

# Report on Corporate Governance and Ownership Structure 2020



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#### **VALUE AND MISSION**

Snam is one of the world's leading energy infrastructure operators and ranks among Italy's largest listed companies, by market capitalization.

Through a sustainable and technologically advanced network, Snam guarantees the security of supply and is a key enabler in the energy transition. Through its international footprint Snam operates in Albania (AGSCo), Austria (TAG, GCA), France (Teréga), Greece (DESFA), Italy, UAE (ADNOC Gas Pipelines) and UK (Interconnector UK) and has recently started activities in China and India. Snam is also one of the leading shareholders in TAP (Trans Adriatic Pipeline).

The Group has the largest natural gas transportation network (over 41,000 km including international assets) and storage capacity (approx. 20 bcm including international assets) among its European peers and is also a leading player in regasification, through the LNG terminal in Panigaglia (GNL Italia) and its stakes in the Livorno (OLT) and Rovigo (Adriatic LNG) terminals in Italy and in the Revithoussa (DESFA) terminal in Greece.

In its 2020-2024 strategic plan, Snam plans an increase in investments to 7.4 billion euros and more focus on the energy transition businesses: biomethane (Snam4Environment), energy efficiency (Renovit), sustainable mobility (Snam4Mobility) and hydrogen. The company also operates in forestation (Arbolia) and is committed to achieving carbon neutrality (Scope 1 and Scope 2) by 2040.

The Group's business model is based on sustainable growth, transparency, the promotion of talents and diversity and the social development of local areas also through the initiatives of Fondazione Snam.

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# **SNAM'S REPORT**



#### **ANNUAL REPORT**

It provides a comprehensive view both on the financial and non-financial performances through the Directors'Report - Integrated Report, the Consolidated Financial Statement, the Statutory Financial Statement and the Non-Financial Statement drafted according to Legislative Decree 254/2016.



#### REMUNERATION REPORT

It describes the company's remuneration policy of Directors and Executives specifying the goals, the involved bodies, the procedures for its adoption and implementation in addition to the remuneration paid.



#### FINANCIAL DISCLOSURE ON CLIMATE CHANGE

It describes the Company's governance, strategy and scenarios, risks and opportunities, metrics and targets for climate change management, in line with the recommendations of the Task Force on Climate-related Financial Disclosures (TCFD), established by the Financial Stability Board.



#### SUSTAINABILITY REPORT TOWARDS NET ZERO

It describes performances and future goals regarding the environmental, social, and governance topics (ESG), strengthening the relationship and collaboration with all the Company's stakeholders.



# REPORT ON CORPORATE GOVERNANCE AND OWNERSHIP STRUCTURE

#### "INTEGRATED REPORTING MEANS INTEGRATED THINKING"

Snam has been following, for some time, a path of integration of the reporting processes based on the assumption that "integrated reporting means integrated thinking". This approach has allowed for an organic and integrated approach to meet the demands of all stakeholders and shareholders, proposing comprehensive, transparent and responsible corporate reporting and providing a complete view of the activities, performance and challenges that Snam faces today.



The Report on Corporate Governance and Ownership Structure 2020 (the "Report") is intended to be a journey of discovery for Snam and is mainly concerned, in the respective Sections, with presenting the Company, providing information on its ownership structure and illustrating the structure of the corporate governance system adopted by Snam. The Report is preceded by an "Executive Summary" specifying the main elements characterising the corporate governance system.

The Report has been prepared in accordance with the "Format for the Report on Corporate Governance and Ownership Structure" issued by Borsa Italiana S.p.A. (8th Edition of January 2019), the 8th Report on the application of the Corporate Governance Code by the Italian Corporate Governance Committee of Borsa Italiana, "2020 Report on the evolution of corporate governance in listed companies" and 2020 Report on "Corporate Governance in Italy: self-regulation, remuneration and comply-or-explain" of Assonime, February 2021.

Finally, the Report contains a check-list through which identify the sections of the Report in which it is illustrated, for each principle or criterion of the Corporate Governance Code, the application or non-application of the same by Snam.

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# INTRODUCTION





Information on the corporate governance system and ownership structure of Snam S.p.A. ("Snam" or the "Company") contained in this Report refer, unless otherwise expressly indicated, to the 2020 financial year<sup>1</sup>.

The Report is designed to provide a means for the discovery of Snam. Its various Sections provide:

- an introduction to the Company;
- information on its ownership structure;
- a description of the structure of the corporate governance system adopted by the Company.

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- the 2021 report entitled "Corporate governance in Italy: self-regulation, remuneration and comply-or-explain" published by Assonime in February 2021.

Since its listing on the screen-based equity market (mercato telematico azionario) organised and managed by Borsa Italiana in 2001, Snam has been compliant with the recommendations of the Corporate Governance Code in its various successive versions published over time. Annex 1 of Section VI – Summary Tables, contains a checklist for identifying the sections of the Report which indicate whether or not Snam applies each principle and application criterion of the Corporate Governance Code (the version adopted in July 2018 and currently in force).

#### **Contacts**

Snam values discussion with its investors and aims to establish a constructive dialogue to ensure constant improvement in Snam's entity in multiple respects; therefore, it invites readers to use the contact details specified below for clarifications or requests for information:

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<sup>1</sup> Pursuant to Article 123- bis, paragraphs 1, 2 and 3 of Legislative Decree No. 58 of 24 February 1998.

<sup>2</sup> The Report is published in the "Conduct and Governance" section of the Company's website.

<sup>3</sup> The Borsa Italiana format is available here: (https://www.borsaitaliana.it/comitato-corporate-governance/documenti/format2019.en.pdf).

<sup>4</sup> The adoption of the Corporate Governance Code is voluntary and issuers may decide not to apply all or part of its recommendations. However, the reasons for any non-application must be indicated in the report on corporate governance, in accordance with the comply-or-explain principle set forth in Article 123- bis of the Consolidated Finance Act.



### **GLOSSARY**

Anti-Bribery Laws: the provisions of the Italian Criminal Code relating to corruption, Law No. 190 of 6 November 2012, Law No. 69 of 27 May 2015, Legislative Decree No. 231 of 2001, and the other applicable provisions, as amended, the Foreign Court Practices Act, the UK Bribery Act, the other public law and commercial law regulations against corruption that are in force around the world, and the international anti-corruption treaties, such as the OECD Convention on combating bribery of foreign public officials in international business transactions, the UN Convention against corruption and the European Criminal Law Convention on corruption

**ARERA:** Autorità di Regolazione per Energia Reti (the Italian Regulatory Authority for Energy, Networks and Environment)

Borsa Italiana: Borsa Italiana S.p.A.

**Consob:** Commissione Nazionale per le Società e la Borsa (the Italian National Stock Exchange Supervisory Commission)

**Consolidated Financial Act (or "TUF"):** Legislative Decree No. 58 of 24 February 1998, as subsequently amended and modified

Corporate Governance Code: the corporate governance code for listed companies approved in July 2001 by the Corporate Governance Committee, as amended in July 2018 and promoted by Borsa Italiana, ABI, Ania, Assogestioni, Assonime and Confindustria. The text is available at: http://www.borsaitaliana.it/comitato-corporate-governance/codice/codice.htm

Corporate Governance Code: corporate governance code approved in January 2020 by the Corporate Governance Committee, promoted by Borsa Italiana, ABI, ANIA, Assogestioni, Assonime and Confindustria. The Code is applicable from the first financial year beginning after 31 December 2020. The text is available at: http://www.borsaitaliana.it/comitato-corporate-governance/codice/codice2020.pdf

External Auditors: Deloitte & Touche S.p.A. (or Deloitte)

**Financial Reporting Officer:** Financial Reporting Officer pursuant to Article 154- bis of the Consolidated Finance Act

**Group or Snam Group:** Snam and its Subsidiaries

Issuer, Snam or the Company: Snam S.p.A.

**Issuers Regulations:** regulations issued by Consob by means of Resolution No. 11971 of 14 May 1999, as subsequently amended and modified, relating to issuers

**Legislative Decree No. 231 of 2001:** Legislative Decree No. 231 of 8 June 2001, "Rules governing administrative liability of legal entities, companies and associations, including those without legal personality, pursuant to Article 11 of Law No. 300 of 29 September 2000"

**Legislative Decree No. 254 of 2016:** Legislative Decree No. 254 of 30 December 2016, "Implementation of Directive 2014/95/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council of 22 October 2014, containing the amendment to Directive 2013/34/EU concerning the disclosure of non-financial information and of information on diversity by certain businesses and by certain large groups"

**Non-Financial Statement:** the consolidated non-financial statement, which, to the extent necessary to ensure an understanding of the company's business, its performance, results and impact, covers environmental, social and personnel-related issues, respect for human rights and the fight against active and passive corruption, which are relevant in view of the Company's activities and characteristics

**RAB:** Regulatory Asset Base, i.e. the value of the net capital invested, calculated according to the rules established by ARERA for transport and regasification companies for the purpose of determining the reference revenue



**Related Parties Transaction Regulations:** regulations issued by Consob by means of Resolution No. 17221 of 22 March 2010, as subsequently amended and modified, concerning related-party transactions

**Report:** this report on corporate governance and ownership structure pursuant to Article 123- bis of TUF

**Stakeholders:** shareholders, investors, gas system operators, employees, suppliers, etc.

Subsidiaries (or "Controlled companies"): the following companies are subsidiaries of Snam: Snam Rete Gas S.p.A.; Stoccaggi Gas Italia S.p.A. - Stogit; GNL Italia S.p.A.; Infrastrutture Trasporto Gas S.p.A.; Snam International B.V.; Arbolia S.p.A. Benefit Company; Gasrule Insurance Limited; Enura S.p.A.; Snam 4 Mobility S.p.A.; Snam 4 Environment S.r.l.; Renovit S.p.A. Cubogas S.r.l.; IES Biogas S.r.l.; IES Biogas (Argentina); Copower S.r.l.; Enersi Sicilia S.r.l.; TEP Energy Solutions S.r.l.; Tea Innovazione Due S.r.l.; Termoroma Energia S.r.l.; T.lux S.r.l.; Snam Gas & Energy Services (Beijng) Co. Ltd.; Renerwaste S.r.l; Renerwaste Lodi S.r.l.; Ecoprogetto Milano S.p.A.; Ecoprogetto Tortona S.r.l.; Mieci S.p.A. and Evolve S.p.A.

**Supervisory Body:** the supervisory body established pursuant to Legislative Decree No. 231 of 2001

The Company's website: www.snam.it

**Unbundling Regulations:** European and national provisions on functional and/or ownership unbundling that apply to all operators in the electricity and natural gas sectors. Specifically: Directive 2009/73/EC, Legislative Decree No. 93 of 1 June 2011, and the Prime Ministerial Decree of 25 May 2012, as amended by the Prime Ministerial Decree of 15 November 2019, containing "Criteria, terms and conditions for the adoption of the ownership unbundling model of the company Snam S.p.A. pursuant to Article 15 of Law No. 27 of 24 March 2012"

**2021 Corporate Governance Recommendations:** the recommendations of the Chairman of the Corporate Governance Committee contained in the letter of 22 December 2020 and circulated to the Chairmen of the Boards of Directors of listed companies

**231 Model:** the organisation, management and control model adopted by Snam pursuant to the Italian legislation on the "liability of entities for administrative offences relating to crimes" contained in Legislative Decree No. 231 of 2001





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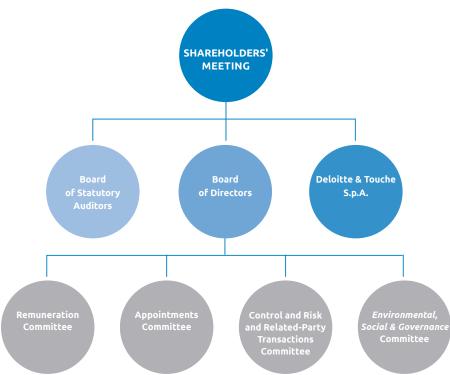


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# **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

### **Corporate Governance**



### Main Company highlights

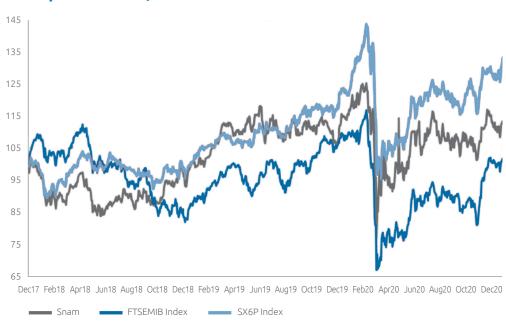
Figures in millions of euros	2018	2019	2020	DELTA	% change 2019/-2020
Total revenues	2,530	2,606	2,770	164	6.3
EBIT	1,384	1,452	1,380	(72)	(5.0)
Net profit (a)	960	1,090	1,101	11	1.0
Net indebtedness	11,548	11,923	12,827	964	8.1
Capitalisation at 31/12 (b)	12,606	15,428	15,046	(382)	(2.5)
Employees	3,016	3,025	3,249	224	7.4
Sector			Utility		

<sup>(</sup>a) Under the full responsibility of Snam shareholders.

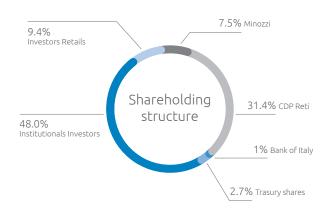
<sup>(</sup>b) Product of the number of outstanding shares (exact number) by the official price per share as of 31 December 2020.

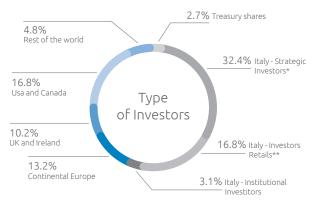


### Stock performance, 2018 - 2020



#### **SHAREHOLDING STRUCTURE AND REPRESENTATION (AT 31 DECEMBER 2020)**





- Italian strategic shareholders include the Bank of Italy and CDP Reti
   Italian retail shareholders include the interest of Romano Minozzi

### Other shareholding characteristics

	Yes/No	% of the share capital
Shareholders' agreement	Yes	31.352%
Majority voting	No	
Shareholding of the senior management	Yes	1.55%
Shareholding threshold for the submission of lists	Yes	0.5%
Shareholding of Italian institutional investors	Yes	35.5%
Shareholding of foreign institutional investors	Yes	45.0%



#### **COMPOSITION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

#### Structure of the Board of Directors

		_	_				
Director	Office held	Role	M/m	CRRPTC	RC	AC	ESGC
Nicola Bedin	Chairman	Independent (pursuant to TUF)	$M^{(1)}$				
Marco Alverà	CEO	Executive	М				
Laura Cavatorta	Director	Independent (pursuant to TUF/Code)	m			<b>✓</b>	С
Francesco Gori	Director	Independent (pursuant to TUF/Code)	m	С			
Yunpeng He	Director	Non-executive	М				<b>✓</b>
Antonio Marano	Director	Independent (pursuant to TUF/Code)	М	✓		С	
Francesca Pace	Director	Independent (pursuant to TUF/Code)	М	✓	С		
Rita Rolli	Director	Independent (pursuant to TUF/Code)	m		✓		<b>✓</b>
Alessandro Tonetti	Director	Non-executive	М		<b>√</b>	✓	

CRRPTC: The Control and Risk and Related-Party Transactions Committee;

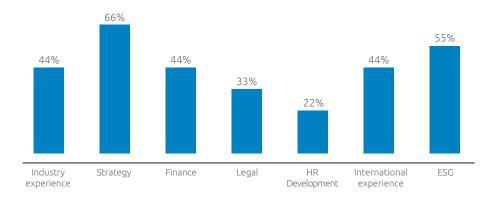
RC: Remuneration Committee;

AC: Appointments Committee;

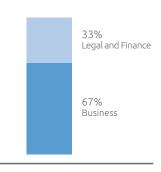
ESGC: Environmental, Social & Governance Committee;

M: Majority list; m: minority list;

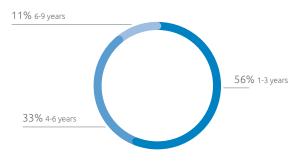
#### **Powers of the Directors**



#### % of business skills versus legal and finance skills



### Seniority of service of the Directors of the BoD



C: Chairman

<sup>(1)</sup> appointed by the Ordinary Shareholders' Meeting of 18 June 2020 on the proposal of the shareholder CDP Reti S.p.A.



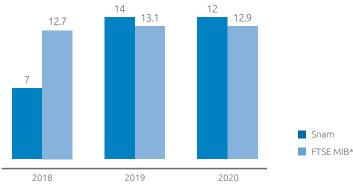
#### Changes compared to the previous mandate

	Previous mandate	Current mandate	FTSE MIB average
Number of directors	9	9	12.2**
Directors elected by the minority	3 (33.3%)	3 (33.3%)	2.4 (19.6)%**
% of the less-represented gender on the BoD	44.4%	33.3%	36.6%****
% of independent directors	56%	66.6%***	59.8%**
Average age of directors	56	53	57**°
Chairman-CEO or Chairman-controlling shareholder	no	no	9%**
Existence of Lead Independent Director	no	no	22%*°

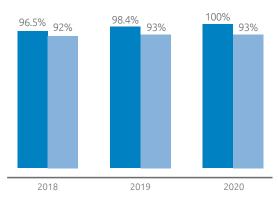
<sup>\*</sup> Corporate Governance Committee, 2020 Report on the evolution of corporate governance in listed companies, 8th report on the application of the Corporate Governance Code.

#### **FUNCTIONING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

# Number of meetings of the Board of Directors



# Shareholding rate in the Board of Directors



<sup>\*</sup> Assonime – La corporate Governance in Italia: autodisciplina, remunerazione e comply-or-explain (anno 2020) [Report on Corporate Governance in Italy: self-regulation, remuneration and comply-or-explain (year 2020)], Note e Studi 3/21. The 2020 survey covered the 220 Italian companies, listed as of 31 December 2019, whose Reports were available as of 15 July 2020.

#### Number of committee meetings and rate of attendance by the Directors

Committee	Number of meetings	Rate of attendance	Presence of independent members
Remuneration Committee	18	94%	100%
Control and Risk and Related-Party Transactions Committee	14	100%	100%
Appointments Committee	7	95%	100%
Environmental, Social & Governance Committee	18	98%	100%

<sup>\*\*</sup> Assonime – Report on Corporate Governance in Italy:self-regulation, remuneration and comply-or-explain (year 2020), Notes and Studies 3/21. The 2020 survey covered the 220 Italian companies, listed as of 31 December 2019, whose Reports were available as of 15 July 2020.

<sup>\*\*\* 5</sup> Directors are independent pursuant to the TUF and the Corporate Governance Code and 1 is independent pursuant to the TUF.

<sup>\*\*\*\*</sup> Assonime - Pink quotas: Consob confirms stricter requirements on the application of gender quotas, Legislative News of 19 May 2020.

Average of companies listed on the MTA.



# Directors holding positions as Directors or Statutory Auditors in other relevant companies according to the Corporate Governance Code

		Other listed companies			_	l insurance con ignificant size	npanies	
	Group companies	Non- executive Director	Independent Director	Statutory Auditor	Non- executive Director	Executive Director	Independent Director	Statutory Auditor
Marco Alverà	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-
Laura Cavatorta	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-
Francesco Gori	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	-
Yunpeng He	-	3	-	-	1		-	-
Antonio Marano	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-
Francesca Pace	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Rita Rolli	-	-	1	-	-	-		-

#### **Board Evaluation Annual Process**

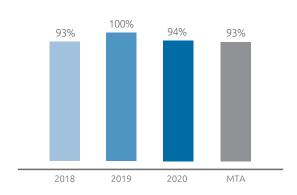
Board Evaluation process completed	Yes
Evaluator	Self-assessment with the support of an advisor
Questionnaire self-assessment methods (in questionnaires/collegial meetings)	Questionnaires/collegial meetings/peer-to-peer reviews consisting of an analysis of the individual contributions of each director by his/her colleagues

#### **REMUNERATION**

# Number of Remuneration Committee meetings



# Rate of attendance at the Remuneration Committee





#### **Short-term incentive system (STI)**

	No	Yes
Existence of a short-term incentive system		<b>✓</b>
Existence of a <i>bonus cap</i>		✓

#### Long-term incentive system (LTI)

Existence of a long-term incentive system			
LTI vehicles			
Cash			
Financial instruments	<b>✓</b>		

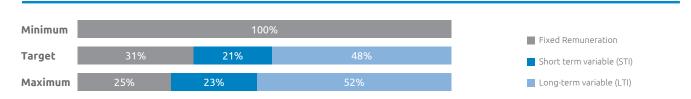
#### **STI Parameters for AD**

	Weight
Ebitda	30%
Investments	15%
Operational Efficiency	30%
New activities	15%
Sustainability	20%

#### LTI Parameters for AD

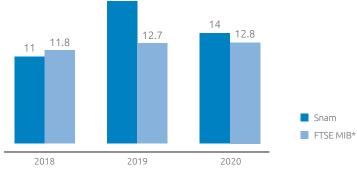
	Weight
Adjusted net profit	50%
Added Value	30%
Sustainability	20%

#### Chief Executive Officer - Pay-mix 2020

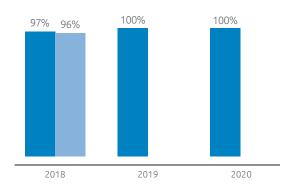


#### INTERNAL CONTROL AND RISK MANAGEMENT

# Number of Control and Risk Committee meetings



# Rate of Attendance at the Control and Risk Committee



<sup>\*</sup> ASSONIME - La corporate Governance in Italia: autodisciplina, remunerazione e comply-or-explain (anno 2020) [Corporate Governance in Italy: self-regulation, remuneration and comply-or-explain (year 2020)], Note e Studi 3/21. The 2020 survey covered the 220 Italian companies, listed as of 31 December 2019, whose Reports were available as of 15 July 2020.



### Composition of the Control and Risk and Related-Party Transactions Committee

	Independent	Executive/non-executive
Francesco Gori (Chairman)	✓	Non-executive
Francesca Pace	✓	Non-executive
Antonio Marano	✓	Non-executive

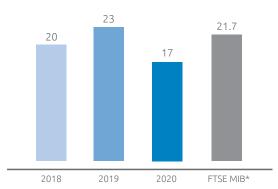
#### **BOARD OF STATUTORY AUDITORS**

### **Composition of the Board of Statutory Auditors**

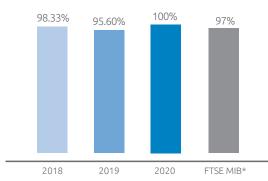
Sindaci	Office held	Ind.**	M/m*	Other positions
Stefano Gnocchi	Chairman	<b>✓</b>	m	7
Gianfranco Chinellato	Standing Auditor	<b>✓</b>	М	7
Donata Paola Patrini	Standing Auditor	<b>✓</b>	М	3
Maria Gimigliano	Alternate	<b>✓</b>	М	N/A
Federica Albizzati	Alternate	<b>✓</b>	m	N/A

<sup>\*</sup> M: majority list; m: minority list

#### **Number of meetings of Auditors**



#### **Attendance rate of Auditors**



<sup>\*</sup> ASSONIME - La corporate Governance in Italia: autodisciplina, remunerazione e comply- or-explain (anno 2020) [Corporate Governance in Italy: self-regulation, remuneration and comply-or-explain (year 2020)], Note e Studi 3/21. The 2020 survey covered the 220 Italian companies, listed as of 31 December 2019, whose Reports were available as of 15 July 2020.

