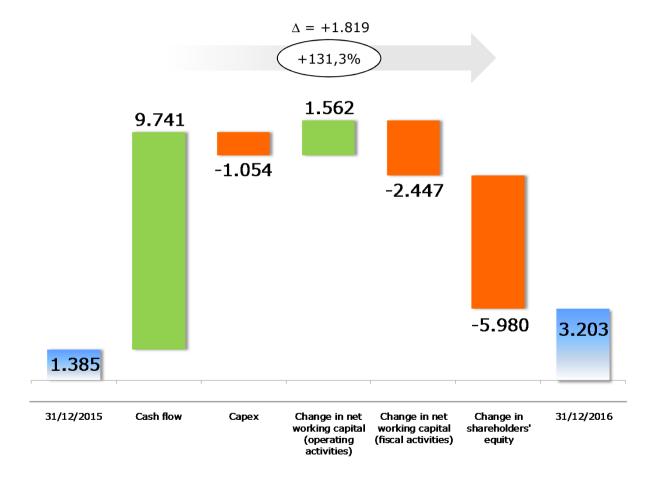


(\*) Dividends distributed to Ascopiave shareholders and third parties (Euro 35,6 mln) net of dividends received by companies consolidated with net equity method (Euro 5,9 mln).



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(Thousand of Euro)



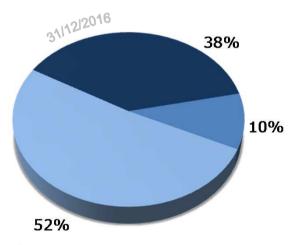
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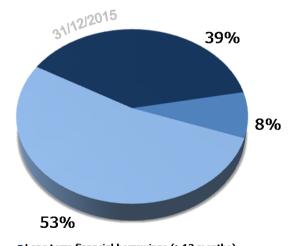
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| Thousand of Euro) (*)                              | 31/12/2016  | 31/12/2015     | Var               | Var %             |
|--|-------------|----------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| Long term financial borrowings (>12 months)        | 34.541      | 43.829         | (9.288)           | -21,2%            |
| Current position of long term financial borrowings | 9.287       | 9.628          | (341)             | -3,5%             |
| Short term financial borrowings (<12 months)       | 46.288      | 59.937         | (13.649)          | -22,8%            |
| Total financial debt                               | 90.116      | 113.394        | (23.278)          | -20,5%            |
| Fixed rate borrowings Variable rate borrowings     | -<br>90.116 | 342<br>113.052 | (342)<br>(22.936) | -100,0%<br>-20,3% |

#### FY 2016 average cost of debt: 0,57% (vs 2015 rate: 0,81%)



- Long term financial borrowings (>12 months)
- Current position of long term financial borrowings
- Short term financial borrowings (<12 months)



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<sup>(\*)</sup> Data refers to only companies consolidated with full consolidation method.



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Dividend proposed: 0,18 Euro per share (Euro 42,2 mln)

Detachment date: 8th May 2017

Record date: 9th May 2017 Payment date:10th May 2017

|                                     | 2016       | 2015   | 2014   | 2013   | 2012   |
|-------------------------------------|------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
|                                     | (Proposal) |        |        |        |        |
| Dividends paid (Thousand of Euro)   | 42.194     | 35.162 | 35.162 | 28.129 | 25.785 |
| Group Net Income (Thousand of Euro) | 53.635     | 43.014 | 35.583 | 38.678 | 27.865 |
| Payout ratio                        | 79%        | 82%    | 99%    | 73%    | 93%    |
| Dividends per share (Euro)          | 0,180      | 0,150  | 0,150  | 0,120  | 0,110  |
| Dividend yield (*)                  | 7,2%       | 7,0%   | 7,6%   | 8,4%   | 9,2%   |

|                                     | 2011  | 2010        | 2009   | 2008   | 2007   |
|-------------------------------------|-------|-------------|--------|--------|--------|
| Dividends paid (Thousand of Euro)   | _     | 23.441      | 21.097 | 19.925 | 19.898 |
| Group Net Income (Thousand of Euro) | 6.266 | 31.174      | 25.288 | 18.452 | 21.764 |
| Payout ratio                        | 0%    | <b>75</b> % | 83%    | 108%   | 91%    |
| Dividends per share (Euro)          | -     | 0,100       | 0,090  | 0,085  | 0,085  |
| Dividend yield (*)                  | 0,0%  | 6,3%        | 5,8%   | 5,7%   | 4,4%   |

<sup>(\*)</sup> Dividend yield = dividends per share / average price per share in the year.



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