<sup>\*\*</sup> Independence pursuant to the TUF and the Corporate Governance Code



# Main elements of the Internal Control and Risk Management System

	Yes/No
Presence of the <i>Risk Management</i> function	yes
There is an <i>Enterprise Risk Management</i> plan	yes
If yes, is this plan discussed with the Committee?	yes
Presence of subsequent plans (in relation to Management)	yes
Preparation of specific compliance programs (Antitrust, Anticorruption, Whistleblowing, etc.)	yes

### Main risks

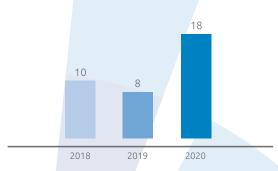
Main risks	Mitigation measures
Regulatory change (regulatory, legal and non-compliance context)	Monitoring and discussion with the main institutions responsible.  Training for management and employees on anti-corruption, administrative liability pursuant to Legislative Decree No. 231/01, privacy, market abuse, antitrust and other potential unlawful acts. Refresher and awareness training on contractual rules and standards in line with applicable legislation and case law. Reputational audits of suppliers and sub-contractors. Anti-corruption and antitrust monitoring.
Operating risk (damage, breakdown, etc.)	Continuous control and monitoring measures and actions designed to prevent and/or limit the impact of third-party interference, potential situations of inadequate on-site coordination, and the occurrence of hydrogeological events.
Cybersecurity risk	Action to centralise, analyse and supervise all monitoring sources on a 24-hour basis in a single command and control centre.
	Periodic risk assessment for analysis of cyber risk
Infrastructure construction	Actions designed to strengthen relations with the local communities in which Snam operates, through the integrated, preventive and ongoing involvement of its stakeholders with a view to building a sustainable business for the regions and to creating value.
Risks arising from the Covid-19 health emergency	Initiatives necessary to protect the safety of Snam people, both in compliance with the restrictive measures required by the authorities and through the adoption of additional precautions (establishment of an interdepartmental team with the specific task of defining appropriate precautionary and containment measures, also by maintaining direct and constant contact with the National Civil Protection Service, remote working, health support for employees and family members, specific measures for strategic activities that cannot be interrupted).
	Securing the control rooms, plants and local sites to guarantee the country's normal operations and energy security.
	Initiatives to support the Italian health system and the service sector and various parties involved in health emergencies, including through the Snam Foundation.

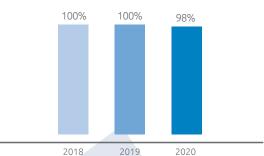


### **ETHICS, SUSTAINABILITY, GOVERNANCE**

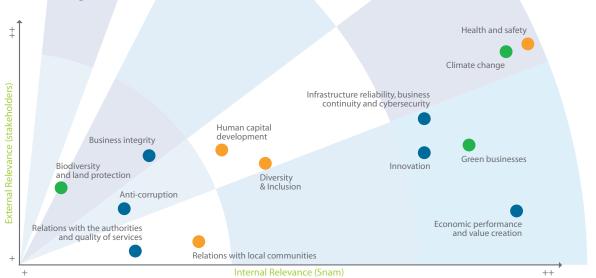
# Number of meetings of the *Environmental, Social & Governance* Committee

# Rate of attendance of the Environmental, Social & Governance Committee meetings





### **Materiality matrix**



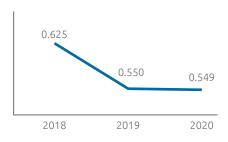






Governance (including economics)

# Methane emissions/km network (t/km)



# Employees and Contractors injuries at work - Frequency rate\*



\* Number of injuries resulting in an absence of at least one day, per million hours worked

# Scope 1 Emissions (kt CO<sub>2</sub> eq)





#### **BREAKDOWN OF ADDED VALUE\***

Snam calculates the Added Value on the basis of the standard drawn up by the Gruppo di Studio per il Bilancio Sociale (GBS) and in accordance with the GRI Standars.

Indicator	GRI Standars	Unit of measurement	2018	2019	2020
Generated Added Value (A)			2,532	2,695	2,758
Distributed Added Value (B)			1,634	1,639	1,690
Employees <sup>(1)</sup>			280	258	278
Local Community Donations, sponsorships and environmental compensations pursuant to the law	_		3	211	19
Lenders	201/-1	Million€	249	211	178
Shareholders <sup>(2)</sup>			746	780	816
Public administrations			356	387	399
Direct taxes			341	375	370
Indirect taxes			15	12	29
Added Value retained by the Company (A) - (B)			898	1,056	1,068

<sup>(1)</sup> Includes costs for services related to personnel.

In Snam, sustainability and value creation are highly correlated concepts. In fact, sustainability allows for the creation of value for the company and its stakeholders, correlating business and corporate social responsibility. The wealth produced by Snam contributes to the economic growth of the social and environmental context in which it operates and it is measured in terms of the Added Value produced and distributed to its stakeholders.

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In 2020, the Gross Global Value Added produced by Snam amounted to 2,758 million, an increase of 63 million, or 2.3%, compared to 2019 (2,695 million).

38.7% of the Gross Global Added Value produced by Snam was reinvested within the Group (in line with 2019; 39.2%), of which approximately 72.3% was allocated to the depreciation of group assets (71.2% in 2019). With regard to the main stakeholders of reference, 2020 shows a reduction in the value distributed to the financing entities. (6.4%; 1.4 percentage points compared to 2019), against a reduction in financial expenses attributable to the effects of the actions to optimize the group financial structure implemented in the 2016-2020 period, in particular, by liability management operations. The value distributed to shareholders through the distribution of dividends recorded an increase compared with 2019 (29.6%; 28.9% in 2019). The unit dividend increase (+5% compared to 2019), confirming the commitment to guarantee shareholders an attractive and sustainable remuneration, has more than offset the decrease in the number of shares outstanding due to the buyback carried out by Snam as part of the share buyback programme

Also with reference to employees, there is a substantial stability of the distributed Added Value (10.1%; +0.5 percentage points compared to 2019) through direct remuneration consisting of wages, salaries and severance pay, and indirect remuneration consisting of social security charges and costs for services related to personnel (canteen services, reimbursement of travel expenses, welfare). With reference to the costs for services to the personnel, according to a cost saving approach related to the lock-down measures adopted to address the COVID-19 health emergency, SNAM has supported its employees through some welfare initiatives, purchase of devices for the protection and the monitoring of their health (oximeter pulses) and sanitisation of the workplace.

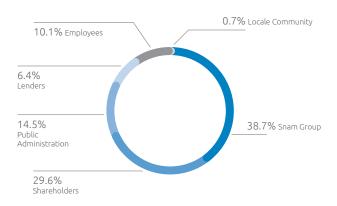
The amount paid to the Public Administration through direct and indirect taxes, is line with 2019 (14.5%; +0.1% compared to 2019).

Finally, an amount exceeding €19 million was allocated to the local communities (0.7% of the value generated; 0.1% in 2019). The significant increase compared with

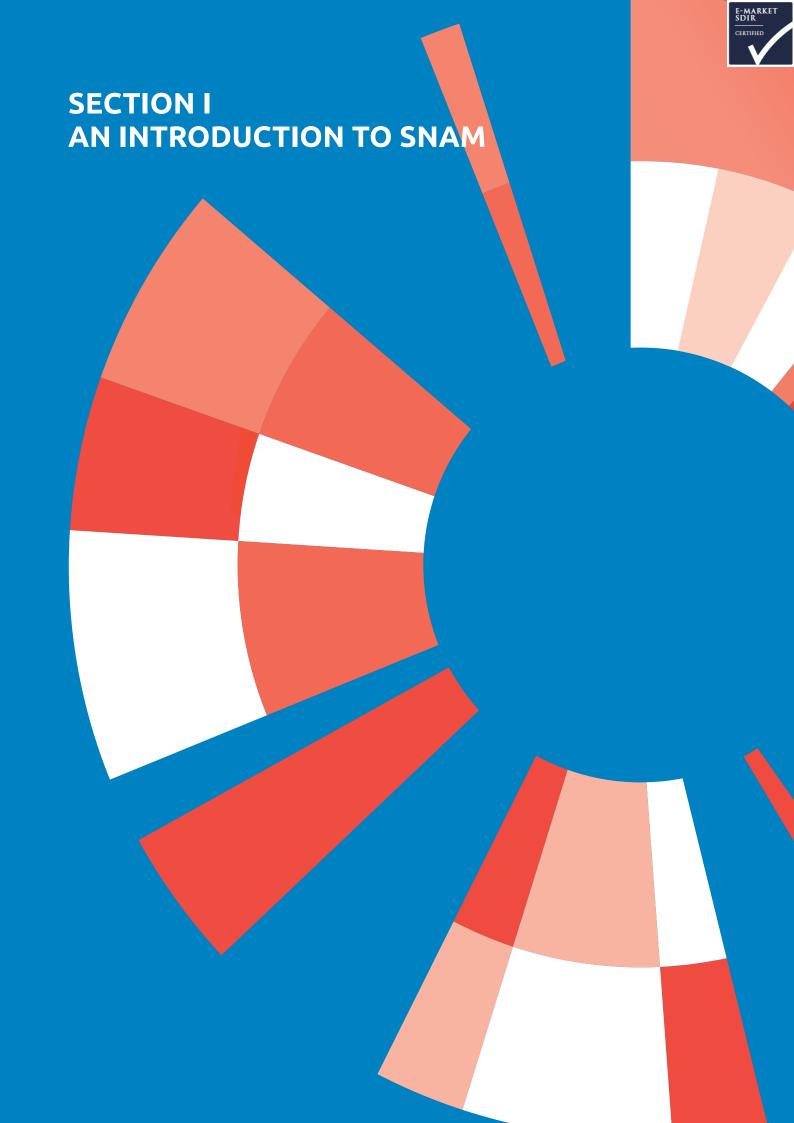
2019 demonstrates the Snam commitment, also through the Foundation, to support the Italian health system and the service sector, in addressing the COVID-19 emergency, through donations of goods and money for a total of €16 million. To be added are the sponsorships and environmental compensations, carried out pursuant to the law, for a total of €3 million (in line with 2019).

In terms of environmental protection, Snam expenditures amounted to approximately 173 million (155 million in investments and 18 million in operating costs).

#### **Breakdown of Added Value**



The 2020 figure refers to the dividend proposed by the Board of Directors and subject to the approval of the Shareholders' Meeting of 28 April 2021.





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# 1. MISSION AND INTERNATIONAL GROWTH

Snam is Europe's *leading* operator in the creation and integrated management of natural gas infrastructure. It facilitates the conditions for fair-priced energy by efficiently managing the gas system, developing infrastructure and offering integrated services for the market. It promotes the integration of European networks, including through strategic *partnerships* with the most prominent industry operators across the main continental energy corridors.

Snam follows an ethical and socially responsible model, as also specified in the Company's Articles of Association, the Code of Ethics and the Sustainability *Report* 5, which generates value for the business and for the community in which it operates through recognised professionalism and transparent dialogue with all *stakeholders*, while respecting the environment and individual territories. It has a development strategy that is clear and sustainable over time and is based on one of the most significant investment plans in the industrial landscape of the countries in which it operates, enabling the Company to attract Italian and foreign capital, promoting growth and employment.

Snam also has an economic and business model that includes respect for people in its business activities, in the belief that their skills and their constant progression are a true investment to which to commit – for stakeholders, the environment and the community as a whole.

Snam is active in the transportation, distribution and storage of natural gas and regasification of liquefied natural gas (LNG). It manages a national transportation network covering more than 32,700 km, nine storage sites and one regasifier.

Snam owns the main gas infrastructure within Italy and is a key operator in Europe in terms of its regulatory asset base (estimated at approximately €21 billion at the end of 2020).<sup>6</sup>

The Company actively promotes the use of natural gas as a flexible, safe and low environmental impact energy source. Snam has launched various projects aimed at promoting the use of compressed natural gas (CNG), liquefied natural gas (LNG) and biomethane, the latter through the companies Renerwaste S.r.l., Iniziative Biometano S.p.A. and Enersi Sicilia S.r.l. During 2019, for the first time in Europe, Snam experimented with the introduction of a mixture of natural gas and hydrogen into the transmission network, first at 5% and then at 10% by volume. Snam also operates in the energy efficiency sector through its Subsidiaries TEP Energy Solution S.r.l., Mieci S.p.A. and Evolve S.p.A..

In recent years, Snam has increased its focus on the international scene. Through its investee companies in Austria (TAG and gCa), France (TEREGA), the United Kingdom (Interconnector UK) and Greece (DESFA), the Company manage over 41,000 kilometres of network and over 20 billion cubic metres of storage capacity, through 11 sites. It is also a shareholder in the TAP project, the European section of the pipeline linking Azerbaijan's fields with the European Union and has established the joint venture Albanian Gas Company Service Sh.A. in Albania with Albgaz SH.A.

For further information, see Section I, Paragraph 4, of the Report.



#### 2. THE STAGES OF A LONG JOURNEY

# 1941 SNAM IS BORN

On 30 October 1941, the National Methane Pipeline Company (Snam) for the construction and use of methane pipelines, and the distribution and sale of gas, was established. The project of italy's methanisation that will last until 1960 was launched.

### 1960 EXPANSION OF THE NETWORK

From 1960 to 1980, the network in Italy was quadrupled, reaching almost IS.OOOkm of total length in 1980.

# 1983 THE TRANSMED

The work of Transmed, the "record pipeline", which transports gas of Algerian origin through the Mediterranean and italy was completed.

# 1997 UPGRADING OF GAS PIPELINES

Snam completes the upgrading of the gas pipelines imported from Northern Europe and begins the construction of an additional import line from Russia and of the Greenstream, the undersea submarine gas pipeline imported from Libya.

# **2001** THE NEW NAMING AND ENTRY INTO THE STOCK EXCHANGE

Rete Gas Italia is established. It will later change its name to Snam Gas Network. GNL Italia is also established to manage the activities of GNL regasification. Finally, Snam shares are listed on the stock exchange.

# **2003** LIBERALISATION OF THE MARKET

Snam, following the European Directive 98/30/EC, decides to separate the transport and dispatching activities from all the other activities.

# **2007** THE FIRST SUSTAINABILITY REPORT

Publication of the first Group's Sustainability Report Sustainability Report and awarded the "Oscar" for the best 2007 Corporate Governance Report.

### **2009** ACQUISITION OF ITALGAS AND STOGIT

Snam acquires 100% of Stogit and Italgas from Eni for € 4,509 million.



# **2012** NEW CORPORATE STRUCTURE

New business name from Snam Rete Gas to Snam, maintaining the former for the gas transportation, dispatching, remote metering and measuring businesses.

The same year also saw the separation from Eni and the acquisition of 31.5% of Interconnector UK

### **2013** ACQUISITIONS

Since 2013, Snam has been making a series of acquisitions (TIGF, TAG and TAP) to expand its international presence.

#### 2016 THE NEW CEO

Marco Alverà is appointed CEO of Snam. In the same year, the Company separates from Italgas and acquires 49% of Gas Connect Austria.

### **2017** AGREEMENTS AND MEMORANDA

During 2017, Snam signs a framework agreement with Eni for the development of methane stations. In addition, it signs *Memoranda of Understanding* with foreign operators from a collaborative and strategic perspective. In the same year, it acquires ITA and AdriatlcLNG.

# 2018 THE NEW BRAND IDENTITY, DESFA and THE NEW BUSINESSES

Snam relaunches its brand identity renewing its logo and corporate values. It also defines the new purpose: "Energy to Inspire the World." In the same year, negotiations began for the acquisition of 66% of DESFA (Greece). Starting the same year, Snam begins to invest in biomethane, sustainable mobility.

### **2019** COMMITMENT TO ENERGY TRANSITION

Snam introduces for the first time a mix of hydrogen and natural gas in its transmission network. In addition, it creates a business unit entirely focused on the hydrogen business and approves the new Strategic Plan 2019-2023, assuming a key role in the energy transition for itself and the country.

### **2020** TOWARDS DECARBONISATION

Snam renews its commitment and increases investments in new businesses in favour of energy transition. The new 2020-2024 Strategic Plan is approved, which will lead to decarbonisation by 2040.



# Snam Today: an important past, a brilliant future, the story of Snam towards decarbonisation

For Snam, 2020 was a year of opportunities and challenges that the Group was able to seize and tackle, concluding it successfully and with many new developments for the future.

#### **New businesses**

Since the beginning of 2020, Snam has continued to develop and grow its new businesses (biomethane, energy efficiency, sustainable mobility and hydrogen) with a view to playing a leading role in the energy transition.

As evidence of this, in December 2020 Snam reached, with Cassa Depositi e Prestiti (CDP) and Eni, an agreement to jointly implement, along the entire value chain, integrated projects in the energy transition business.

Snam4Mobility, the Group's business unit for sustainable mobility, has continued its growth path both promoting the introduction and expansion of CNG mobility in Italy, and launching a project for the development of hydrogen trains, in collaboration with Alstom. Project activities will begin in 2021 and will include the creation of hydrogen-powered trains and the technological infrastructure needed to supply, operate and maintain them. In addition to the agreement with Alstom, a further agreement was signed with FS Italiane to evaluate the technical and economic feasibility and new business models related to the development and dissemination of hydrogen-powered rail transport in Italy.

Again with regard to sustainable mobility, Snam is committed to the H2iseO project, together with FNM and Trenord, which will allow to create in Lombardy, and in particular in Sebino and Valcamonica, the first Italian "Hydrogen Valley", equipping it, starting from 2023, with a fleet of hydrogen trains and related infrastructure.

With respect to the hydrogen business, in January 2020, the Group officially joined The Hydrogen Council, the global coalition of leading energy, industrial and transport companies committed to promoting the use of hydrogen for the energy transition.

In addition, in 2020 Snam continued to develop hydrogen applications in the industrial sector, believing in its potential as a fundamental energy vector for combating climate change and decarbonising industries.

In its commitment to the dissemination of technological solutions focused on the energy transition, involving green hydrogen<sup>7</sup> and the capture and re-use of CO2, Snam has developed various partnerships in order to acquire technical expertise, increase its technological positioning and be more competitive in new projects for the development of such initiatives.

<sup>7</sup> Green hydrogen means hydrogen obtained using only energy produced from renewable sources, such as solar, wind or recycled energy. It is obtained through a process of electrolysis, i.e. by separating the hydrogen and oxygen present in the water through a machine powered by electricity called an electrolyzer.



In this sense, in November, Snam acquired a stake in De Nora, a global innovator in sustainable energy and water treatment technologies, in addition to being a technology leader in alkaline electrodes and having significant expertise in electrochemistry. Further more, it has developed plans for a new energy transition investment platform to be launched in 2021, in which De Nora could be the first asset.

In December, Snam announced its participation in a global coalition of seven companies to launch the "Green Hydrogen Catapult" initiative, which aims to stimulate the development of 25 GW of green hydrogen production capacity by 2026 and thus halve current costs, bringing them below \$2 per kg, a threshold that would be the tipping point for making green hydrogen and its derivatives (such as green ammonia) the ideal energy resource for various sectors - from steel to fertilizer production, from power generation to long-distance navigation - where there is potential near-term demand in Europe and around the world.

Finally, the last important event concerns the launch of a project by Snam, Tenaris and Edison to test the production of steel with green hydrogen in order to contribute to the decarbonization of the steel industry. The project involves the introduction of green hydrogen into the Tenaris steelworks in Dalmine. In addition, the initiative could include the creation of a storage site for the storage of high-pressure hydrogen and the use of oxygen within the smelting process. All these activities will contribute to a significant reduction in CO2 emissions related to steel production.

With regard to the energy efficiency business, in October 2020 Snam4Efficiency has finalised the acquisition of 70% of Mieci S.p.A. and Evolve S.r.l., for a total value of approximately 50 million, thus increasing its portfolio of customers to whom it offers integrated and technological efficiency.

#### Internationalization

In 2020, Snam continued to pursue its internationalisation strategy by developing relationships in key countries for the expansion of its businesses.

In February, Snam and SOCAR, the Energy Company of the Republic of Azerbaijan, signed a cooperation agreement to study the development of renewable gas and-sustainable energy, also with a view to their future use in the Southern Corridor<sup>8</sup> and therefore in the Trans Adriatic Pipeline (TAP).

In July, Snam finalized one of the most important global transactions in the sector, involving a consortium, composed of Snam and five international funds with AD-NOC Gas Pipelines, to enter the networks of the United Arab Emirates.

In October 2020, Snam also announced its entry into the Israeli market with the launch of three new partnerships with Delek Drilling, Dan and H2Pro.

<sup>8</sup> The Southern Corridor is a 3,500 km route that crosses seven countries, transporting gas from the Caspian Sea to Italy.



Finally, in November 2020, Snam officially entered the Indian market following a number of cooperation agreements on energy transition, in particular hydrogen and sustainable mobility, with Adani Gas Limited, Greenko and Indian Oil.

#### Sustainability and CSR

In January 2020, Snam joined the 325 global companies included in Bloomberg's *Gender-Equality Index* (GEI) 2020, highlighting the Company's commitment to promoting and ensuring gender equality. In the same month, the Group was reconfirmed at the top of the CDP (formerly the Carbon Disclosure Project) sustainability index among the companies contributing to the fight against climate change, ranking in the "Climate Change A List".

In June 2020, Cassa Depositi e Prestiti and Snam announced the foundation of Arbolia, a benefit company for reforestation and, CO2 absorption on public administration and local authority land, supported financially by companies and individuals through the sale of planting services. The goal of the benefit company is to plant 3 million new trees by 2030, to absorb about 200 thousand tons of CO2. In the area of sustainable finance, in June 2020 Snam completed the issue of its first Transition Bond of €500 million, the proceeds of which will be used to finance energy transition projects that meet the eligibility criteria defined in the *Transition Bond Framework*. A second Transition Bond was issued in November 2020 for a total amount of €600 million. In addition, in September 2020, Snam contributed to the publication of the guidelines for finance and investments related to the SDGs as a founding member of the CFO Taskforce established under the Global Compact.

#### The new Strategic Plan

On 25 November 2020, Snam presented its new 2020-2024 Strategic Plan, *Towards Net Zero*. The new strategy essentially plans to lead Snam to carbon neutrality by 2040, to make the Group play a key role in decarbonisation and to continue to invest in new businesses with excellent growth prospects in the coming years. The new Plan has ambitious targets and objectives: Snam plans to reduce Scope 1 and Scope 2 greenhouse gas emissions by 50% by 2030, compared to 2018, and methane emissions by 45% by 2025, compared to 2015, in line with the United Nations Environmental Program (UNEP) framework. In order to achieve these objectives, the Group plans to invest €7.4 billion.

Moreover, the strategy also aims to continue what has already been started in 2019 for the strengthening of the core business and internationalization to confirm Snam's leading role at national and international level, also reaching countries outside Europe.



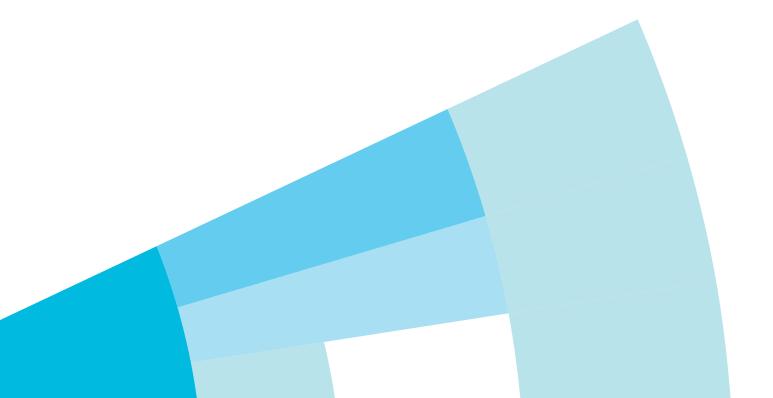
#### The COVID-19 pandemic

Snam and Snam Foundation have undertaken several actions to address the COVID-19 pandemic.

Since February 2020, at the beginning of the health emergency in Italy, Snam immediately set up an *ad hoc* team to manage the situation, in constant contact with the Civil Protection, in order to ensure the health and safety of its people and the continuity of the country's essential energy security service. Moreover, the Group has immediately activated *remote work* to limit the risks of direct contact in the offices.

In March 2020, in collaboration with the Snam Foundation, the Group allocated 20 million for initiatives to support the Italian healthcare system and the non-profit sector in dealing with the emergency. At the same time, the Foundation launched a fundraising campaign among Group employees through a payroll giving initiative, offering them the opportunity to contribute with a voluntary donation.

In April 2020, Snam through Snam4Mobility in collaboration with Wetaxi launched a delivery service using taxis powered by compressed natural gas (CNG), called "Taxi Green Solidali" ("Solidarity Green Taxis"), in order to contribute to the distribution of basic necessities in the area during the emergency on behalf of the associations ActionAid and Consorzio Proodos. In addition, in the same month, Snam and Accenture, through their Foundations, launched the "ImpattoSocialeReloaded" initiative to support start-ups with a social purpose and Service sector entities committed to rethinking and redesigning their activities in order to overcome the emergency, with a view to a *forward-looking* restart. The collaboration continued in May when, together with the Municipality of Milan, a project was launched to counter the impact of the COVID-19 emergency on the education sector, donating 150 laptops to 14 primary and secondary schools in Milan.





# 3. SNAM'S PRESENCE IN ITALY AND IN THE INTERNATIONAL INFRASTRUCTURE SYSTEM









1 TAG (84.47%) 3 parallel pipelines of 380 km each

#### **ODESFA**

2 DESFA (66% through Senfluga) 1,466 km of transportation network 2 entry point (Bulgaria and Turkey) 1 LNG entry point in Greece 1 LNG terminal

#### GAS CONNECT AUSTRIA

**3 GCA (49%** through AS Infrastruktur) 554 km of transportation network 315 km of distribution network

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4 Terēga (40.5%) 5,135 km of networks 5.8 Bcm of storage capacity (2.8 Bcm working gas)

#### interconnector <sup>©</sup>

5 Interconnector (23.54% through Snam International B.V.)
235 km between UK and Belgium

#### IRAN

Trans Adriation

**6** TAP (20%)

878 km (773 km on-shore and 105 km off-shore) between Greece-Turkey border and Italy, via Greece and Albania



7 ADNOC Gas Pipeline (49% in consortium)
20 years' operation rights, remunerated
by tariffs, on 982 km of network



**TANAP** 

RUSSIA

AZERBAIJAN

7ADNOC/

ABU DHABI (UAE)



# 4. GOVERNANCE AND SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT OF THE BUSINESS

The corporate governance serves to facilitate the creation of value for shareholders, while also accommodating the interests of the Company's stakeholders. Snam oversees matters of mutual interest and compliance with the rules and promotes a constructive dialogue with its stakeholders, with the ultimate aim of orienting its actions towards the creation of shared value.

The business is based on the principles established in the UN Universal Declaration of Human Rights, in the International Labour Organisation (ILO) fundamental Conventions and in the OECD Guidelines for Multinationals. The Company is aware that it plays a prominent role in the industrial sector and in the market in which it operates and that it assumes a role of responsibility in safeguarding the well-being of the people who work for the company (employees), who collaborate with it (suppliers) and the communities in which it operates. For this reason, Snam's approach to the issue of human rights is based on principles and criteria defined in the Human Rights Policy. The Company focuses, in particular, on the following rights: the right to health and to safe work; the right to personal well-being; the right to decent work and fair remuneration; the right to training; the right to freedom of association, of opinion and information; the right to non-discriminatory work and diversity; the right of local communities and the right to privacy.

Snam also adheres to the UN Global Compact, the world's biggest international sustainability initiative, which aims to promote and disseminate ten global ethical principles concerning human rights, the environment, workers' rights and anti-corruption. Finally, the commitment to sustainable development is also reflected in environmental protection as an integral part of the Company's policies. Snam intends to promote the co-existence of the environment and economic development, without neglecting land conservation.

Snam's shares are listed on the FTSE MIB index of Borsa Italiana and are present on the main international indices (STOXX Europe 600, STOXX Europe Utilities), and on the main sustainability indices (Dow Jones Sustainability, FTSE-4Good, CDP, Stoxx Global ESG Leaders, MSCI, United Nations Global Compact 100, Vigeo, Oekom and Sustainalytics).

In order to illustrate the value created and the sustainability of its business to its stakeholders in a transparent manner, Snam produces the following documents:

- (i) since 2006, a Sustainability Report in accordance with the most advanced standards of the Global Reporting Initiative:
- (ii) since 2015, a Management Report for the Financial Report, supplemented with financial and non-financial data and information, according to the recommendations of the framework proposed by the International Integrated Reporting Council (IIRC);
- (iii) since 2017, the Non-Financial Statement contained in the Management Report, pursuant to Legislative Decree No. 254 of 2016;
- (iv) since 2018, a document entitled "Financial Disclosure on Climate Change", drawn up in accordance with the recommendations of the Task Force on Climate-related Financial Disclosure established by the Financial Stability Board 9.

In addition, the Company's Articles of Association were recently amended to expressly provide for the principle of pursuing sustainable success among the goals which the Company's business activities must pursue, through the creation of long-term value to the benefit of shareholders and promoting, at the same time, the satisfaction of the interests of the stakeholders relevant to the Company.

The Financial Report is available on the Company's website at https://redazione-piw.snamretegas.priv/repository/ENG\_file/investor\_relations/reports/annual\_reports/2020/SNAM\_2020\_Annual\_Report.pdf

9 The Task Force on Climate-related Financial Disclosures (TCFD) was established in 2015 by the Financial Stability Board (FSB) – the body that promotes and monitors the stability of the global financial system – and tasked with drawing up a series of recommendations on reporting the risks of climate change. The aim is to guide and encourage companies to align the information they disclose with investors' expectations and needs.



The document entitled "Financial Disclosure on Climate and Change 2020" is available on the Company's website https://www.snam.it/export/sites/snam-rp/repository/ENG\_file/Sustainability/strategy\_commitments/Snam\_climate\_change 2020 uk.pdf

Snam publishes a Sustainability Report, drawn up in accordance with the GRI (Global Reporting Initiative) standards, which is considered an important tool for managing the sustainability process and communicating with stakeholders. The Sustainability Report is approved by Snam's Board of Directors<sup>10</sup>.

The Sustainability Report is available on the Company's website https://www.snam.it/export/sites/snam-rp/repository/ENG\_file/investor\_relations/reports/annual\_reports/2020/2020\_sustainability\_report.pdf

#### 5. CORPORATE GOVERNANCE AT SNAM

The **Corporate governance** of an enterprise consists of the rules and methods for the planning, management and control required for the functioning of the company.

Snam's corporate governance system was drafted by the Board of Directors in compliance with the legislation applicable to the Company<sup>11</sup>.

The system is based on key principles, such as proper and transparent business management implemented through (i) the definition of information flows between corporate bodies; (ii) efficient definition of the internal control and risk management system; and (iii) the adoption of an Enterprise Risk Management system (the "**ERM Model**"). This consists of rules and organisational structures aimed at identifying, measuring, managing and monitoring the main risks that could affect the achievement of the Company's strategic objectives.

10 For more information, see Section III of this Report.

Specifically, the legislation to which the Company is subject (i) as a listed issuer; (ii) as an entity adhering to the Corporate Governance Code; and (iii) as an entity adhering to the national and international best practices against which the Company measures itself. The corporate governance system also pays special attention to compliance with the Unbundling Regulations, in view of the specific features of the business conducted by Snam and by its Subsidiaries, subject to the regulation of ARERA.

The Company's **Articles of Association** define the governance model of the Company and the main rules of procedure of its corporate bodies.

Snam's current corporate governance model conforms to the traditional system of administration and control. It is composed of two bodies appointed by the Shareholders' Meeting<sup>12</sup>, i.e. the shareholders' decision-making body: the Board of Directors, vested with the broadest powers for the ordinary and extraordinary management of the Company; and the Board of Statutory Auditors, which supervises administration and compliance with the law and with the Articles of Association.<sup>13</sup>

The statutory audit of the financial statements as of 31 December 2020 was carried out by Deloitte & Touche S.p.A.as the external auditors appointed by the Shareholders' Meeting on the recommendation of the Board of Statutory Auditors, i.e.

The Board of Directors established the following four Committees, in compliance with the Corporate Governance Code and with the Articles of Association<sup>14</sup>:

- The Control and Risk and Related-Party Transactions Committee;
- Remuneration Committee;
- Appointments Committee;
- Environmental, Social & Governance Committee ("ESG").

The Articles of Association can be consulted on the Company's website https://www.snam.it/en/governance-conduct/corporate-governance/bylaws/

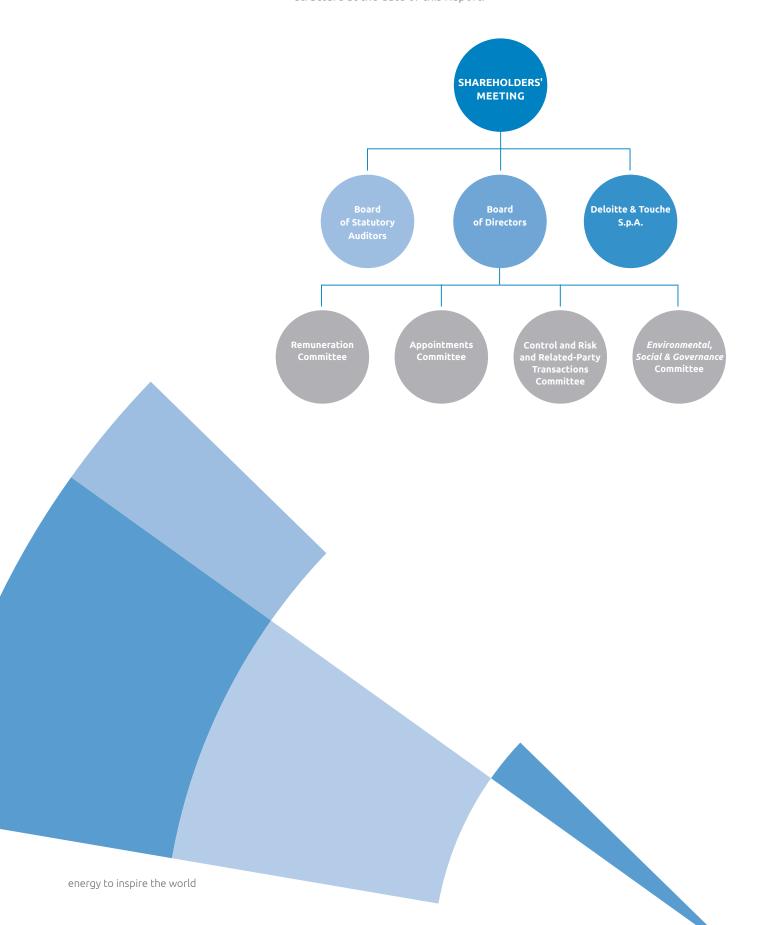
<sup>12</sup> For further information, see Section III, Paragraph 1 of the Report.

<sup>3</sup> For further information, see Section III, Paragraph 4 of the Report.

<sup>14</sup> For further information on the Board of Directors, see Section III, Paragraph 2 of this Report; for further information on the Committees, see Section III. Paragraph 3.



The following is a graphic representation of the Company's corporate governance structure at the date of this Report:





#### 6. CODE OF ETHICS

The Code of Ethics defines a shared value system, expresses Snam's business ethics culture and it forms the basis for the Company's strategic thinking and the conduct of its business. <sup>15</sup> In particular, the Code of Ethics:

- expresses the values with which Snam identifies, such as compliance with the law, transparency, honesty, fairness, good faith, and full compliance with the rules on the protection of competition;
- ii. contains rules of conduct for relations with stakeholders (employees, customers, shareholders, commercial and financial partners, and the community where the Company is present with its activities);
- iii. prohibits, without exception, any form of corruption, illegal favours, collusive conduct, and the solicitation, directly and/or through third parties, of personal and career benefits for oneself or others.

The Code of Ethics represents, among other things, a mandatory general principle of the 231 Model. The Board of Directors has assigned to the Supervisory Body <sup>16</sup> the role of Code of Ethics Supervisor, to which the following may be submitted: be presented:

- requests for clarification and interpretation of the principles contained in the Code of Ethics;
- suggestions relating to the application of the Code of Ethics;
- notifications of breaches of the Code of Ethics.

The Code of Ethics is available on the Company's website (http://www.snam.it/export/sites/snam-rp/repository/file/Governance/codice-etico/Codice Etico.pdf)

<sup>15</sup> The Code of Ethics was most recently approved by the Board of Directors on 30 July 2013.

<sup>16</sup> The Supervisory Body was established pursuant to Legislative Decree No. 231 of 8 June 2001.



## SECTION II SNAM'S OWNERSHIP STRUCTURE



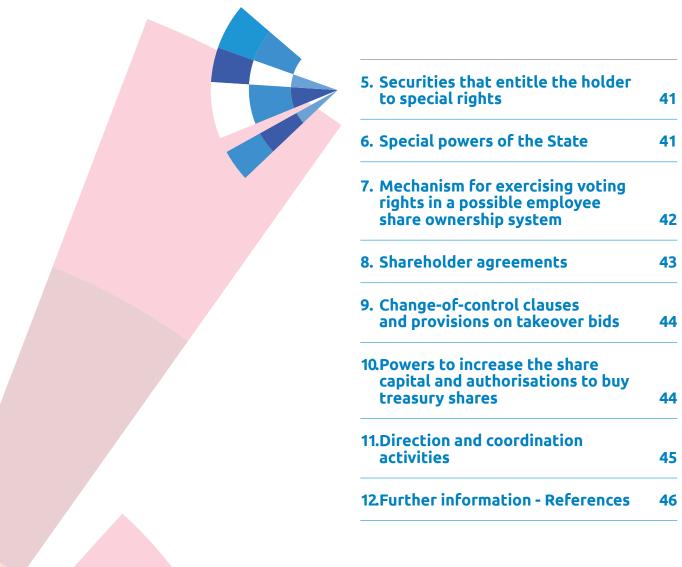


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## 1. STRUCTURE OF SHARE CAPITAL AND CHANGES IN SHAREHOLDER STRUCTURE AND MARKET CAPITALISATION

The fully subscribed and paid-up share capital is €2,735,670,475.56, divided into 3,360,857,809 ordinary registered shares, with no nominal value indicated.

Share class	No. of shares	Proportion of share capital (%)	Listing market	Rights and obligations
Ordinary shares with no nominal value	3,360,857,809	100	Mercato Telematico Azionario (the screen-based equity market) organised and managed by Borsa Italiana S.p.A.	The shares are indivisible, and each share entitles the holder to one vote. Shareholders may exercise corporate and ownership rights, subject to the limits set by the regulations in force and by the Articles of Association

As at 31 December 2020, the Company held 90,642,115 treasury shares, equal to 2.697% of the share capital. The floating capital was 64.9%.

The Company's market capitalisation increased from 15,428 million euro as at 31 December 2019 to15,046 million euro as at 31 December 2020 (based on an official price of 4.618 euro per share and a total number of outstanding shares of: 3,270,215,694).

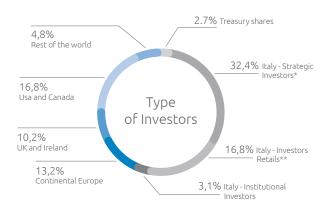
## 2. BREAKDOWN OF SHAREHOLDER STRUCTURE BY GEOGRAPHICAL AREA

The table shows a breakdown of the shareholder structure by geographical area<sup>17</sup>.

Shareholding area	Proportion of share capital (%)
Italy	55.0
Rest of continental Europe	13.2
USA and Canada	16.8
UK and Ireland	10.2
Rest of the world	4.8
Total	100.00

<sup>17</sup> The table was prepared based on the information available to the Company on the date of approval of the Report.





- \* Italian strategic shareholders include the Bank of Italy and CDP Reti
- \*\* Italian retail shareholders include the interest of Romano Minozzi

#### 3. SIGNIFICANT SHAREHOLDINGS

The table below shows shareholders with equity investments of more than 1% in Snam's share capital<sup>18</sup>, as indicated by the information available to the Company.

Declarant	Direct shareholder	Proportion of ordinary share capital (%)
CDP S.p.A.	CDP RETI S.p.A. <sup>(1)</sup>	31.352
	Minozzi Romano	3.772
MINOZZI	Iris Ceramica Group S.p.A.	2.526
MINOZZI ROMANO	GranitiFiandre S.p.A.	0.835
	Finanziaria Ceramica Castellarano S.p.A.	0.326
		Totale: 7.459
BLACKROCK INC.		5.161
LAZARD ASSET MANAGEMENT LLC.		4.968
NORGES BANK		1.729
BANCA D'ITALIA		1.015
SNAM S.p.A.	SNAM S.p.A.	2.697

<sup>(1)</sup> Company in which CDP S.p.A. holds 59.1% and State Grid Europe Limited holds 35%, with the remaining 5.9% held by Italian institutional investors.

<sup>18</sup> Pursuant to Article 120, paragraph 2-bis, of TUF, Consob resolution No. 21326 of 09 April 2020 introduced the additional threshold of 1% of Snam's share capital, for a period of three months after the Consob resolution comes into force and subject to early revocation, subsequently deferred with Consob resolution No. 21525 until 13 January 2021.



## 4. RESTRICTIONS ON THE TRANSFER OF SHARES AND VOTING RIGHTS

The Articles of Association do not establish any restrictions on the transfer or limitations on the ownership of shares of the Company. However, the provisions of law described below do establish a number of restrictions on the transfer and ownership of shares in Snam.

#### 4.1 Unbundling Regulations

The Prime Ministerial Decree of 25 May 2012, as amended by the Prime Ministerial Decree of 15 November 2019(the "**DPCM**"), establishes the "criteria, conditions and procedures which Snam S.p.A. is required to follow to adopt the ownership unbundling model of the national gas transportation network and ensure the full separation of Snam S.p.A. from vertically integrated companies producing and supplying natural gas and electricity".

In accordance with the *ownership unbundling* regime, on 15 October 2012, CDP RETI S.p.A. (then a wholly-owned subsidiary of CDP S.p.A.) acquired 30%, minus one share, of Snam's share capital from Eni S.p.A.. Eni S.p.A. subsequently reduced its interest and now does not have a stake in the Company's capital.

In order to ensure that Snam is fully separated, the DPCM<sup>19</sup> also provides that:

(i) even if Snam is included in "separate management" activities of CDP S.p.A., all decisions relating to the management of equity investments in Snam are adopted by the Board of Directors of CDP S.p.A. as if the equity investment were part of its "ordinary management" operations, i.e. the Ministry of Economy and Finance will have no power to guide such decisions and the members of the Board of Directors of CDP S.p.A. in charge of "separate management" activities will not be able to influence them;

(ii) the members of the administrative or control bodies, as well as those with managerial functions at Eni S.p.A. or its subsidiaries, may not be members of the administrative or control bodies or hold managerial positions at Cassa Depositi e Prestiti S.p.A. or Snam S.p.A. or their subsidiaries, if the latter operate in the natural gas transport or electricity transmission sector, nor may they have any direct or indirect professional or financial relationship with such companies; similarly, members of the administrative or control bodies, and those with managerial positions at Cassa Depositi e Prestiti S.p.A. who have a direct or indirect professional or financial relationship with companies operating in the natural gas transport or electricity transmission sector, at Snam S.p.A., Terna S.p.A. and their subsidiaries operating in the natural gas transport or electricity transmission sector, may not be members of the administrative or control bodies or hold managerial positions at Eni S.p.A. or its subsidiaries, nor enter any direct or indirect professional or financial relationship with these companies.

The voting rights attached to shares acquired (including through deeds, transactions or agreements of any kind), as well as to shares already held, directly or indirectly, by gas and/or electricity producers or suppliers or by their parent companies, subsidiaries or associates pursuant to the Italian Civil Code, and any powers of appointment pertaining to them, shall be restricted in compliance with the applicable legislation<sup>20</sup>, which governs the ownership unbundling model. This article provides that the same party (whether a natural person or legal entity) may not:

(i) exercise control, directly or indirectly, over an undertaking that produces or supplies natural gas or electricity and at the same time exercise control or rights, directly or indirectly, over a natural gas or electricity transmission system operator or over a natural gas or electricity transmission system;

<sup>20</sup> In this regard, see Article 19 of Legislative Decree No. 93 of 1 June 2011 "Implementation of Directives 2009/72/EC, 2009/73/EC and 2008/92/EC on common rules for the internal market in electricity, natural gas and a Community procedure on the transparency of prices to the industrial final consumer of gas and electricity, and repeal of Directives 2003/54/EC and 2003/55/EC".



(ii) appoint members of the Supervisory Body, the Board of Directors or the bodies that legally represent the Company within a transport system operator or a transport system and, simultaneously, directly or indirectly control or hold rights over natural gas production or supply operations<sup>21</sup>.

In accordance with the aforementioned provisions, the shareholders that produce and sell gas and/or electricity are forbidden from exercising voting rights at the Company's Shareholders' Meetings. Therefore, they hold only the ownership rights to the shares they hold in Snam.

As a result of the legislative changes and Eni S.p.A.'s consequent loss of control over Snam, on 14 November 2013, ARERA adopted Resolution 515/2013/R/gas, implementing its decision to definitively certify Snam Rete Gas as a natural gas transportation system operator under the ownership unbundling regime. By Resolution 318/2016/R/GAS of 16 June 2016, adopted following CDP S.p.A.'s sale of shares in CDP RETI S.p.A. to the company State Grid Europe Limited, ARERA confirmed that the requirements laid down in the applicable ownership unbundling regulations in force continued to be met.

Finally, by resolution 589/2018/R/GAS of 20 November 2018, ARERA certified Infrastructure Trasporto Gas S.p.A., acquired by Snam (which owns 100% of the share capital) in October 2017, as a natural gas transportation system operator under the ownership unbundling regime.

Following the acquisition by Snam, through its subsidiary Snam 4 Environment, of an 83% stake in Renerwaste S.r.l, one of the largest companies active in Italy in biogas and biomethane infrastructure, Snam Rete Gas S.p.A. and Infrastrutture Trasporto Gas S.p.A. filed an application and the documentation required by Resolution ARG/Com 153/11, in order to be re-certified as operators of a transportation system according to the model of ownership unbundling pursuant to Article 9 of Legislative Decree No. 93/2011, as well as pursuant to Articles 19 et seq. of Attachment A to Resolution 153/11. The re-certification process was still in progress at the date of this Report.

## 5. SECURITIES THAT ENTITLE THE HOLDER TO SPECIAL RIGHTS

The Company's Articles of Association do not provide for the issuance of multiple voting shares or loyalty shares. The Company has not issued any securities that entitle the holder to special control rights.

#### 6. SPECIAL POWERS OF THE STATE

**Decree-Law No. 21 of 15 March 2012**<sup>22</sup> affects regulation of the so-called special powers by re-writing the conditions and methods of the exercise of special government powers over strategic assets in the energy, transport and communications sectors, in order to bring the national regulations into line with the rules laid down the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union. This legislation grants powers of intervention to the government to protect the country's legitimate, strategic and essential interests.

With regard to the energy sector, Decree-Law No. 21 of 15 March 2012 (as last amended by Decree-Law No. 23 of 8 April 2020 on urgent measures regarding, inter alia, special powers in strategic sectors, applicable until 30 June 2021) confers on the Government: (i) a power of veto over resolutions, actions or operations adopted by companies that own strategic assets in the energy sector, provided that such resolutions, actions or operations result in a loss of control or availability of the assets or a change in their use; and (ii) a power to impose certain duties or to oppose the acquisition of controlling shareholdings or shareholdings higher than certain thresholds in said companies.

<sup>21</sup> Such rights include the power to exercise voting rights and to appoint members of the Supervisory Body, Board of Directors or bodies that legally represent the company.

Decree-Law No. 21 of March 15, 2012, converted into Law No. 56 of May 11, 2012, subsequently amended by Decree-Law No. 148 of 16 October 2017, - converted with amendments by Law No. 172 of 4 December 2017 -, by Decree-Law No. 105 of 21 September 2019 - converted with amendments by Law No. 133 of 18 November 2019 - by Decree-Law No. 23 of 8 April 2020, sets out rules on the exercise of special powers over corporate structures in the defence and national security sectors, as well as for activities of strategic importance in the energy, transport and communications sectors, most recently extended until 30 June 2021 by Law No. 176 of 18 December 2020, which converted into law Decree-Law No. 137 of 28 October 2020 ("Ristori Decree") as well as, most recently, the DPCM No. 179 of December 18, 2020, by which the assets and relationships of strategic importance for the national interest in the newly introduced sectors referred to in Reg. EU 2019/452 and the DPCM No. 180 of 23 December 2020 which identifies assets of strategic importance in the energy, transport and communications sectors.



As far as Snam is concerned, provision is made for the following duties of disclosure:

- (i) in the event of changes to the ownership, control, availability or destination of the networks, plants, assets and relationships that are strategically important for the national interest (the "Core Assets")<sup>23</sup>. Resolutions passed by the Shareholders' Meeting or the management bodies concerning the transfer of Subsidiaries that hold the aforementioned Core Assets must be reported within the same time frame. If, after a period of 45 days<sup>24</sup> from the notification<sup>25</sup>, the Prime Minister has not notified any veto or imposed provisions or conditions aimed at ensuring the protection of the public interest, the transaction may be carried out;
- (ii) in the event of the acquisition of shareholdings in a company that holds Core Assets<sup>26</sup>.
- If the acquisition poses the threat of serious harm to the fundamental interests of the State, or a danger to security or public order<sup>27</sup>, the Prime Minister may:
- (i) make the validity of the acquisition conditional on the acquirer's assumption of commitments intended to guarantee the protection of the aforementioned interests;
- (ii) oppose the acquisition, in exceptional cases involving risks to the protection of the aforementioned interests that cannot be eliminated through the assumption of specific commitments.

The applicable law also provides that such powers may be exercised "exclusively on the basis of objective and non-discriminatory criteria".

## 7. MECHANISM FOR EXERCISING VOTING RIGHTS IN A POSSIBLE EMPLOYEE SHARE OWNERSHIP SYSTEM

There are no plans for an employee share ownership system.

- 23 Article 2 of Decree-Law No. 21 of 15 March 2012 provides for the identification of assets considered important for the national interest in the energy, transport and communication sectors, as well as assets and relationships of national interest in the sectors referred to in Article 4, paragraph 1 of the Regulation (EU) 2019/452, through one or more regulations adopted with the Decree of the President of the Council of Ministers. On 30 December 2020, the Official Gazette published the two decrees implementing Article 2, paragraphs 1 and 1-bis of Decree-Law 21/2012, as approved by the Council of Ministers on 18 and 23 December 2020, which identify: (i) assets and relationships of national interest in the sectors under article 4, paragraph 1 of the Regulation (EU) 2019/452 of the European Parliament and the Council of 19 March 2019 (Decree of the President of the Council of Ministers No. 179 of 18 December 2020) and (ii) assets of a strategic relevance in the energy transport and communication sectors (Decree of the President of the Council of Ministers no. 180 of 23 December 2020 replacing Presidential Decree no. 85 of 25 March 2014). Specifically, the Core Assets include the national natural gas transportation network and the relative compressor stations, dispatch centres, gas storage plants, onshore and offshore LNG regasification plants and management activities associated with the use of the above networks and infrastructure. On the other hand, the assets and relationships of national interest in the sectors under article 4, paragraph 1, of Regulation (EU) 2019/452, include, in particular, coastal deposits of crude oil and petroleum products with a capacity equal to or greater than one hundred thousand cubic meters used for the domestic market, LNG storage  $\,$ infrastructures with a capacity equal to or greater than ten thousand cubic meters, platforms for the management of wholesale markets for natural gas, economic activities of strategic importance carried out in the energy sector, exercised by companies that achieve an annual net turnover of not less than Euro 300 million and have an average annual number of employees of not less than two hundred and fifty units.
- 24 If it becomes necessary to request information from the company, the time limit may be suspended only once until receipt of the requested information, which is provided within ten days.
- 25 The Company notifies the Prime Minister within ten days of adoption of any resolution, act or operation affecting the Core Assets and, in any case, before it is implemented.
- 26 Article 15, paragraph 1, of Legislative Decree No. 23 of 8 April 2020, in order to counter the epidemiological emergency from COVID-19 and contain its negative effects, provided that, until 30 June 2021, the notification obligation applies "to purchases for any reason of shareholdings, by foreign entities, including those belonging to the European Union, of such importance as to determine the permanent establishment of the purchaser by reason of the assumption of control of the company whose shareholding is the object of the purchase, pursuant to Article 2359 of the Italian Civil Code and the Consolidated Act referred to in Legislative Decree No. 58 of 24 February 1998, as well as acquisitions of shareholdings by foreign parties not belonging to the European Union, which attribute a share of the voting rights or of the capital of at least 10 per cent, taking into account the shares or quotas already directly or indirectly held, and the total value of the investment is equal to or greater than £ 1 million, and acquisitions which determine the exceeding of the thresholds of 15 per cent, 20 per cent, 25 per cent and 50 per cent are also notified".
- 27 Article 14 of Decree-Law No. 148/2017, converted by law No. 172 of 4 December 2017, has partially amended the provisions of art. 2 of Decree-Law No. 21/2012. To this end, it is established that" in order to determine whether a foreign investment may affect security or public order, consideration may be given to the fact that the foreign investor is controlled by the government of a third country, not belonging to the European Union, including through significant financing".



#### 8. SHAREHOLDER AGREEMENTS

The main direct shareholder of Snam is CDP RETI S.p.A. the main shareholders of which are CDP S.p.A. (59.1%) and State Grid Europe Limited ("SGEL") (35%), a company wholly owned by State Grid International Development Limited. CDP S.p.A., SGEL and State Grid International Development Limited are parties to a shareholders' agreement dated 27 November 2014 (the "Shareholders' Agreement").

The Shareholders' Agreement was first amended on 7 November 2016, following the completion of the partial and proportionate demerger to Italgas S.p.A. of the shareholding of Snam in Italgas Reti S.p.A., which was completed on 7 November 2016 (the "Demerger"), in order to i) reflect the new corporate structure of the group headed by CDP RETI S.p.A.; (ii) extend the provisions of the Shareholders' Agreement to cover new investee company Italgas; and (iii) to coordinate the content of the Shareholders' Agreement with the provisions of the shareholders' agreement signed on 20 October 2016 between CDP RETI S.p.A., CDP Gas S.r.l. and Snam concerning all the shares held by CDP RETI S.p.A., CDP Gas S.r.l. and Snam in Italgas.<sup>28</sup> The Shareholders' Agreement was last updated on 23 May 2017 to note the sale by CDP S.p.A. to CDP RETI S.p.A. of the entirety of the shareholding of CDP S.p.A. in Italgas S.p.A. and in Snam. In particular, on 1 May 2017, the merger by incorporation of CDP GAS S.r.l. into CDP S.p.A. came into effect, and CDP S.p.A. thus took over the ownership of the Snam and Italgas shares owned by CDP GAS on that date. Given the above, on 19 May 2017, CDP S.p.A. transferred both the entire shareholding in Italgas and the entire shareholding in Snam to CDP RETI S.p.A.

28 The shareholders' agreement applying to the equity investments held in Italgas by CDP RETI S.p.A., CDP Gas S.r.l. and Snam came into effect on 7 November 2016 and governs, inter alia, the exercise of voting rights attached to the syndicated shares, the creation of an "Advisory Committee" to make decisions on the exercise of voting rights attached to the syndicated shares at Italgas Shareholders' Meeting, the obligations and methods for the formation and submission, through this Advisory Committee, of a joint list for the appointment of members of Italgas' Board of Directors, and certain restrictions on the sale and purchase of Italgas shares.

Specifically with regard to the Consultation Committee, the Italgas Shareholders' Agreement provides that it is to be composed of 5 members, 4 of whom are appointed by CDP RETI S.p.A. (namely 3 members, including the chairman of the committee, representing CDP S.p.A., and 1 member representing SGEL) and 1 member appointed by Snam. The voting rights associated with the shares syndicated under the shareholders' agreement will be exercised pursuant to the resolutions adopted by the Advisory Committee: the parties have therefore undertaken to confer on the Committee chairman a general power of attorney to exercise these voting rights at the relevant shareholders' meetings of Italgas, pursuant to the resolutions adopted by the Advisory Committee.

The Shareholders' Agreement - which contains significant provisions pursuant to art. No. 122, paragraphs 1 and 5, letters a) and b), of TUF - has been published in accordance with the relevant legislation.

The Shareholders' Agreement – which has a term of three years from the signing date, and will renew automatically for successive three-year periods, unless one of the parties withdraws – governs, inter alia, certain aspects relating to Snam's corporate governance. Specifically:

- as long as SGEL holds a shareholding of at least 20% in CDP RETI S.p.A., it shall be entitled to appoint a candidate to be included on the list of candidates for the office of director of Snam, which will be submitted by CDP RETI S.p.A. at the Shareholders' Meeting called to appoint members of the Board of Directors;
- SGEL's candidate must be included on the list submitted by CDP RETI in a position that guarantees his/her appointment to the position of director of Snam if the CDP RETI S.p.A. list obtains a majority of votes at the Shareholders' Meeting;
- SGEL has undertaken to ensure that the director it appoints to Snam's Board of Directors (if and to the extent that said director is not independent pursuant to Article 148 of TUF) shall refrain, to the maximum extent permitted by law, from receiving information and/or documentation from Snam in relation to matters on which there is a conflict of interests for SGEL and/or any affiliated party, in relation to business opportunities in which Snam on the one hand, and SGEL and/or an affiliated party on the other, have an interest and may be in competition. Furthermore, the said director may not take part in the discussions of the said matters at the Board of Directors of Snam.

The essential information pertaining to the Shareholders' Agreement is available on the Company's website(http://www.snam.it/it/investor-relations/azionariato/patti\_parasociali/).



## 9. CHANGE-OF-CONTROL CLAUSES AND PROVISIONS ON TAKEOVER BIDS

Snam and its Subsidiaries have entered into loan agreements containing specific clauses applicable in the event of a change of control of the Company.

Specifically, these are bank financing agreements that allow the other party to terminate the contract prematurely, either after an entity or entities acting in concert, other than CDP S.p.A., gain control of Snam, or when this also entails a downgrade of Snam's credit rating to below predetermined thresholds following this acquisition of control.<sup>29</sup>

#### Article 104, paragraph 1 of TUF:

"Unless authorised by the ordinary or extraordinary shareholders' meeting for the relevant resolutions, listed Italian companies whose securities are subject to the offer shall refrain from acts or operations that may conflict with the achievement of the objectives of the offer. [...] Merely seeking other offers does not constitute an act or operation that conflicts with the objectives of the offer"

The Articles of Association do not provide for any exceptions to the provisions on the passivity rule provided for by Article 104, paragraphs 1 and 2 of TUF.

Nor do they provide for the application of the neutralisation rules set out in Article 104- bis, paragraphs 2 and 3 of TUF.

#### Article 104 - bis, paragraph 2 of TUF:

"During the period of acceptance of the offer, the restrictions on the transfer of securities laid down in the Articles of Association shall not have any effect on the offerer, nor shall any restrictions on the right to vote laid down in the Articles of Association or shareholders' agreements have any effect in shareholders' meetings called to decide on the acts and operations provided for in Article 104 [...]"

## 10. POWERS TO INCREASE THE SHARE CAPITAL AND AUTHORISATIONS TO BUY TREASURY SHARES

The Company's Board of Directors does not have the power to increase the share capital.<sup>30</sup> The Articles of Association provide that the Company may issue shares, including special classes of shares, to be allotted free of charge.<sup>31</sup>

The Company's Ordinary Shareholders' Meeting of 18 June 2020 revoked the unimplemented part of the authorisation granted on 02 April 2019 and authorised a plan to purchase treasury shares for a maximum outlay of €500 million, without in any case exceeding 6.5% of the share capital subscribed and paid in respect of the treasury shares already held by the Company, to be carried out, on one or more occasions, within 18 (eighteen) months of the date of the shareholders' meeting.

The authorisation to purchase treasury shares is for the following purposes: (i) to provide the Company with a tool for financial and strategic flexibility in order to increase shareholder value, including by improving the Company's financial structure; (ii) to undertake activities to promote liquidity and manage the volatility of the Company's share price and, in particular, to act in the context of contingent market situations; (iii) as part of actions related to future industrial and financial projects consistent with the strategies that the Company intends to pursue, including by means of the exchange, trading, contribution, sale or other act of disposal of treasury shares for the acquisition of equity investments or share packages, for industrial projects or other extraordinary financial transactions involving the allocation or disposal of treasury shares; and (iv) the execution of stock option plans of the Company and any future share incentive plans.<sup>32</sup>

<sup>29</sup> Further information on the financial agreements can be found in the 2019 Annual Financial Report, under Note 26, "Guarantees, commitments and risks- Management of financial risks", of the Notes to the consolidated financial statements.

<sup>30</sup> In this regard, see Article 2443 of the Italian Civil Code.

<sup>31</sup> In this regard, see Article 2349 of the Italian Civil Code.

<sup>32</sup> Transaction performed pursuant to Articles 2357 and 2357-ter of the Italian Civil Code and Article 132 of TUF.



## 11. DIRECTION AND COORDINATION ACTIVITIES

The shareholder CDP S.p.A. declared, in its 2014 Annual Financial Report, with effect from the reporting date of the financial statements as of 31 December 2014, the existence of a de facto controlling stake in Snam S.p.A. in accordance with IFRS 10 – Consolidated Financial Statements. Snam is not directed or coordinated by any other entity. In particular, with a communication dated 30 October 2013, CDP S.p.A. formally declared to ARERA:

- (i) that it does not exercise direction and coordination activities with regard to Snam and its Subsidiaries;
- (ii) that it only exercises administrative and ownership rights with respect to Snam as a shareholder, without the power to influence or limit in any way the free management choices of the administrative body of Snam and its Subsidiaries, including with regard to investments, business plans and commercial strategies;
- (iii) that it does not receive any commercially sensitive or inside information on the activity of Snam and its Subsidiaries, except for information made available to all market operators in equal measure and without discrimination. 33

By resolution of 1 August 2019, the Board of Directors of CDP S.p.A. reclassified this participatory relationship with Snam as de facto control, also pursuant to Article 2359, paragraph 1, No. 2) of the Italian Civil Code and Article 93 of TUF. CDP S.p.A. has confirmed that it does not exercise direction and coordination activities with regard to Snam and its Subsidiaries.

Snam exercises direction and coordination activity with regard to its Subsidiaries, with the exception of Renerwaste S.r.l., Renerwaste Lodi S.r.l., Ecoprogetto Milano S.p.A. and Ecoprogetto Tortona S.r.l..

On 11 December 2018, Snam's Board of Directors adopted the Corporate Governance guidelines (the "Guidelines"), with the aim of consolidating and streamlining all regulations, guidelines and internal rules relating to corporate governance through which the direction and coordination activity within the Snam Group is carried out, specifying their interpretation and simplifying their implementation.

The Corporate Governance Guidelines contain provisions on **direction and coordination activities** within the Snam Group that define a standard framework for governance structures, as well as organisational and managerial rules intended to enhance the role played by Snam as an entity that performs direction and coordination activities strategically, while also considering the legal autonomy and principles of proper corporate and business management of its Subsidiaries.

In particular, the Corporate Governance Guidelines contain:

- (a) the principles, content, tools and operating methods of the strategic activity carried out by Snam with respect to its Subsidiaries, in accordance with its corporate governance system and the characteristics of its organisational structure;
- (b) the criteria, roles and responsibilities for conferring, exercising and revoking the delegated powers and powers of representation to persons operating within the scope and in the interest of Snam and its Subsidiaries;
- (c) the roles, responsibilities and procedures for conferring, managing and revoking mandates to the entity responsible for the statutory audit of Snam and its Subsidiaries;
- (d) a description of information flows aimed at (i) ensuring the transparency of the management of the Company; (ii) ensuring the conditions for the effective and efficient management and control of the Company's activities and business operations by the Board of Directors; and (iii) providing the Board of Statutory Auditors with the information required for the efficient execution of its supervisory role.



The Corporate Governance Guidelines also refer to other documents adopted as part of direction and coordination activities.

This document outlines, among other things, the principles of proper corporate and business management adopted by Snam in the exercise of management and coordination activities over its Subsidiaries including, *inter alia*:

- compliance with general legislation, self-regulatory rules and the applicable industry regulations;
- control of corporate risks;
- transparency with regard to the market;
- harmonisation in the management of the Snam Group;
- maximisation of value for shareholders;
- a focus on qualified stakeholders in the areas in which the Snam Group operates;
- confidentiality obligations.

The Corporate Governance Guidelines are adopted by the Boards of Directors of the Subsidiary Companies.

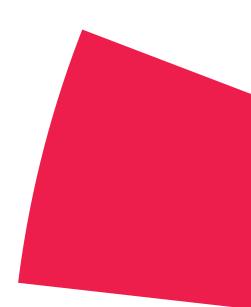
The essential information pertaining to the Shareholders' Agreement is available on the Company's website http://www.snam.it/export/sites/snam-rp/repository/file/Governance/sistema\_corporate\_governance/169\_18\_snm\_linee\_guida\_corp\_gov\_03.pdf

### 12. FURTHER INFORMATION - REFERENCES

Information<sup>34</sup> on the agreements between the Company and the directors which provide for compensation in the event of resignation or dismissal without just cause or if their employment ends as a consequence of a takeover bid can be found in the specific Remuneration Policy Report, published as required by law.

The Remuneration Report is available on the Company's website www.snam.it/repository/ENG\_file/Governance/remuneration/Remuneration\_Report\_2021.pdf

The information<sup>35</sup> relating to the rules applicable to the appointment and replacement of directors and to the amendment of the Articles of Association, if different from the legislative and regulatory provisions that are additionally applicable, can be found in Section III, Paragraph 2 of this Report on the Board of Directors.



<sup>34</sup> In this regard, see the information required by Article 123- bis, paragraph 1, letter i) of TUF.

<sup>35</sup> In this regard, see the information required by Article 123- bis, paragraph 1, letter l) of TUF.





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## 1. SHAREHOLDERS' MEETING AND SHAREHOLDERS' RIGHTS

#### 1.1 Overview and quorums

The Shareholders' Meeting is the shareholders' decision-making body<sup>36</sup>.

Shareholders' Meetings are privileged corporate meetings between the Company's management and its shareholders. The Shareholders' Meeting, with different quorums, may meet in ordinary or extraordinary session, depending on the agenda items and issues to be approved. The Articles of Association provide that Shareholders' Meetings shall be held on a single call, whether in ordinary or extraordinary session.

#### Ordinary Shareholders' Meeting (single call)

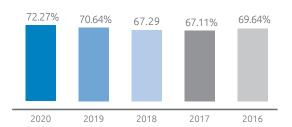
Constituent quorum	Quorum to pass resolution
Not applicable	A majority of those in attendance in person or by proxy <sup>37</sup>

#### Extraordinary Shareholders' Meeting (single call)

Constituent quorum	Quorum to pass resolution
At least one-fifth of the share capital	At least three-quarters of the share capital represented at the Shareholders' Meeting

The following table shows the attendance rates at Ordinary and Extraordinary Shareholders' Meetings held from the 2016 financial year.

## Attendance percentages at the 2016 - 2020 Shareholders' Meeting (% of share capital)



- 36 In this regard, see Article 12 of the Articles of Association.
- 37 With the exception of specific matters that require a majority of three-quarters of the share capital.

#### 1.2 Shareholders' Meeting regulations

Snam established its Shareholders' Meeting Regulations in 2001.

The Shareholders' Meeting Regulations are available on the Company's website (http://www.snam.it/export/sites/snam-rp/repository/file/Governance/organi\_sociali/assemblea\_azionisti/regolamento\_assemblee.pdf)

For a description of the regulations for Shareholders' Meetings, see Annex 2 to this Report.

#### 1.3 Shareholder's Meetings held in 2020

The Shareholders' Meeting took place only once in 2020: on 18 June, in both extraordinary and ordinary session.

- (i) in ordinary session, the Shareholders' Meeting resolved:
  - to approve the financial statements as at 31 December 2019, allocation of profit for the year and distribution of the dividend;
  - to appoint Nicola Bedin as Director and Chairman of the Board of Directors, to replace Luca Dal Fabbro;
  - to authorise the purchase and sale of treasury shares, subject to revocation of the authorisation granted by the Ordinary Shareholders' Meeting on 02 April 2019;
  - to approve the remuneration policy and remuneration paid pursuant to Article 123- ter of TUF;
  - to approve the 2020-2022 Long-Term Share-Based Incentive Plan;
- (ii) in extraordinary session, the Shareholders' Meeting approved the cancellation of 33,983,107 treasury shares with no nominal value, without reducing the share capital, and the consequent amendment of Article 5.1 of the Articles of Association.<sup>38</sup>

In view of the health emergency from the "COVID-19" epidemic and taking into account the measures aimed at containing the contagion, the Company availed itself of the option provided for by Article 106, paragraph 4, of Decree-Law No. 18 of 17 March 2020, concerning "Measures to strengthen the National Health Service and economic support for families, workers and businesses related to the

<sup>38</sup> Article 5.1 of the Articles of Association, as amended by the Extraordinary Shareholders' Meeting on 18 June 2020, is set out below: "The share capital is €2,735,670,475.56 (two billion seven hundred and thirty-five million six hundred and seventy thousand four hundred and seventy-five point fifty-six), divided into 3,360,857,809 shares (three billion three hundred and sixty million eight hundred and fifty seven and eight hundred nine) with no nominal value".



epidemiological emergency from COVID-19", providing that intervention at the Shareholders' Meeting by those entitled to vote could take place exclusively through the Representative Appointed by the Company pursuant to Article 135-undecies of the TUF.

The Chairman of the Remuneration Committee, Francesca Pace, introduced the contents of the 2020 Remuneration and Compensation Policy Report and, in particular, the guidelines of the remuneration policy adopted by the Company. It also reported on the activities performed during the financial year, focusing in particular on the Committee's commitment, since it was set up, to ensure that the

remuneration policies represent a tool for the Company to achieve its strategic objectives, with the ultimate aim of creating value for the shareholders and with particular attention to the sustainability of the initiatives undertaken and the transparency in sharing them

At the Shareholders' Meetings indicated above, the Board of Directors ensured that shareholders had adequate information, making reports on the draft resolutions available at the Company's registered office, at Borsa Italiana and on the Company website, as well as through the other means prescribed by law. These reports were also sent to those who requested them.

#### 2. SNAM'S BOARD OF DIRECTORS





#### 2.1Snam's Board

#### (i) Overview

The Company is managed by a Board of Directors composed of no fewer than five and no more than nine members. The number of members and their term of office are decided by the Shareholders' Meeting at the time of appointment.

The Board of Directors is the central body within Snam's corporate governance system and is vested with the broadest powers for the ordinary and extraordinary administration of the Company. It is entitled to adopt any measures it deems necessary in order to implement and achieve the corporate objective, with the sole exception of measures that are reserved, by the law or by the Articles of Association, for the Shareholders' Meeting. The Board of Directors appoints the Chairman, if the Shareholders' Meeting has not already done so, delegates its powers to one or more of its members and may set up internal Committees.

Pursuant to Article 2381 of the Italian Civil Code, Snam's Board of Directors has assigned itself a series of powers, in addition to those which by law cannot be delegated and those set out in the Corporate Governance Code.

A description of the powers that the Board has assigned itself pursuant to Article 2381 of the Italian Civil Code is available on the Company website (http://www.snam.it/export/sites/snam-rp/repository/file/Governance/sistema\_corporate\_governance/Attribuzioni riservate ex art. 2381 cc.pdf)

The Shareholders' Meeting has not authorised, in general or as a preventive measure, any exemptions from the prohibition on competition pursuant to Article 2390 of the Italian Civil Code.

For a description of the provisions of the Articles of Association governing procedures for the appointment of the Board of Directors and the term of office, termination and dismissal of its members, see Annex 3 to this Report. In accordance with Consob determination No. 28 of 30 January 2020, the minimum shareholding required for the submission of lists of candidates for the election of Snam's corporate bodies of administration and control is equal to 0.5%.

#### (ii) Composition of Snam's Board of Directors

Appointment	2 April 2019
Duration	Three financial years
Ехрігу	Approval of the financial statements as at 31 December 2021
Members	9
Executive	1
Independent	6 (of which 5 are independent pursuant to the TUF and the Corporate Governance Code and only 1 is independent pursuant to the TUF) <sup>39</sup>
Committees	Control and Risk and Related-Party Transactions Committee Appointments Committee Remuneration Committee Environmental, Social & Governance Committee ("ESG")

Snam was recognised in 2014 as the best Italian company for transparency and compliance in the process of appointing directors.<sup>40</sup> This recognition is the result of Snam's ongoing alignment with the highest international governance standards and bears witness to the significant results achieved in recent years by the Company in its relationship with institutional investors.

When the Board of Directors was renewed on 2 April 2019, the following two lists of candidates were submitted:

- (i) a list of 8 candidates submitted by CDP RETI S.p.A.; and
- (ii) a list of 3 candidates submitted by institutional investors.

The share capital represented at the Shareholders' Meeting, all holders of which voted on the appointment of directors through list voting, accounted for 70.47% of the Company's share capital.

The list submitted by CDP RETI S.p.A. obtained the most votes (37.74% of the share capital represented in the Shareholders' Meeting), while the list submitted jointly by the institutional investors was voted for by 32.55% of the share capital represented in the Shareholders' Meeting.

<sup>39</sup> As specified in the table below.

<sup>40</sup> This is the result of a study carried out by the United Nations through the Principles for Responsible Investment Initiative (PRI), a network which brings together institutional investors that focus more on the principles of sustainability and social responsibility in their investment choices.



Therefore, based on the provisions in the Articles of Association on the applicable list voting mechanism, 6 candidates were appointed from the majority list submitted by CDP RETI S.p.A. and 3 from the list presented by the institutional investors. The table below shows key information on the composition of the current Board of Directors of the Company, including which lists the current Directors were appointed from and which directors meet the independence requirements pursuant to the TUF and the Corporate Governance Code.41

Director	Office and Position	List in which he/she was submitted	CRRPTC	AC	RC	ESGC
Nicola Bedin	Non-executive director and Chairman <sup>(1) (3)</sup>					
Marco Alverà	Chief Executive Officer	CDP RETI S.p.A. list				
Laura Cavatorta	Non-executive director <sup>(2)</sup>	List submitted jointly by the institutional investors		✓		<b>√</b>
Francesco Gori	Non-executive director <sup>(2)</sup>	List submitted jointly by the institutional investors	<b>✓</b>			
Yunpeng He	Non-executive director	CDP RETI S.p.A. list				✓
Antonio Marano	Non-executive director <sup>(2)</sup>	CDP RETI S.p.A. list	<b>✓</b>	<b>✓</b>		
Francesca Pace	Non-executive director <sup>(2)</sup>	CDP RETI S.p.A. list	✓		✓	
Rita Rolli	Non-executive director <sup>(2)</sup>	List submitted jointly by the institutional investors			✓	<b>✓</b>
Alessandro Tonetti	Non-executive director	CDP RETI S.p.A. list		<b>√</b>	✓	

Independent director pursuant to the TUF

RC: Remuneration Committee

ESGC: Environmental, Social & Governance Committee

Three out of nine members of the Board of Directors are women. The number of women complies with the provisions of the gender balance legislation applicable at the time of appointment by the Shareholders' Meeting of 2 April 2019<sup>42</sup>. Moreover, two out of the four Board Committees are chaired by women.

At its meeting of 2 April 2019, the Board of Directors:

- confirmed the re-appointed Rozemaria Bala, Senior Vice President of the Governance, Risk & Compliance Corporate Secretary function (reporting directly to the General Counsel), Secretary of the Board of Directors since 2017; and
- certified that there are no grounds for ineligibility, forfeiture or incompatibility in relation to the directors in office, and that they fulfil the integrity requirements established applicable legislation.

The Board of Directors in the meeting of 29 July 2020 and also in meeting of 17 March 2021, certified that there is no grounds for ineligibility, forfeiture or incompatibility in relation to the Chairman in office, and that they he fulfils the integrity requirements established applicable legislation.

The Board of Directors, at the meeting of 27 March 2020 when the new Financial Reporting Officer was appointed and on 17 March 2021, certified that on the basis of his declaration, there are no grounds for incompatibility pursuant to Article 16.4 of the Articles of Association and that he meets the integrity requirements established in applicable legislation<sup>43</sup>.

<sup>(2)</sup> Independent director pursuant to the TUF and the Corporate Governance Code
(3) Director appointed by the Ordinary Shareholders' Meeting on 18 June 2020 on the proposal of the shareholder CDP Reti S.p.A., to replace Luca Dal Fabbro, who had previously resigned with effect from the date of the Shareholders' Meeting CRRPTC: Control and Risk and Related-Party Transactions Committee

AC: Appointments Committee

<sup>41</sup> Further information on the lists of candidates is available on the Company website (http://www.snam.it/it/etica-governance/assemblee-degli-azionisti/). For details on the appointment dates and term-end dates of the directors, see the table in Annex 1 to Section IV.

<sup>42</sup> It should be noted that Article 147-ter, paragraph 1-ter of TUF was most recently amended by Law No. 160 of 27 December 2019, which provided for a different quota for the less-represented gender of at least two-fifths of the elected directors. However, this new gender balance criterion will apply from the first renewal of the administrative and control bodies following the entry into force of Law No. 160 of 27 December 2019 on 1 January 2020.

<sup>43</sup> Article 147- quinquies of TUF provides that "the parties that perform management functions must meet the integrity requirements laid down for members of control bodies by the regulations issued by the Ministry of Justice pursuant to Article 148, paragraph 4 of the TUF". These requirements were set forth by Article 2 of Decree of the Ministry of Justice 162/2000 ("Regulations containing rules for setting the professionalism and integrity requirements for members of the board of statutory auditors of listed companies to be issued based on Article 148 of TUF").



#### (iii) Our Directors

A short biography of each director of the Company currently in office is provided below.  $^{44}$ 



Nicola Bedin
Nationality: Italian
Professional background: Manager

#### Сагеег

Born in Montebelluna (TV) in 1977.

Graduated with honors in Business Administration from Bocconi University. He completed his fourth year of high school in the United States (Charter Oak High School), where he also returned during his college education, at the University of Texas at Austin and the University of California at Berkeley.

At the beginning of 2018, he set up Lifenet Healthcare, an entrepreneurial initiative in the *healthcare* sector that to date includes ten hospital and outpatient companies and employs around 800 people, with a presence in Lombardy, Piedmont and Emilia-Romagna. He began his professional career as a financial analyst in Mediobanca, from 2001 to 2004, when he was hired by Prof. Giuseppe Rotelli as his assistant (and a year later CEO) in the San Donato Hospital Group. From October 2005 to September 2017, he was Chief Executive Officer of Gruppo Ospedaliero San Donato, the leading Italian operator in the hospital sector. During these twelve years, the group's annual revenues increased from approximately € 600 million to € 1.6 billion.

He was also Chief Executive Officer of IRCCS Ospedale San Raffaele from May 2012 (when he joined the Group) until September 2017, personally leading its reorganization and relaunch.

From 2015 until September 2017, he was also CEO of the Vita-Salute San Raffaele University.

He was from 2016 to April 2019 a non-executive director of the listed Italgas S.p.A., of which he was Chairman of the Sustainability Committee and a member of the Audit and Risk and Related Party Transactions Committee.

He is an adjunct professor at the University of Pavia where he teaches applied economics.



Marco Alverà Nationality: Italian Professional background: Manager

#### Сагеег

Born in New York in 1975.

He has been Chief Executive Officer of Snam since 27 April 2016 and General Manager since January 2016.

From July 2017 to November 2017, he has been Managing Director of Snam Rete Gas.

Since June 2017, he has been vice president of the Snam Foundation. He has gained 20 years of experience in the largest Italian energy companies.

After graduating in Economics and Philosophy at London School of Economics, he began his career at Goldman Sachs in London, before moving to Enel and then Wind. Afterwards, he joined Eni, where he worked for more than 10 years taking on several management roles of growing responsibility. He is currently chairman of GasNaturally, a partnership among six associations representing the entire European gas supply chain, a non-executive director of S&P Global and a member of the General Council of the Giorgio Cini Foundation in Venice. He is also a Visiting Fellow of Oxford University.

He wrote the book "Generation H" (Mondadori) on the potential of hydrogen as a clean energy resource.

<sup>44</sup> For the full versions of the CVs of each director of the Company currently in office, visit the following web site:: http://www.snam.it/it/etica-governance/consiglio-di-amministrazione/.





Laura Cavatorta
Nationality: Italian
Professional background: Manager
Board Committees: Appointments
Committee, Chairwoman
of the Environmental, Social
& Governance Committee

#### Сагеег

Born in Treviso in 1964.

Director of Snam since 2 April 2019.

She graduated in sociology with honours.

She has more than 20 years of management experience in air transport, holding positions with increasing responsibilities in the Alitalia Group 1995-2017.

She held positions with operational responsibility with 3,000-5,000 employees and managed the airline Air One SpA from 2012 to 2014 making it balance again. She has specific expertise in the restructuring, merger, acquisition and commissioning phases, as well as in the impacts of process re-engineering and HR dynamics, in developing a particular awareness of the many aspects involved in each business change.

Her experience as a Director of Transportation and Tourism for the Olympic Committee, Rome 2024, is particularly significant because of the focus placed on digital innovation, TPL [Local Public Transportation] and intermodal mobility and the integration of intelligent platforms for transport and tourism.

Today she has a strong interest in corporate governance, in particular applied to ESG, and in the definition of an approach that would ensure a sustainable development over time. She follows the B Corp movement, promoter of a sustainable business paradigm, capable of generating profits and a positive impact on the society and the environment. She is the founder and a member of the Managing Board of the ESG European Institute. She supports gender equality, talent development in women and merit-based careers believing in the ability of women to make significant contributions in the top roles of the production, academic, institutional and political worlds.

She is a member of the Management Board of Fuori Quota and on its behalf she collaborates in ASviS on SDG no.5 (Gender Equality).



Francesco Gori
Nationality: Italian
Professional background: Manager
Board Committees: Chairman
of the Control and Risk
and Related-Party Transactions
Committee

#### Сагеег

Born in Florence in 1952.

Director of Snam since 26 March 2013.

After high school, he graduated in Business and Economics with honours from the University of Florence, working at the same time in a software company and then in a paper industry.

He joined the Tyre division at Pirelli in 1978, where he was promoted to executive in 1984 and, after gaining a range of experience in sales, marketing, M&A and management roles in Italy and abroad, was appointed general manager of the Division in 2001, CEO of Pirelli Tyre S.p.A. in 2006 and, in 2009, also General Manager of Pirelli & C. During his ten years at Pirelli, Pirelli Tyre doubled its sales and gross operating margin, generating cash by implementing a premium strategy that enabled top and bottom line growth above that of benchmark competitors, culminating in its entry into f1 as an exclusive supplier since 2010. From 2006 to 2011, for two consecutive terms, he has been elected Chairman of ETRMA, the European Tyre & Rubber Manufacturers' Association.

In 2012, he leaves on his own initiative the Pirelli Group. From 2013 to 2015 he was an Industrial Advisor at Malacalza Investimenti, Pirelli's second-largest shareholder. Since 2014, he has been Managing Director of the Corporate Credit Recovery 1 fund of DEA Capital Alternative Funds SGR (De Agostini Group) and since 2018, he has been a senior Advisor of the Corporate Recovery 1 and 2 funds.

In 2015, he was appointed non-executive director of the supervisory and management boards of Apollo Tyres, a leading company in the sector that is listed in India. From 2016 to 2018 he assumed the role of Executive Chairman at Benetton Group Srl. He has been a member of the Board of Directors of Prysmian Group S.p.A. since September 2018 following co-option.





Yunpeng He
Nationality: Chinese
Professional background: Manager
Board Committees: Environmental,
Social & Governance Committee

#### Сагеег

Born in Baotou City (Inner Mongolia, China) in 1965.

Director of Snam since 26 January 2015.

He obtained a Specialised Degree in Electrical Systems and Automation from the University of Tianjin and a Master's in Technology Management from the Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute ("RPI".

He is currently a member of the Board of Directors of CDP Reti S.p.A., Terna S.p.A., Italgas S.p.A. and IPTO S.A. (TSO of the Greek electricity transmission network).

He was Deputy General Manager of the European Office of the State Grid Corporation of China from January 2013 to December 2014.

He has also held the following positions at the State Grid Tianjin Electric Power Company: Deputy *Chief Technical Officer* ("CTO') from December 2008 to September 2012, Director of Business and Legal from June 2011 to September 2012, Director of Planning and Development from October 2005 to December 2008, Director of Planning and Design from January 2002 to October 2005. He also served as Chief of *Tianjin Binhai Power Company* from December 2008 to March 2010 and President of *Tianjin Electric Power Design Institute* from June 2000 to January 2002.



Antonio Marano
Nationality: Austrian
Professional background: Manager
Board Committees: Control
and Risk and Related-Party
Transactions Committee, Chairman
of the Appointments Committee

#### Сагеег

Born in Villach (Austria) in 1960.

Director of Snam since 2 April 2019.

He graduated in Law at the University of Bologna.

He is currently managing director of Partners 4 Energy S.r.l.,

an independent financial advisory firm with a focus on infrastructure and renewable energy. In these areas, he provides strategic support to financial institutions and companies on mergers and acquisitions, financing and fund raising. He is Chairman of Aeroporto FVG S.p.A.

After holding managerial positions in financial companies, in 1998 he became General Manager for Italy at Commerzbank AG and, subsequently, in 2003, Director of Development at Autostrade S.p.A. After holding the position of Managing Director and General Manager of Scala Capital S.p.A., in 2007 he became Deputy General Manager of Unicredit Corporate Banking and Head of the "Public Sector FIG & Infrastructures Italia" structure.





Francesca Pace
Nationality: Italian
Professional background:
Academic and professional career
Board Committees: Control
and Risk and Related-Party
Transactions Committee, Chairman
of the Remuneration Committee

#### Сагеег

Born in Rome in 1961.

Director of Snam since 2 April 2019.

She graduated in Law with honours at "La Sapienza" University of Rome. She is registered on the Register of Judicial Administrators - Experts in Business Management Section, and the Register of Barristers of the Supreme Court. He practices in the areas of commercial, civil and regulatory law. She is the Extraordinary Commissioner of companies subject to extraordinary administration proceedings and judicial custodian of companies. She has served as judicial commissioner and has been a member of the Board of Directors of Banca Tercas and Acquedotto Pugliese S.p.A., Independent Director of Cassa di Risparmio di Orvieto and Director of Legal and Corporate Affairs of WIND Telecomunicazioni S.p.A.



Rita Rolli
Nationality: Italian
Professional background:
Academic and professional career
Board Committees: Remuneration
Committee, Environmental,
Social & Governance Committee

#### Сагеег

Born in Forlì in 1969.

Director of Snam since 2 April 2019.

She graduated in Law with honours at the University of Bologna. She is registered with the Register of Barristers of the Supreme Court and works in the field of civil law, commercial and corporate law, in both judicial and extra judicial proceedings, in arbitration proceedings and in resolution of corporate financial crises (Galgano law firm).

She is Full Professor of Private Law at the Law School of the Department of Legal Sciences at the University of Bologna.

Independent Director and Chairwoman of the Control and Risk and Sustainability Committee as well as member of the Trevifin S.p.A. Related Party Transactions Committee.

She is author of several publications and monographs and participates in the editing of prestigious legal journals.





# Alessandro Tonetti Nationality: Italian Professional background: Academic and management career Board Committees: Appointments Committee, Remuneration Committee

#### Сагеег

Born in Ronciglione (VT) in 1977.

Director of Snam since 27 April 2016.

He is Deputy General Manager and Chief Legal Officer of Cassa Depositi e Prestiti S.p.A.

He graduated with honours in Law and won two one-year scholarships for post-graduate completion courses in Administrative Sciences, with a particular focus on Public Economic Law, under the direction of Professor Sabino Cassese. Subsequently, he obtained a PhD in Administrative Law and Organisation and Functioning of the Public Administration at the University of Rome and a post-graduate specialisation diploma in European Public Law at the Academy of European Public Law of the Kapodistrian University of Athens, with an in-depth examination on the subject of competition and state aid.

Since December 2010, he has been a manager at Cassa Depositi e Prestiti S.p.A. From June 2013 to February 2016, he first became a member of the Technical Unit for the Coordination of Economic Policy in support of the Presidency of the Council of Ministers, then, since March 2014, Deputy Head of Cabinet of the Ministry of Economy and Finance. In the latter period, representing the Ministry of the Economy and Finance, he has been member of the Coordination Group for the implementation of the discipline of special powers on corporate structures operating at the Presidency of the Council of Ministers. Previously, he held management positions, including general management positions, at the Presidency of the Council of Ministers and was member of the Advisory Board for the regulation of public services, as well as of the Technical Secretariat of the National Director's Cabin for Economic Planning operating at the same Presidency, in support of the activities of the Interministerial Committee for Economic Planning.

He teaches at the 2nd level Interuniversity Master's in Administrative Law (since 2003) now at the University of "Roma Tre" and at the Master's in Economics and Development Policies at LUISS Guido Carli University (since 2016). Previously, he has been Adjunct Professor of Administrative Discipline for Business at the University of Tuscia (2001-2002) and of Media Law at the same University (2005 - 2010), as well as of Public Finance Law at the University of Suor Orsola Benincasa (2014-2016). He has also lectured at the School of Public Administration and the School of Economics and Finance. He published several essays and articles in leading legal journals on national and European administrative law and public economic law.

He is member of the Board of Directors of Treccani and a member of for the Special Funds Management Committee of the Institute of Sports Credit. He has been member of the Board of Directors of Enav S.p.A. in the three-year period 2014-2017 (during which the company has been listed) and member of the Board of Directors of the University of Fine Arts ("Accademia delle Belle Arti") of Florence (2013-2016).



#### 2.2 Meetings of the Board of Directors

The Company's Board of Directors meets regularly and is organised and operates to ensure the efficient and effective performance of its duties.

The Board of Directors has approved its Regulations to govern procedures for convening the Board, performing the Board's work and drafting the minutes of meeting.<sup>45</sup>

In 2020:

- the Board of Directors met 12 times;
- the meetings were attended on average by 100% of directors;
- the attendance of independent directors was approximately 100% on average;
- the average duration of Board meetings was 158 minutes.

11 meetings are scheduled for 2021. As of the date of this Report, 3 meetings of the Board of Directors had been held in the current year.

As provided in the Regulations, notices of meetings of the Board of Directors are usually sent at least five days before the meeting. A complete, comprehensive set of documentation on agenda items is made available to directors and standing auditors by the Board Secretary at least five days prior to the date of the meeting, except in exceptional cases. This deadline has generally been met.

For more information on the procedures for convening and holding Board meetings, see Annex 3 to this Report.

The Company's governance provides that Board members shall act and pass resolutions independently and with full knowledge of the facts on matters within their competence, with the aim of creating shareholder value.

At Board meetings, heads of the competent Company and Group departments may, at the request of the Chairman and with the consent of those present, participate in order to provide appropriate background information on agenda items and enhance the directors' knowledge of the Group's situation and corporate dynamics.<sup>46</sup>

In particular, in 2020, the following attended Board meetings when matters within their respective remits, described below in the summary of 2020 activity, were being discussed: the Chief Financial Officer & Chief International & Business Development Officer, the General Counsel, the EVP Institutional Affairs, ESG & Sustainability, Communication & Marketing, the EVP Human Resources, Organisation & PFM, the SVP Internal Audit and some managers of their structures for matters within their purview.

Pursuant to the Guidelines on "Transactions in which directors and statutory auditors have an interest and related-party transactions", the directors must declare any interest of their own or of third parties in specific transactions submitted for review and approval by the Board of Directors.

#### Digitalisation of the work of the Board of Directors

The COVID-19 health emergency period has made the digitization of the activities of the corporate bodies necessary. In order to facilitate the activities of the Board of Directors, Snam has introduced, for some years now, the following IT tool to facilitate the work of the Board of Directors, enabling the activities of the Board and Committees to be managed effectively and securely via tablet, smartphone and PC. These tools have also made it easier to organise and run remote meetings.

Through this system, documents prepared for meetings of the Board of Directors or the Committees can be accessed digitally, eliminating paper use and optimising time and costs. The digital portal:

- expedites Board meetings by, inter alia, enabling real-time sharing of documents or presentations;
- allows users to view the status of a document or if there are unread messages or documents that need to be approved;
- · also displays documents in offline mode; and
- enables the files made available to be edited.

<sup>45</sup> At the meeting of 2 April 2019, the Board of Directors approved its own regulations for its operations and organisation.

<sup>46</sup> In this regard, see Criterion 1.C.6 of the Corporate Governance Code.



The main activities of the Company's Board of Directors in 2020 and, most recently, at its meetings of 26 January 2021, 16 February 2021, and 17 March 2021 are summarised below.

MONTH	STRATEGY AND FINANCE <sup>47</sup>	GOVERNANCE	INTERNAL CONTROL AND RISK MANAGEMENT
February 2020	– Analysis of development initiatives in the energy efficiency market	<ul> <li>Reports of the Committees on their activities carried out in the second half of 2019</li> <li>Preliminary activities for the approval of the 2019 Annual Financial Report</li> <li>Proposed amendment to the "Tax Control Framework - Tax Strategy" Guidelines</li> <li>Report on the Corporate Governance Code and the Consob Communication of 20 January 2020 concerning the clarification of provisions on gender balance in the bodies of listed companies</li> </ul>	
March 2020	<ul> <li>Approvazione del progetto di Bilancio di esercizio al 31 dicembre 2019, del Bilancio consolidato e della Relazione del Consiglio di Amministrazione sulla gestione e dell'ammontare del dividendo per l'esercizio 2019</li> <li>Approvazione della Dichiarazione di carattere non finanziario ai sensi del D.Lgs. n. 254 del 2016</li> <li>Approvazione del documento Financial Disclosure on Climate Change 2019</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Report on the 2020 remuneration policy and remuneration paid</li> <li>2019 Sustainability Report</li> <li>Positive assessment of the size, composition and functioning of the Board and its Committees</li> <li>Appointment of the new Senior Vice President Internal Audit</li> <li>Amendment of the corporate calendar and deferment of the date of the Shareholders' Meeting – convened for 28 April 2020 – to 18 June 2020 pursuant to Decree-Law No. 18 of 17 March 2020,</li> <li>Appointment of the Financial Reporting Officer</li> <li>Amendment of the Regulations of the Appointments Committee</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Assessment of the Company's organisational, administrative and accounting structure produced by the Chief Executive Officer with the support of the relevant offices and submitted, as well as to the Board of Directors for approval, to the Board of Statutory Auditors and the Control and Risk and Related-Party Transactions Committee. The Board of Directors expressed an appropriate opinion on the matter</li> <li>Assessment of the organisational, administrative and accounting structure of the Subsidiaries, following approval by the Boards of Directors of each Subsidiary and following consultation with the respective Boards of Statutory Auditors. The Board of Directors expressed an appropriate opinion on the matter</li> <li>The Board of Directors did not defined criteria for the identification of subsidiaries of strategic importance, since it proceeds to the assessment of the organizational structure, administrative and accounting of all the Subsidiaries</li> <li>Positive assessment of the adequacy and effectiveness of the internal control and risk management system</li> <li>Assessment of the Audit Plan and Budget of the Internal Audit function for 2020</li> </ul>
May 2020		<ul> <li>Acknowledgement of the resignation of Mr Luca dal Fabbro from the office of Director and Chairman of the Board of Directors</li> <li>Guidelines on the accumulation of offices by members of the Board of Directors</li> <li>2019 Report on Corporate Governance and Ownership Structure</li> <li>Convening of Shareholders' Meeting of 18 June 2020 and approval of the relevant explanatory reports</li> <li>Assessment of the recommendations made by the Chairman of the Corporate Governance Committee in the letter of 19 December 2019</li> <li>Approval of the update of Snam's diversity policy</li> <li>Check of the compatibility of the positions and verification of the independence and integrity requirements of the Directors</li> </ul>	

<sup>47</sup> In addition, the progress of development initiatives and new projects were regularly submitted to the Board of Directors.



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June 2020		<ul> <li>Check of the compatibility of the positions and verification of the requirements of the Chairman</li> <li>Schedule of Board Induction activities for the second year of term (2020-2021).</li> </ul>	
July 2020	– Approval of the Half-Year Financial Report as at 30 June 2020	<ul> <li>Half- yearly review of sustainability</li> <li>Reports of the Committees on the activities carried out in the first half of 2020</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Report on the adequacy of the Group's corporate reporting control system and compliance with administrative accounting procedures for the first half of 2020</li> <li>Report of the Supervisory Body 231 on the activities performed in the first half of 2020</li> </ul>
October 2020	<ul> <li>Renewal of the EMTN         Programme and Renewal of             the Euro Commercial Paper             Programme     </li> </ul>		
November 2020	<ul> <li>Approval of the interim management report as at 30 September 2020</li> <li>Approval of 2020-2024 Strategic Plan</li> <li>Proposed distribution of the interim dividend for 2020</li> </ul>		
December 2020	– Approval of the 2021 Budget	<ul> <li>Annual assessment of the Guidelines on "Transactions in which directors and statutory auditors have an interest and related-party transactions"</li> <li>Approval of the 2021 Financial Calendar</li> <li>Approval of proposed amendments to the Articles of Association to be submitted to the Shareholders' Meeting with regard to the corporate purpose (Article 2 of the Articles of Association), prior approval by the Shareholders' Meeting (Article 12 of the Articles of Association) and gender balance (Articles 13.3, 13.8 and 24 of the Articles of Association)</li> <li>Convening of Shareholders' Meeting of 02 February 2021 and approval of the related Explanatory Report</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Annual review and analysis of the risks of the Company and the Subsidiaries</li> <li>Approval of changes to 231 Model</li> </ul>



монтн	STRATEGY AND FINANCE	GOVERNANCE	INTERNAL CONTROL AND RISK MANAGEMENT
January 2021		<ul> <li>Adoption of the new Corporate Governance Code;</li> <li>Approval of the start of activities to implement the actions to be submitted to the Board of Directors in order to finalize by the end of the 2021 financial year the adoption of the Corporate Governance Code, informing the market in the Report on Corporate Governance and Ownership Structure to be published in 2022.</li> </ul>	
February 2021		– Preliminary activities for the approvo	
March 2021	<ul> <li>Approval of the draft financial statements as at 31 December 2020, the consolidated financial statements, the Board of Directors' Management Report and dividend distribution for 2020</li> <li>Approval of the Non-Financial Statement pursuant to Legislative Decree No. 254 of 2016</li> <li>Approval of the document entitled Financial Disclosure on Climate Change 2020"</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Reports of the Committees on their activities carried out in the second half of 2020</li> <li>Report on the 2021 remuneration policy and remuneration paid</li> <li>2020 Sustainability Report</li> <li>Positive assessment of the size, composition and functioning of the Board and its Committees<sup>48</sup></li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Assessment of the Company's organisational, administrative and accounting structure produced by the Chief Executive Officer with the support of the relevant offices and submitted, as well as to the Board of Directors for approval, to the Board of Statutory Auditors and the Control and Risk and Related-Party Transactions Committee. The Board of Directors expressed an appropriate opinion on the matter</li> <li>Evaluation of the organisational, administrative and accounting structure of the Subsidiaries, following approval by the Boards of Directors of each Subsidiary and following consultation with the respective Boards of Statutory Auditors. The Board of Directors expressed an appropriate opinion on the matter</li> <li>The Board of Directors did not defined criteria for the identification of subsidiaries of strategic importance, since it proceeds to the assessment of the organizational structure, administrative and accounting of all the Subsidiaries</li> <li>Positive assessment of the adequacy and effectiveness of the internal control and risk management system</li> <li>Assessment of the Audit Plan and Budget of the Internal Audit function for 2021</li> </ul>

<sup>48</sup> Per maggiori informazioni in merito si rinvia al Paragrafo 2.4 della presente Sezione.



#### 2.3 Role of the Board of Directors

The Board of Directors plays a central role in the Company's corporate governance structure and has powers over the orientation of the Company and the Subsidiaries in terms of strategy, organisation and control. In particular, the Board of Directors is assigned the duties indicated in the following table<sup>49</sup>.

Examination and approval of strategic, business and financial plans	<ul> <li>Defines the strategic guidelines and the objectives of the Company and the Group, including the sustainability policies</li> <li>Examines and approves the strategic, business and financial plans of the Company and the Group, monitoring their implementation on an annual basis, as well as the Company's strategic agreements and its annual and multi-year infrastructure plan</li> <li>Examines and approves the budget of the Company and of the Group, the half-year report and interim reports on operations of the Company and of the Group, the Sustainability Report and the Report on Corporate Governance and Ownership Structure</li> </ul>
Definition of corporate governance and Group structure	<ul> <li>Adopts rules that ensure the transparency and correctness of transactions with related parties and transactions in which directors and statutory auditors have an interest, following consultation with the Control and Risk and Related-Party Transactions Committee</li> <li>Adopts a procedure for the management and communication of corporate information, with a specific focus on inside information</li> <li>Establishes internal Committees that provide recommendations and advice, from which it receives half-yearly reports</li> <li>Appoints and revokes the General Managers and the Financial Reporting Officer, and identifies the person responsible for shareholder relations</li> <li>Resolves upon the exercise of voting rights at the Shareholders' Meetings of the Subsidiaries, at the recommendation of the Chief Executive Officer</li> <li>Resolves, on the proposal of the Appointments Committee, on the appointments of the members of the corporate bodies of Subsidiaries included in the scope of consolidation and of strategic foreign investee companies</li> </ul>
Assessment of the adequacy of the organisational, administrative and accounting structure	<ul> <li>Defines the basic guidelines for the organisational, administrative and accounting structure of the Company and its Subsidiaries and evaluates its adequacy on an annual basis, with a particular focus on the internal control and risk management system</li> <li>Defines, following consultation with the Control and Risk and Related-Party Transactions Committee, guidelines for the internal control and risk management system, in order to ensure the identification, measurement, management and monitoring of key risks, and also determining how compatible these risks are with management of the Company and the Group that is consistent with the strategic objectives identified, assessing its adequacy and effectiveness every year</li> <li>Assesses, following consultation with the Control and Risk and Related-Party Transactions Committee and the Board of Statutory Auditors, the results presented by the external auditors in any management letter and in the report on the fundamental questions arising from the audit</li> <li>Appoints and revokes the Head of Internal Audit, defining his/her remuneration in line with the Company's remuneration policies, and ensures that this person has adequate resources to carry out his/her duties</li> </ul>
Continuous assessment of general operational performance and relations with the delegated bodies	<ul> <li>Assesses the general performance of operations, having regard to the information received from the delegated bodies, paying particular attention to conflicts of interest and periodically comparing the results achieved, as stated in the financial statements and the interim accounting statements, with those of the budget Delegates powers to members of the Board of Directors and revokes them, defining the limits of these powers, ways to exercise them and the associated remuneration, reporting at least every quarter to the Board itself and the Board of Statutory Auditors on the exercise of the powers and on the transactions with the greatest impact on the financial statements carried out by the Company and the Subsidiaries, and on transactions with related parties relate<sup>50</sup></li> <li>Is authorised to issue directives to the delegated bodies and take it upon itself to perform operations which</li> </ul>

are covered by the powers conferred

<sup>49</sup> These duties are assigned to the Board of Directors pursuant to the resolution of the Board of Directors of 2 April 2019.

L'informativa dovrà essere tempestiva qualora si tratti di operazioni in cui gli Amministratori abbiano un interesse proprio o di terzi o che siano influenzate dall'eventuale soggetto che eserciti attività di direzione e coordinamento. Tale informativa è prevista, di norma, in occasione di ogni adunanza consiliare.



Approval of the significant transactions of Snam and the Subsidiaries	<ul> <li>Resolves, at the CEO's recommendation, upon the transactions of the Company and its Subsidiaries, in the context of exercising direction and coordination activities that are of significant strategic, economic, capital or financial importance for the Company and the Group. This is without prejudice, in any case, to compliance with the confidentiality obligations relating to the commercial relations between the Company and the Subsidiaries and/or third parties.</li> <li>The following transaction types are considered to be of strategic importance or to have a significant impact on the financial statements:</li> <li>acquisitions, disposals, sales, closures, contributions of companies or business units (including rent and usufruct), real estate and/or investments worth more than €100 million</li> <li>contracts for the sale of goods and/or services relating to the commercial activities of the Company and its Subsidiaries, worth over €1 billion and/or with a duration of over 15 years</li> <li>contracts relating directly to the activities indicated in the corporate object and/or relating to the day-to-day management of corporate activities worth over €100 million and/or with a duration of over 15 years</li> <li>the stipulation, amendment and termination of credit contracts for sums exceeding €2 billion and/or with a duration of over 15 years</li> <li>sureties and other forms of personal guarantee, as well as letters of patronage, in relation to commitments assumed or to be assumed by companies in which the Company directly or indirectly holds an equity investment, for amounts greater than €100 million and in any event if the amount is not proportional to the investment held therein;</li> <li>sureties guaranteeing obligations assumed or to be assumed by the Company with third parties, worth over €100 million</li> <li>the Company's brokerage contracts</li> </ul>
Assessment of the size, composition and functioning of the Board of Directors and the Committees	<ul> <li>Assesses, on an annual basis, the composition and functioning of the Board and the Board Committees, assisted by an external advisor. The aspects assessed include: i) the role of the Board of Directors in the strategic planning process, (ii) interaction between the Board and the Committees, (iii) the quality of Board information and debate, and (iv) the qualitative and quantitative composition of the Board and the Committees, referring in particular to the relationship between the executive, non-executive and independent directors and their individual expertise and experience</li> </ul>
Definition of remuneration policy	<ul> <li>Defines the remuneration policy for directors, general managers and key management personnel of the Company and its Subsidiaries, as well as the relevant compensation systems</li> <li>Implements the remuneration plans based on shares and/or financial instruments resolved upon by the Shareholders' Meeting</li> <li>Approves the Remuneration Report</li> </ul>





#### 2.4 Board Evaluation

In line with the provisions of the Corporate Governance Code, Snam's Board of Directors has implemented the self-assessment of the Board itself and its Committees for the 2020 financial year, to which the 9 Directors in office participated.

The objective of this activity was to carry out a structured reconnaissance of the effectiveness of Snam's Board of Directors from an operational point of view and to identify the opportunities for further improvement in order to better play the role of direction and control of a complex and evolving reality.

Following the awarding procedure by tender and the relevant investigation by the ESG Committee, the Board of Directors has decided to avail itself of an external advisor, Spencer Stuart Italia S.r.l., a company that has extensive and long-standing experience in the corporate governance sector.

The Board of Directors, with the support of the ESG Committee, has decided to implement a three-year path, as for the last three years, embracing the time horizon of the mandate, facilitated by the external advisor. In this way it is possible, from year to year, to accompany the Board of Directors and the Committees on an ongoing basis in their path of progressive efficiency improvement and optimization of the operation starting from from the first year until the so-called end of term balance.

The self-assessment of Snam's Board of Directors and Snam's Committees for the 2020 financial year, was carried out by two senior partners of Spencer Stuart, experts in board effectiveness activities.

The objective of the second year self-assessment is to further analyse and review board dynamics. For the purpose of optimising the individual contribution and the time spent by each Director, as well as the overall efficacy of the activities carried out, no individual interviews were administered.

The activities carried out were:

- Analysis of the prevailing culture of the Board, through the administration of an online survey.
- Collegial meeting of the Board in an informal setting. This system is a practice that has been successfully adopted and consists of an informal meeting, without drafting the minutes, which allows the Directors to freely exchange ideas and opinions and interact directly with one another
- Analysis of the functioning and operating practices through the reading of documents and minutes

During the collegial meeting, the Directors have shared the results of their Analysis on the prevailing culture, agreeing on some different issues that have emerged, in particular as regards a very intense activity carried out by the Body during the period, strongly characterised by extremely important decisions in terms of the sustainable strategy applied by the company in the long term.

The Directors have provided interesting indications on some specific aspects that affect the dynamics and the culture of the Board.

As for the Level of Participation and Engagement, the Directors believe that it is particularly high: all the Directors guarantee a constant preparation on the Agenda items which facilitates an open debate and exchange of ideas.

A climate of shared transparency and trust emerges, as well as a greater involvement in the discussion of subject matters of a strategic nature.

The Board of Directors operates in substantial compliance with the Corporate Governance Code and the best practices, both at Italian and international level.

The Directors have demonstrated commitment and participation, also remotely, given the high number of meetings that are sometimes of an extraordinary nature.

The Directors emphasize the good quality of the work of the Committees that constitutes the basis for the discussions at the Board meetings. The practice of holding joint meetings is deemed to be satisfactory, as it represents a time for analysis and investigation on the issues in all their different aspects.

Overall, the members of the Committees believe to have well understood their roles and to have operated with autonomy and authoritativeness, supporting effectively the Board with their investigations on the issues under their competence.



During the interviews, some areas for improvement were also identified. In particular, the opportunity to:

- continue the positive process, initiated by the Chair of the Board in its role as a guiding force for the Board of Directors, and continue to encourage everybody's participation in the Board's debates;
- schedule, as soon as possible and in full compliance with the rules and social distance requirements, the organisation of informal meetings, induction sessions and updates on key matters as well as the organisation of site visits:
- continue with the organisation of the "Strategy Day" as a time for collegial reflection on the future and for socialisation, with the support of management;
- make promptly available to the Board, through the electronic shared platform, the necessary documentation in support of the Agenda items of the scheduled meetings.

The self-assessment of the size, composition and functioning of Snam's Board of Directors and Snam's Committees has been finalised with positive results during the Board of Directors' meeting of 17 March 2021.

#### 2.5 Description of Snam's diversity policy

This section describes the policy adopted by Snam on diversity<sup>51</sup> in the composition of the Company's administrative, management and control bodies with regard to age, gender, training and career, as recently updated by resolution of the Board of Directors of 17 March 2021, on the recommendation of the ESG Committee.

The renewal of the corporate bodies on 2 April 2019 has been, for Snam, the last renewal in which the statutory provisions on gender balance adopted by the Company pursuant to the provisions of Law No. 120 of 2011 (which required compliance with the criterion of gender balance provided for therein for three terms of office following the entry into force of the law) have been applied.

The 2018 Corporate Governance Code, in anticipation of the termination of the effects of Law No. 120 of 12 July 2011, recommended to issuers that at least one third of the members of the Board of Directors and of the Board of Statutory Auditors shall be made up of the least represented gender, inviting them to choose and apply the most appropriate instrument to pursue this objective, in view of each issuer's ownership structure and degree of bonding deemed most appropriate to achieve the objective.

On 28 December 2020, the Board of Directors submitted for approval to the Shareholders' Meeting, held on 2 February 2021, the proposal to adjust the provisions of the Articles of Association concerning the quota reserved for the lesser represented gender in the corporate bodies to the new regulatory framework, pursuant to Article 1, paragraphs 302-303, of Law No. 160 of 27 December 2019 (the "2020 Budget Law").

Paragraph 1- ter of Article 147- ter and paragraph 1- bis of Article 148 of TUF, governing gender balance in the boards of directors and statutory auditors of listed companies, as amended by 2020 Budget Lawprovide that the quota reserved for the less-represented gender within the administrative and control bodies must be at least two-fifths, rounding up to the nearest unit<sup>52</sup>. In Communication 1/20 of 30 January 2020, Consob announced that it considers rounding up to the nearest unit to be unenforceable due to the arithmetic impossibility of this for corporate bodies with three members.

Pursuant to the new regulatory provisions, the new "two-fifths" distribution criterion shall apply for six consecutive terms starting from the first renewal of the corporate bodies following the date on which the 2020 Budget Law came into force (on 3 January 2020).

On 2 February 2021, the Snam Shareholders' Meeting approved to amend Article 13 of the Articles of Association in order to align the allocation criterion provided therein with the new regulatory framework introduced by the 2020 Budget Law. The approved amendment therefore establishes that at least two-fifths of the members of the Board of Directors, or the different quota - if greater - envisaged by the provisions in force at the time, must belong to the least represented gender (Article 13.3 of the Articles of Association). The same criterion also applies to the drawing up of lists of candidates for the office of director of the Company (Article 13.8 of the Articles of Association).

<sup>51</sup> The description of the diversity policy is provided for in Article 123- bis, paragraph 2, letter d- bis of TUF.

<sup>52</sup> See paragraph 3 of Article 144-undecies.1 ("Gender balance"), of the Issuers' Regulation.



The new provision of the Articles of Association provides for a "mobile" reference to the legislation in force at the time, which will be applied only if the quota reserved for the least represented gender provided for therein is more favourable than the threshold currently provided for by the applicable legislation (and incorporated in the Articles of Association).

Lastly, the Shareholders' Meeting approved the introduction of a transitional clause (Article. 24 of the Articles of Association), in order to provide that the above-described amendments to Articles 13.3 and 13.8 of the Articles of Association shall apply from the first renewal of the Board of Directors following the expiry of the term of office of the Board of Directors currently in office (appointed on 2 April 2019) and that, until that time and also in the event of any co-option of new directors, the "one-third" allocation criterion shall apply.

With regard to the Board of Statutory Auditors, Article 20.3 of the Articles of Association provides that "one standing auditor and one alternate auditor must belong to the least represented gender". Given that with regard to the composition of the Board of Statutory Auditors, as a corporate body made up of three members, the provisions of the aforementioned Consob Communication No. 1/20 of 30 January 2020 apply - which deems the rounding up criterion to be inapplicable - the current provision of Article 20.3 of the Articles of Association is already fully compliant with the new criterion for the distribution of "two-fifths" (rounded down) in the composition of the Board of Statutory Auditors.

The Company believes that diversity makes a positive contribution to the effective action of the corporate bodies. In the composition of its administrative, management and control bodies, Snam aims to include a range of profiles, recognising that the proper functioning of its corporate bodies requires complementarity of experience and expertise, combined with diversity in terms of the genders and age groups of its members. Among the accepted values, Snam considers positively the diversity of nationality and ethnic origin. Snam takes all necessary measures to ensure diversity from these perspectives.

Pursuing this objective, Snam has also implemented a corporate policy on diversity and inclusion, promoted by the ESG Committee and aimed at disseminating a culture of equal opportunities between employees and contractors.

The aim of the policy is to establish a workplace that is free of direct and indirect discrimination, and to implement specific policies and metrics within human resources to ensure fairness at all stages of employment, training and work-life balance. For Snam, protecting diversity is a driver of cultural transformation that aims to make the company more competitive, innovative and geared toward personal growth.

Below is a brief description of the main methods implemented by Snam with regard to diversity and the results obtained over the years.

#### a. Gender diversity

Snam's main objectives for the three-year period 2019-2021 include finalising methods for developing diversity, particularly gender diversity.<sup>53</sup>

The Articles of Association expressly provide compliance with the gender balance in the process of appointment of the Board of Directors and the Board of Statutory Auditors.

In light of the data set out below, it is believed that, in the composition of its corporate bodies, Snam ensures adequate gender diversity, in fact:

- two of the four Committees are chaired by women;
- three of the nine members of the Board of Directors are women (i.e. one-third of the total)<sup>54</sup>;
- the Board of Statutory Auditors consists of three standing auditors (one of whom is female) and two female alternate auditors.

Snam's commitment to gender diversity is also evident in its workforce. Specifically:

- by pursuing the policy adopted in 2019, Snam aims to achieve a better balance between men and women at the company level, through a recruitment policy - particularly for executive and management roles - that is more focused on gender diversity (2020 recruitment percentages: 30.5% women, 69.5% men); however, the percentage of women in the company - thanks to ac-
- 53 The data are set out in the 2020 Sustainability Report, which is available on Snam's website.
- 54 The new criteria provided for in Article 13.3. and 13.8 of the Articles of Association shall apply from the first renewal of the Board of Directors following the expiry of the term of office of the Board of Directors currently in office (appointed on 2 April 2019)



- tions supporting retirement benefits rose from 14.6% in 2019 to 15.6% in 2020;
- Snam's path to countering the gender pay gap led to a slight improvement in the pay differentiation percentage compared to the 2018 financial year. Specifically, the women/men differential pay at the executive level is about 103%, for managers it is 95%, and for office workers it is 91%. Our commitment has continued through careful monitoring and reporting of pay at all organisational levels, improvements to the application of the principle of equal pay, and the enhancement of the abilities, responsibilities and results achieved by all women at the company.

Furthermore, among the ESG objectives for the management's 2020-2022 Long-Term Incentives Plan, Snam has foreseen as KPI the increase in the number of women in managerial roles (executives and middle managers) with a presence of women at least of 21%, with a target of 23% and, as a maximum target, of 25%, starting from the percentage of the financial statements as of 31 December 2019, which was equal to 18%.

#### b. Training and career progression

The Company carefully analyses the expertise of the members of the administrative and control bodies and undertakes to constantly enhance the various skills within the various bodies in order to ensure a high level of expertise in the administration, management and control bodies in sectors relevant to Snam. The Company monitors the diversity and complementarity of the professional profiles within the Board.

The members of the Board of Directors and the Board of Statutory Auditors have a range of backgrounds, as they have pursued diverse educational trajectories and come from different professional backgrounds. These skills ensure that the corporate bodies function effectively and enable them to adapt immediately to any changes. Snam ensures, through periodic checks, that the members of the Board of Statutory Auditors and the Board of Directors meet the requirements of professionalism, integrity and independence laid down in the applicable legislation and the Corporate Governance Code.

Over the years, the Company has adopted tools and initiatives aimed at ensuring diversity, particularly through the guidelines produced by the Board of Directors for shareholders on the future size and composition of the Board of Directors<sup>55</sup> in view of the Shareholders' Meeting of 2 April 2019 and the resolutions of the Board of Directors on co-optation. The guidelines produced in view of the Shareholders' Meeting of 2 April 2019 took into account the required diversity within Snam's Board of Directors, not only in terms of gender, age and length of time in office, but also complementarity of professional and managerial experience, appropriate knowledge, including of language and culture of an international or foreign nature, and the characteristics and importance of positions previously held, including in institutional settings.

One method used by Snam to increase the capabilities and skills of members of the administrative and control bodies are the Board inductions, that include activities very intense and rich in topics<sup>56</sup>, through which the members of the Board of Directors and the members of the Board of Statutory Auditors acquire specific sector-related skills.

The Board evaluations and Board inductions are taken into account when formulating these quidelines.

#### c. Age

Snam's Articles of Association do not set specific age limits for members of corporate bodies. The statutory limits are not deemed necessary, since an adequate diversity already exists in any case, as demonstrated by the following information:

- the age of Snam's Directors ranges from 42 to 67, with an average age of 53;
- the age of Snam's Statutory Auditors ranges from 43 to 68, with an average age of 54.

### d. Methods adopted for the implementation of diversity policies

With regard to the methods used to implement diversity policies, the main references are the Board evaluations, carried out with the contribution of an external advisor, as described in greater detail in Paragraph 2.4 of this Section. Snam has undertaken - most recently on 27 March 2021 – an evaluation of the performance of the Board of Directors and its Committees, as well as their size and composition, taking into account the professional skills, experience (in-

<sup>55</sup> For more information on the content of the guidelines produced by the Board of Directors, see Annex 4 of this Report.

<sup>56</sup> For more details, see Paragraph 5, Section III of this Report.



cluding managerial experience) and gender of its members and their length of service as directors.

The ESG Committee addresses issues related to gender diversity and inclusion, monitoring the related activities of the Company and expressing recommendations and proposals.

One of the initiatives to promote attention to diversity policies in corporate governance is Snam's adherence to "Valore D", which is an association of companies that promotes female diversity, talent and leadership, in order to stimulate the growth of companies and the country, through seminars, workshops and mentoring. The Company has also signed the "Manifesto for Female Employment", which identifies corporate tools for promoting female talent in concrete terms.

With regard to the Board of Statutory Auditors, Snam does not consider it necessary to adopt specific diversity policies for the control body, taking into account the provisions of the Articles of Association on diversity, the professional requirements set forth by the Articles of Association and by the applicable law, and the fact that the members of the Board of Statutory Auditors meet the independence requirements set forth by the Corporate Governance Code, as well as the participation of the Statutory Auditors to Board Induction sessions. The current composition of the Board of Statutory Auditors is considered to be adequately structured in terms of age, gender and training and professional experience, as also shown by the evaluation of the Board of Statutory Auditors.

Finally, Snam also takes the diversity policy into account when exercising its direction and coordination activities, ensuring consistency among the Subsidiaries with the policy described above.

#### 2.6 Chairman of the Board of Directors

The Shareholders' Meeting of 18 June 2020 appointed Nicola Bedin as Chairman of the Board of Directors to replace Luca Dal Fabbro who had resigned with effect from the date of the said Shareholders' Meeting.

The Chairman, who does not have an executive role, performs the duties assigned to him by law, the Articles of Association and by resolution of the Board of Directors, as indicated in Annex 5 to this Report.

The Chairman is responsible for representing the Company, by agreement and in coordination with the Chief Executive Officer.

The Chairman is not the person principally responsible for managing the Company (Chief Executive Officer) and is not the controlling shareholder.<sup>57</sup>

#### 2.7 Chief Executive Officer

At the meeting of 2 April 2019, the Board of Directors appointed Marco Alverà (formerly CEO of Snam from 27 April 2016) as CEO, also confirming his appointment as General Manager on 15 January 2016. The Board of Directors assigned to the *Chief Executive Officer* the duties of *Chief Executive Officer* and conferred upon him all of the duties and powers not reserved to the Board of Directors or the Chairman, which are set forth in Sections 3, 2.5 above and Exhibit 5 to this Section, respectively.

The CEO performs the role of Director in charge of the internal control and risk management system (the "Director in charge of the internal control and risk management system").<sup>58</sup>

There is no interlocking directorate in place, as defined in criterion 2.C.6 of the Corporate Governance Code, in relation to the CEO.<sup>59</sup>

- 57 Article 147- quinquies of TUF provides that "parties that perform management functions must meet the integrity requirements laid down for members of control bodies by the regulations issued by the Ministry of Justice pursuant to Article 148, paragraph 4" of the TUF. These requirements were set forth by Article 2 of Decree of the Ministry of Justice 162/2000 ("Regulations containing rules for setting the professionalism and integrity requirements for members of the board of statutory auditors of listed companies to be issued based on Article 148 of TUF").
- 58 For more information on the Director in charge of the internal control and risk management system, see Section IV, Paragraph 1.2 (ii).
- 59 Criterion 2.C.6 of the Corporate Governance Code provides that "the chief executive officer of issuer (A) shall not be appointed director of another issuer (B) not belonging to the same corporate group, in the event that the chief executive officer of issuer (B) is a director of issuer (A)".



#### 2.8 Other executive directors

With the exception of the Chief Executive Officer, all the members of the current Board of Directors are non-executive, as (i) they do not hold the position of chief executive officer or executive chairman in the Strategic Subsidiaries; and (ii) they do not hold executive positions in the Issuer or in the Strategic Subsidiaries.

#### 2.9 Independent directors

The Board of Directors includes a number of independent directors sufficient to ensure, in terms of number and authority, that their opinion carries substantial weight when Board decisions are taken. In fact, out of a total of nine directors, six qualify as independent<sup>60</sup>, more than the number required by the Corporate Governance Code, which recommends that the proportion of independent directors on the Boards of Directors of Issuers on the FTSE-Mib index should be one-third.<sup>61</sup> The presence of independent directors on both the Board of Directors and its Committees ensures that the interests of all shareholders are adequately protected.

On 17 March 2021, the Board of Directors verified:

- that the non-executive directors Laura Cavatorta, Francesco Gori, Antonio Marano, Francesca Pace and Rita Rolli meet the independence requirements set forth in the TUF and the Corporate Governance Code;
- that Nicola Bedin, the Chairman of the Board of Directors, also meets the independence requirements under the TUF.
  - In this regard, the Chairman, in view of the appointment approved by the Shareholders' Meeting on 18 June, had certified that he did not meet the independence requirements established for statutory auditors in Article 148, paragraph 3 of Legislative Decree No. 58 of 1998 and in the Application Criterion 3.C.1 of the Corporate Governance Code: "because a company of which he is a director and indirectly a shareholder has a consultancy contract with Snam".

Subsequently, due to the termination of this contract, the Chairman attested and the Board of Directors verified on July 29, 2020 that he met the independence requirements pursuant to Article 148, Section 3, of Legislative Decree No. 58 of 1998, confirming however that he did not meet the independence requirements set forth in the Application Criterion 3.C.1 of the Corporate Governance Code in that a company of which he is a director and indirectly a shareholder has had a consultancy contract with Snam, as well as, in his capacity as Chairman of the Company, he is also holds a "significant role" in Snam

On 19 May 2020, the Board of Statutory Auditors verified the correct application of the criteria and procedures adopted by the Board of Directors in order to determine whether the directors met the independence requirements. The verification by the Board of Statutory Auditors for the year 2021 will be performed in April.

During the 2020 financial year, 5 meetings of independent directors only were held.

The Independent Directors informed the Board of Directors of these meetings at the next meeting of the Board.

## 2.10 Maximum accumulation of offices held at other companies

At its meeting of 17 March 2021, the Board of Directors, on the proposal of the Appointments Committee, confirmed its position on the accumulation of offices held by directors (already adopted at the meeting of 06 May 2020), according to which:

- (i) an **Executive Director** should not hold:
  - a) an executive director position at another Italian or foreign listed company, or at a financial, banking or insurance company, or a company with net assets or consolidated annual turnover of more than €500 million or an equivalent amount if the company uses a different currency;
  - b) the office of non-executive director or statutory auditor (or member of another control body) in more than three of the companies listed under point (a).
     Furthermore, in the case of the CEO, they may not accept the office of director of another issuer not belonging to the same group, whose CEO is another director of the Company;

<sup>60</sup> Specifically, five directors are independent pursuant to the TUF and the Corporate Governance Code (Laura Cavatorta, Francesco Gori, Antonio Marano, Francesca Pace and Rita Rolli) and one is independent pursuant to the TUF (Nicola Bedin).

<sup>61</sup> In this regard, see the provision of Criterion 3.C.3 of the Corporate Governance Code.



- (ii) a **Non-Executive Director** (including independent directors) must not, in addition to the position held at the Company, hold:
  - a) an executive director office at more than one Italian or foreign listed companies, financial, banking or insurance companies, or companies with net assets or consolidated annual turnover of more than €500 million or an equivalent amount if the company uses a different currency, or the office of non-executive director or statutory auditor (or member of another control body) at more than three of the above companies; or
  - b) the office of non-executive director or statutory auditor (or member of another control body) in more than four of the companies listed under point a).

For the purposes of calculating the maximum number of offices, positions held within Snam and its Subsidiaries and on Snam's Committees are not relevant.

The Board of Directors, in its assessments of each subjective position, to be made in the interest of the Company, may take into account the specific circumstances and professional commitments (not limited to the holding of office) of the individual directors, to allow for any exemptions from the limits of offices, and to establish a possible reduction of the maximum number of offices that can be held. If appropriate, the Board of Directors will invite the director to take the consequent decisions.

Based on the declarations made by the directors, the following table lists the other important positions held by the Directors of the Company pursuant to the Corporate Governance Code and the relevant recommendations issued by the Board of Directors.

Director	Other important positions held	
Marco Alverà	Independent director of S&P Global	
Laura Cavatorta	Independent director of Infrastrutture Wireless Italiane S.p.A.	
Francesco Gori	Non-executive director on the supervisory and management boards of Apollo Tyres Ltd	
	Independent director of PRYSMIAN S.p.A.	
Yunpeng He	Non-executive director of CDP RETI S.p.A., Terna S.p.A., Italgas S.p.A. and IPTO S.A.	
Antonio Marano	Non-Executive Director of Sasol Italy S.p.A.	
Francesca Pace	Independent director of Cassa di Risparmio di Orvieto S.p.A.	
Rita Rolli	Independent director of TREVI Finanziaria Industriale S.p.A. (Chairman of the Control, Risk and Sustainability Committee and the Related-Party Transactions Committee)	

The Board of Directors, at the meetings of 6 May 2020 and 17 March 2021 verified that:

- (i) with the exception of the CEO, all the directors hold a non-executive role;
- (ii) the number of significant offices pursuant to the Corporate Governance Code and the position taken by the Board of Directors regarding the maximum number of offices held by the same director is compatible with the effective performance of the role of director of Snam.



#### 2.11 Lead independent director

Snam has not appointed a lead independent director as the conditions set forth in the Corporate Governance Code are not met.<sup>62</sup> The Chairman of the Board of Directors is not the person mainly responsible for managing the Company (the CEO) and does not hold a controlling stake in the Company. Furthermore, the appointment of a lead independent director was not requested by the independent directors.

#### 2.12 Succession plans

The purpose of succession plans is to: (i) favour generational replacement in companies; (ii) improve the management of the termination of executive directors and top management; and (iii) limit the negative effects of any management discontinuity.

Snam pays particular attention to defining an evaluation process to be used as the basis for the selection of candidates. Candidates must be active, proactive and keen to make a contribution to the future of the Group. These characteristics are shared by the individuals who have committed themselves to the Company. Snam's success also stems from its particular focus on selecting key front-line functions.

As of the date of approval of this Report, Snam's key management personnel are considered in succession planning, i.e. Chief Industrial Assets Officer, Chief Financial Officer & B.U. International Development e Executive Vice President Human Resources & Organization & PFM.<sup>63</sup> The methods used include:

- (i) conducting assessment interviews with current key position holders and potential successors;
- (ii) the identification, for each key position, of the requirements of the role, including the scope of responsibility, expertise, required skills and strategic objectives;
- (iii) the assessment and weighting of the risk associated with the individual key position;
- 62 Criterion 2.C.4 states that: "The board of directors shall designate an independent director as lead independent director, in the following circumstances:
  (i) in the event that the chairman of the board of directors is the chief executive officer of the company; (ii) in the event that the office of chairman is held by the person controlling the issuer. The board of directors of issuers on the FTSE MIB index shall designate a lead independent director when requested by the majority of independent directors, except in the case of a different and reasoned assessment made by the board and included in the corporate governance report."
- 63 As well as Snam's key management personnel, the Financial Reporting Officer and the SVP Internal Audit are taken into account in succession planning.

- (iv) the identification and analysis of the line of succession of each key position, in order to identify consistency in terms of skills and experience and readiness;
- (v) individual career plans for internal candidates/external selection or mapping, as appropriate;
- (vi) a hypothetical contingency plan for crisis situations.

The activity is carried out with the support of an external advisor. The Appointments Committee and the Board of Directors have reviewed and approved the methods used to draw up succession plans.<sup>64</sup>

In view of the nature of its shareholder structure, Snam does not set out specific succession plans for its executive directors. On 13 March 2018, the Board of Directors, on the proposal of the Appointments Committee, approved a "Contingency Plan", in the event of premature termination of the CEO's office or permanent impediment to the performance of his/her duties, which provides for the following:

- in the event of premature termination of the office of the CEO or permanent impediment to his/her duties, the Chairman of the Board of Directors will convene (within 24 hours) a meeting of the
- Board of Directors. In the absence of the Chairman of the Board of Directors, the Board of Directors is convened by the most senior director in terms of age, pursuant to Article 15.1 of Snam's Articles of Association;
- the Board of Directors, where possible, co-opts a Director and appoints the Chief Executive Officer, granting him or her the relevant powers, or promptly initiates the process of identifying a CEO, with the support of the Appointments Committee, in the meantime granting powers of ordinary management of the Company to a director;
- the Appointments Committee, which also avails itself of a consultancy firm specialising in the sector, submits proposals to the Board of Directors on the identification of the person best suited to the role of Chief Executive Officer:
- on the proposal of the Appointments Committee, the Board of Directors co-opts a director and identifies the new Chief Executive Officer, conferring the relevant powers on him or her.

<sup>64</sup> Respectively the Appointments Committee, on 12 December 2019, duly reported to the Board of Directors on the same date.



# 2.13 Remuneration system for directors and key management personnel

The Board of Directors reviews the 2021 Remuneration Report pursuant to Article 123- ter of TUF, the first section of which – dedicated to the remuneration policy for directors and key management personnel adopted by the Company - is subject to a binding vote by the Shareholders' Meeting, while the second section - dedicated to the analytical illustration of the remuneration paid in any capacity and in any form by the Company and its Subsidiaries to the members of the administration and control bodies, general managers and key management personnel – is subject to a non-binding vote by the Shareholders' Meeting.

For an explanation of Snam's remuneration policy, see the Remuneration Report, which will be submitted to the Shareholders' Meeting for review on 28 April 2021 and made available on the Company's website.

The Remuneration Report is available on the Company website www.snam.it/repository/ENG\_file/Governance/remuneration/Remuneration Report 2021.pdf

#### 3. SNAM'S COMMITTEES

The Board has established the following internal Committees with consultative and advisory duties, pursuant to the Corporate Governance Code and to Article 16 of the Articles of Association:

- Remuneration Committee;
- Appointments Committee;
- The Control and Risk and the Related-Party Transactions Committee;
- Environmental, Social & Governance Committee.

In order to review matters of common interest, the Committees may meet in joint sessions.

During the year, meetings were held jointly by Committees on issues of cross-department interest. This method allows for effective coordination among the Committees and a timely exchange of information and active discussion of shared issues.

In performing their duties, the Committees are entitled to access the corporate information and functions, and have available the necessary resources. In particular, within the terms established from time to time by the Board of Directors, the Committees can avail themselves of the services of external consultants through the Company structures, provided that they are not in a situation likely to compromise their independent judgement.<sup>65</sup>

Individuals who are not members may participate at Committee meetings if asked to do so in relation to the particular agenda items. The respective Secretaries take the minutes of the Committee meetings.

The Committee Regulations provide that, after every meeting, the Chairman of each Committee shall update the Board of Directors by a report, at the next convenient meeting, on the matters addressed and the observations, recommendations and opinions expressed.<sup>66</sup>

Table 1 in Section VI provides information on the attendance of each participant at Committees meetings.

- 65 The composition, duties and functioning of the Committees are governed by the Board under special regulations, which can be consulted under the "Governance and Conduct" section of the Company's website (http://www. snam.it/it/etica-governance/comitati/),, in accordance with the criteria set out by the Corporate Governance Code.
- 66 In this regard, see the provision of Criterion 4.C.1, letter d) of the Corporate Governance Code.



#### 3.1 The Remuneration Committee

#### (i) Composition

II The composition of the Remuneration Committee is as follows:

Member	Position
Francesca Pace	Independent Non-Executive Director <sup>(1)</sup> - Chairwoman
Rita Rolli	Independent Non-Executive Director <sup>(1)</sup>
Alessandro Tonetti	Non-executive

<sup>(1)</sup> Independent directors pursuant to the independence requirements laid down by the TUF and the Corporate Governance Code

The Board of Directors has identified Francesca Pace as Chairwoman of the Remuneration Committee and has verified that all the members have sufficient knowledge and experience on financial matters and remuneration policies.

Remuneration Committee meetings are deemed to be valid constituted with the presence of at least the majority of the members in office; the Committee adopts decisions by an absolute majority of the attendees. In the event of a tie, the Chair of the Committee has the casting vote.

Committee meetings may be attended by the Chair of the Board of Statutory Auditors or by a standing auditor designated by the latter. Meetings may also be attended by other parties, upon invitation by the Committee Chair, in order to provide information and express an opinion on individual agenda items.

The Directors that are not members of the Appointments Committee may attend the meetings in relation to the discussion of items of interest, upon sharing with the Chairman

The Committee appointed as Secretary the SVP Governance, Risk & Compliance - Corporate Secretary.

#### (ii) Tasks

The Remuneration Committee provides recommendations and advice<sup>67</sup>, as described in the Regulations most recently approved by the Board of Directors on 12 June 2019, to the Board of Directors on Directors' remuneration.

In accordance with the Board's decision, the Remuneration Committee annually reviews the remuneration structure of the Head of Internal Audit and ensures that it is consistent with the general criteria approved by the Board of Directors for all managers, indicating the above to the Chairman of the Control and Risk and Related-Party Transactions Committee for the purposes of the opinion which he must express on this matter at the Board meeting<sup>68</sup>.

#### (iii) Activities

The Remuneration Committee met 18 times in 2020, with an average attendance rate of 94%. The average duration of Committee meetings was 89 minutes.

<sup>67</sup> For a detailed description of the duties of the Remuneration Committee, see Annex 5 to this Report.

<sup>68</sup> See also Section III, Paragraph 3.3, of the Report.



Below is a brief description of the main issues dealt with by the Remuneration Committee during the 2020 financial year.

#### Activities

- Approval of the final figures for the 2019 corporate objectives
- Definition of the corporate objectives for 2020
- Approval of the 2020 Report on remuneration policy and remuneration paid
- Proposal for annual monetary incentive for the Chief Executive Officer
- Proposed 2020-2022 Stock Incentive Plan Information Document.
- Report on the impact of Covid-19 on remuneration policies
- Approval of the Committee's activities schedule for 2020
- Considerations regarding the 2017-1019 cycle endorsement related to the 2016-2017 Long-Term Share Incentive Plan
- In-depth analysis of fair pay issues
- 2020-2022 Long-Term Share-Based Incentive Plan approval of settlement and incentive award for the Chief Executive Officer for 2020
- Long-Term Share-Based Incentive Plan. In-depth analysis of the methodologies used to calculate the objective of reducing gas emissions and in-depth analysis of the corporate aspects for the purpose of revising the objective of reducing gas emissions
- Analysis of the results of the vote of the Shareholders' Meeting on the 2020 Remuneration Report, launching an in-depth examination of the issues raised by shareholders and proxy advisers

The Committee reported to the Board of Directors at the Board meetings of 29 July 2020 and 17 March 2021 on the activities carried out in the first and second semester of 2020. It also reported on each meeting held at the following Board meeting, pursuant to Criterion 4.C.1, letter d) of the Corporate Governance Code. The Committee has defined its calendar and has scheduled 11 meetings for 2021, 2 of which scheduled if there are matters to be discussed. As of the date of approval of this Report, 6 meetings have been held.

Pursuant to the Regulations, directors refrain from attending Committee meetings during which proposals are discussed concerning their remuneration.

During 2020, a Standing Auditor designated by the Chairman of the Board of Statutory Auditors regularly attended the Committee's meetings and, at the invitation of the Committee, other non-Committee members also attended the Committee's meetings in order to provide information and express an opinion on individual agenda items.

The Committee availed itself of external consultants, some of whom also provide services (which do not compromise their independent judgement) to the Human Resources and Organisation business area.

The Remuneration Committee Regulations are available on the Company website https://www.snam.it/export/sites/snam-rp/repository/ENG\_file/Governance/Social\_bodies/Committees/regulations\_compensation\_committee\_2019.pdf



#### 3.2 Appointments Committee

#### (i) Composition

Il Comitato Nomine è composto come segue:

Member	Position
Antonio Marano	Independent Non-Executive Director <sup>(1)</sup> - Chairman
Laura Cavatorta	Independent Non-Executive Director <sup>(1)</sup>
Alessandro Tonetti	Non-executive

<sup>(1)</sup> Independent directors pursuant to the independence requirements laid down by TUF and the Corporate Governance Code

The Chairman of the Board of Directors, the CEO and, for matters relevant to him, the Chairman of the Board of Statutory Auditors, or a standing auditor designated by him, are usually invited to attend Committee meetings, and this was generally the case in 2020. Other non-Committee members may also attend the Committee meetings, upon invitation by the Committee, in order to provide information and express an opinion on individual agenda items.

The Directors that are not members of the Appointments Committee may attend the meetings in relation to the discussion of items of interest, upon sharing with the Chairman.

The Committee appointed as Secretary the SVP Governance, Risk & Compliance - Corporate Secretary and Board of Directors Secretary.

Committee meetings are deemed to be validly constituted with the presence of a majority of the members in office; the Committee adopts resolutions by an absolute majority of the attendees. In the event of a tie, the Chair of the Committee has the casting vote.

#### (ii) Tasks

The Committee provides recommendations and advice to the Board on the matters indicated in Annex 6 of this Report.

#### (iii) Activities

The Appointments Committee met 7 times in 2020, with 95% attendance by members. The average duration of Committee meetings was 69 minutes.



A brief description of the main activities of the Appointments Committee in 2020 is provided below.

#### **Activities**

- · Review and proposal to the Board of Directors of the Final Board Evaluation Report of the advisor Spencer Stuart
- Review and proposal to the Board of Directors on the limits and restrictions on the accumulation of offices by Snam's directors
- Approval of the Report of the Appointments Committee on activities carried out in the second half of 2019 and first half of 2020
- Approval of the Committee's activities schedule for 2020
- · Approval of proposed amendments and additions to the Committee's Rules of Procedure
- Review of the Snam's diversity policy pursuant to Article 123-bis, lett. d- bis) of TUF
- With regard to the Subsidiaries included in the scope of consolidation and strategic foreign investees, the formulation of proposals for the Board of Directors on the appointment of members of the corporate bodies
- Description of the Snam Talent Development System methodology
- Review of the methods and process for defining Snam's succession plans

The Appointments Committee Regulations were most recently approved by the Board of Directors on 27 March 2020.

The Appointments Committee Regulations are available on the Company's website (http://www.snam.it/export/sites/snam-rp/repository/file/Governance/organi sociali/comitati/Snam Regolamento del Comitato Nomine 2020.pdf).

The Committee reported to the Board of Directors at the Board meetings of 29 July 2020 and 17 March 2021 on the activities carried out in the first and second semester of 2020. It also reported on each meeting held at the following Board meeting, pursuant to Criterion 4.C.1, letter d) of the Corporate Governance Code.

The Committee has defined its calendar and has scheduled 8 meetings for 2021, 2 of which scheduled if there are matters to be discussed. As of the date of approval of this Report, 2 meetings have been held.

In accordance with the Appointments Committee Regulations, in 2020 the EVP Human Resources, Organisation and PFM, and the General Counsel took part at meetings of the Committee, in view of the purpose of these meetings.



# 3.3 The Control and Risk and Related-Party Transactions Committee

#### (i) Composition

The composition of the Control and Risk and Related-Party Transactions Committee is as follows:

Member	Position
Francesco Gori	Independent Non-Executive Director <sup>(1)</sup> - Chairman
Francesca Pace	Independent Non-Executive Director <sup>(1)</sup>
Antonio Marano	Independent Non-Executive Director <sup>(1)</sup>

<sup>(1)</sup> Independent directors pursuant to the independence requirements laid down by the TUF and the Corporate Governance Code

Snam's Board of Directors identified Francesco Gori as Chairman of the Control and Risk and Related-Party Transactions Committee and has verified that all the members have an adequate accounting, financial and risk management experience.

The Company's Chairman and the members of the Board of Statutory Auditors were invited to Committee meetings; on the invitation of the Committee itself, the Director in charge of the internal control and risk management system and other persons who are not Committee members may attend Committee meetings in order to provide information and express opinions, within their respective remits, on the individual agenda items.

The Directors that are not members of the Appointments Committee may attend the meetings in relation to the discussion of items of interest, upon sharing with the Chairman

The Committee appointed as Secretary the SVP Governance, Risk & Compliance - Corporate Secretary and Board of Directors Secretary.

Committee meetings are deemed to be validly constituted with the presence of the majority of the members in office; the Committee resolves by an absolute majority of the attendees. In the event of a tie, the Chair of the Committee has the casting vote.

#### (ii) Tasks

The Committee provides recommendations and advice<sup>69</sup> to the Board, carrying out appropriate investigations to support Board decisions and assessments concerning the internal control and risk management system, as well as those relating to the approval of financial reports. The Committee is also responsible for monitoring Corporate Tax Policy.

#### (iii) Activities

The Committee met 14 times in 2020, with attendance of 100%. The average duration of Committee meetings was approximately 194 minutes.

Below is a brief description of the main issues discussed and the main activities performed during the 2020 financial year.

69 For a more detailed description of the duties of the Control and Risk and Related-Party Transactions Committee, see Annex 5 to this Report



Area	Activities
	Activities of a non-recurring nature
Internal control and risk management system	<ul> <li>Continuation of the in-depth analyses that started in the last few months of 2019 on the offices and shareholdings held by the Chairman of the Board of Directors and some of his close family members, as a result of which it has been ascertained that no transactions were carried out between the Snam Group and the related parties attributable to the Chairman of Snam's Board of Directors</li> <li>In-depth analysis of the activities carried out by the Company in the area of Cooperative Compliance</li> <li>Analysis of the urgent measures for the containment and management of the epidemiological emergency adopted by Snam following the appearance of the first cases of Covid-19 positivity in Italy; as well as main impacts of the health emergency on the Company's business and on the Strategic Plan</li> <li>Analysis of the implementation activities of the Tax Control Framework</li> <li>Analysis of controls carried out in relation to bank and insurance guarantees received by Snam</li> <li>Update on TAP project</li> <li>Analysis - with the support of the Executive Vice President of Human Resources &amp; Organisation - of the Group workforce with particular reference to management personnel, and of the training activities planned for the new companies of the Snam Group</li> <li>Analysis of new business initiatives not regulated by Snam</li> <li>Analysis of the assessments carried out by the Company regarding the compatibility of the positions of director or statutory auditor held by the new Chairman of the Board of Directors with the effective performance of the office of Director at Snam, as well as the absence of causes of incompatibility and ineligibility and the possession, by the Chairman, of the requirements provided for by applicable legislation and the Articles of Association</li> <li>Analysis of the Proposed amendments to Articles 2, 12 and 13 of the Company's Articles of Association</li> <li>Analysis of the Directors &amp; Officers policy approved by the Company</li> </ul>
	Activities of a recurring nature
ERM Model and management of the main risks faced by the Company	<ul> <li>Review of quarterly reports on the identification and updating of the key corporate risks in the ERM system, particularly with regard to the risks associated with unregulated new business, the new biological risk and the risks related to the Environmental, Social e Governance (ESG) area</li> <li>Periodic analysis with the management of the Finance function of the management of financial risks and the risks associated with the Strategic Plan</li> </ul>
Oversight of the Internal Audit function	<ul> <li>Consolidation of the 2019 objective applied to the Senior Vice President Internal Audit and analysis of the proposed 2020 objectives</li> <li>Analysis regarding the Report on the activities carried out by the Internal Audit Function in the second half of 2019 and the first half of 2020.</li> <li>Analysis of preparatory activities for the identification of the new candidate for the position of Senior Vice President Internal Audit, also pursuant to the Guidelines of the Snam Board of Directors on the subject of Internal Audit activities.</li> <li>Analysis of methodological updates of the internal auditing process of the INTAU function</li> <li>Review of the state of progress of the implementation of the actions identified as a result of the Internal Quality Assurance Review conducted in 2018 with the specialist support of Deloitte</li> <li>Detailed analyses of the internal audit reports produced in 2020</li> <li>Analysis of the quarterly reports on the notifications received by Snam and the Subsidiaries</li> <li>Review of the functionalities of the information system supporting the internal audit process and updating of the continuous monitoring tool</li> <li>Analysis of the proposed 2021 Audit Schedule</li> </ul>
Corporate reporting control system	<ul> <li>Review of the report on the adequacy of the CRCS and on the compliance of the administrative and accounting procedures and the annual report on the organisational, administrative and accounting structure of Snam and its Subsidiaries</li> <li>Analysis of the activities performed in 2020 to update and continuously improve the CRCS of the Snam Group</li> </ul>
Independent audit of financial statements  • Analysis of issues relating to the half-year and annual financial report, with regard to both the auditing and to on the effectiveness of the CRCS	
Legislative Decree No. 231 of 2001, Code of Ethics and Anti-Corruption Policy	<ul> <li>Review of the process of updating the Company's 231 Model and analysis of the updating of the Special Part of the 231 Model in light of regulatory and case law updates</li> <li>Meetings with the Supervisory Body regarding the report on the work performed in the second half of 2019 and in 2020</li> <li>Review of the impact of the Covid-19 epidemiological emergency on Snam 231 Model</li> </ul>
Corporate governance and regulatory compliance	<ul> <li>Review with the General Counsel of the 2019 Report on Corporate Governance and Ownership Structure and the 2019 Compliance Report</li> <li>Analysis of the Non-Financial Statement pursuant to Leg. Decree 254 of 2016, of the Sustainability Report 2019 and of the Financial Disclosure on Climate Change, drawn-up on the basis of recommendations made by the Task Force on Climate Related Financial Disclosure</li> <li>Analysis of issues relating to the interim management report as at 30 September 2020</li> </ul>
Transactions in which directors and statutory auditors have an interest and related- party transactions	<ul> <li>Annual assessment of the decisions made by the Company to define the threshold for the purposes of distinguishing between transactions of lesser and greater significance in the "Guidelines on transactions in which directors and statutory auditors have an interest and related-party transactions". Proposal to the Board of Directors to confirm, for all transactions with related parties, a single threshold of greater significance, set at € 140,000,000.</li> <li>Analysis of the main amendments to Regulation No. 17221/2010 in the implementation of the Shareholders' Rights Directive (also "SHRD 2") adopted by Consob with resolution dated 10 December 2020</li> </ul>



The Regulations of the Control and Risk and Related-Party Transactions Committee were most recently approved by the Board of Directors on 12 June 2019.

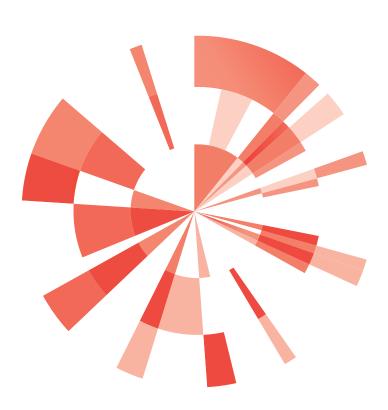
The Regulations of the Control and Risk Committee and Related Party Transactions are available on the Company's website (http://www.snam.it/export/sites/snam-rp/repository/file/Governance/organi\_sociali/comitati/Snam\_S.p.A.-Regolamento\_CCROPC-ITA\_2019\_.pdf).

The Committee reported to the Board of Directors at the Board meetings of 29 July 2020 and 17 March 2021 on the activities carried out in the first and second semester of 2020. It also reported on each meeting held at the following Board meeting, pursuant to Criterion 4.C.1, letter d) of the Corporate Governance Code.

For 2021, the Committee has defined its calendar and has scheduled 12 meetings. As of the date of approval of this Report, 4 meetings have already been held.

During 2020, external subjects attended the meetings of the Committee at the invitation of the Control and Risk and Related-Party Transactions Committee, in order to provide information and explanations. Normally, the Chairman of the Board of Statutory Auditors and/or other auditors also attended the Committee meetings.

The Committee Regulations provide that the Committee, when carrying out its duties, is authorised to access the information and corporate functions necessary to perform its duties.





#### 3.4 Environmental, Social & Governance Committee

#### (i) Composition

The composition of the ESG Committee is as follows:

Member	Position
Laura Cavatorta	Independent Non-Executive $Director^{(1)}$ - $Chairwoman$
Yunpeng He	Non-executive
Rita Rolli	Independent Non-Executive Director <sup>(1)</sup>

<sup>(1)</sup> Independent directors pursuant to the independence requirements laid down by the TUF and the Corporate Governance Code

The Chairman of the Company, the CEO and the Chairman of the Board of Statutory Auditors, or a standing auditor designated by them, are usually invited to attend Committee meetings. Other non-Committee members may also attend, upon invitation by the Committee, in order to provide information and express an opinion on individual agenda items.

The Directors that are not members of the Appointments Committee may attend the meetings in relation to the discussion of items of interest, upon sharing with the Chairman.

Members of the Board of Statutory Auditors usually took part at the meetings. Non-Committee members also took part at the Committee meetings, at the Committee's invitation, in order to provide information and express opinions, within their respective remits, on individual agenda items.

The Committee appointed as Secretary the SVP Governance, Risk & Compliance - Corporate Secretary and Board of Directors Secretary.

Committee meetings are deemed to be validly constituted with the presence of the majority of the members in office; the Committee resolves by an absolute majority of the attendees.

#### (ii) Tasks

The ESG Committee, in fact, provides recommendations and advice to the Board of Directors, with the aim of: (i) promoting the continued incorporation of national and international best practices into Snam's corporate governance and of environmental, social and governance factors into corporate strategies, and (ii) creating value for shareholders generally and for stakeholders in the medium to long term, while respecting the principles of sustainable development..

#### (iii) Activities

The ESG Committee met 18 times in 2020, with 98% attendance by members. The average duration of Committee meetings was 104 minutes.



In 2020, the ESG Committee focused its activities on the matters indicated in the following table.

#### **Activities**

- Review of the "Plastic Less" Project and first results of the related materiality matrix
- Update on staff-related KPI's in 2019, particularly on gender diversity
- Review of the main changes in the new Corporate Governance Code for listed companies published on 31 January 2020 and possible areas of intervention
- Review and proposal to the Remuneration Committee regarding the ESG objectives of the LTI and STI
- Review of the contents of the 2019 Board Self-Assessment Report
- Review of Board Induction activities for the period 2020-2021 and the proposed Board Evaluation 2020 Work Plan from appointed advisor Spencer Stuart
- In-depth analysis of fair pay issues, with particular reference to the gender pay gap and the CEO pay ratio
- Review of the methodology and results of the financial risk analysis, including from an ESG perspective, included in the 2020-2024 Strategic Plan
- Update on the progress of the ESG Performance Management dashboard and the "Carbon Net-Zero" project
- Final balance of profit and non-profit initiatives for the year 2019 and review of profit and non-profit initiatives for the year 2020
- · Review of proposed amendments to Articles 2, 12 and 13 of the Company's Articles of Association
- Review of Shareholder Engagement and gas advocacy initiatives
- Review of the Diversity & Inclusion Policy
- Review of Half-Year Sustainability Review
- Review of the Non-Financial Statement (NFS) in the Annual Financial Report
- Review of the Sustainability Report
- Long-Term Share-Based Incentive Plan. In-depth analysis of the methods used to calculate the objective of reducing gas emissions
- Report on the activities of the Snam Foundation undertaken in favour of the health system and the service sector to counter the health emergency from COVID-19
- Review of gender diversity initiatives
- Review of the activities of the working group in relation to the TCFD

In a joint meeting with the Remuneration Committee, the Committee discussed in detail the methods used to calculate the target of gas emission reduction, as well as the incentive system and corporate objectives.

The ESG Committee Regulations were most recently approved by the Board of Directors on 12 June 2019.

The Rules of the Environmental, Social & Governance Committee are available on the Company's Website Website (http://www.snam.it/export/sites/snam-rp/repository/file/Governance/organi\_sociali/comitati/Snam\_S.p.A.-Regolamento\_Comitato\_ESG-ITA\_2019\_.pdf)

The Committee reported to the Board of Directors at the Board meetings of 29 July 2020 and 17 March 2021 on the activities carried out in the first and second semester of 2020. It also reported on each meeting held at the following Board meeting, pursuant to Criterion 4.C.1, letter d) of the Corporate Governance Code.

The Committee has defined its calendar and has scheduled 11 meetings for 2021. As of the date of approval of this Report, 4 meetings have already been held.



# 4. SNAM'S BOARD OF STATUTORY AUDITORS AND EXTERNAL AUDITORS

#### 4.1 Snam's Board of Statutory Auditors

The Board of Statutory Auditors, pursuant to the TUF, oversees compliance with the law and with the deed of incorporation, as well as respect for the principles of proper administration in the performance of company activities. It also evaluates the adequacy of the organisational, administrative and accounting structure adopted by the Company, and how it functions in practice. Furthermore, pursuant to Article 19 of Legislative Decree No. 39 of 27 January 2010 (as updated by Legislative Decree No. 135 of 17 July 2016, which implemented European Directive 2014/56/EU on statutory audits), the Board of Statutory Auditors also performs supervisory functions in its capacity as the "Internal Control and Audit Committee".

#### (i) Composition

The Company's current Board of Statutory Auditors was appointed by the Shareholders' Meeting of 2 April 2019 for three financial years and, in any event, until the date of the Shareholders' Meeting called to approve the financial statements as of 31 December 2021. The following table provides information about the current members of the Board of Statutory Auditors:

Member	Position	List in which he/she was submitted
Stefano Gnocchi	Standing Auditor and Chairman	List submitted jointly by the institutional investors
Gianfranco Chinellato	Standing Auditor	CDP RETI S.p.A. list
Donata Paola Patrini	Standing Auditor	CDP RETI S.p.A. list
Federica Albizzati	Alternate auditor	List submitted jointly by the institutional investors
Maria Gimigliano	Alternate auditor	CDP RETI S.p.A. list

Two lists for the appointment of the Board of Statutory Auditors were submitted at the Shareholders' Meeting of 2 April 2019:

- (i) a list submitted by CDP RETI S.p.A. (two candidates for standing auditor and one candidate for alternate auditor); and
- (ii) a joint list presented by institutional investors (one candidate for standing auditor and one candidate for alternate auditor).

The share capital represented at the Shareholders' Meeting for the appointment of statutory auditors through list voting constituted 70.47% of the share capital, and 70.25% of the share capital voted. The list submitted by CDP RETI S.p.A. was voted for by 92.76% of the share capital represented in the Shareholders' Meeting (the list receiving the most votes), while the list submitted jointly by the institutional investors was voted for by 6.93% of the share capital represented.





Therefore, applying the provisions of the Articles of Association on the list voting mechanism applicable in 2019, 3 standing auditors were appointed (2 from the CDP RETI S.p.A. list and 1, namely the Chairman of the Board of Statutory Auditors, from the institutional investors' list) and two alternate auditors were appointed (1 from the CDP RETI S.p.A. list and 1 from the institutional investors' list).

On the basis of declarations provided by its members, on 2 April 2019, the Board of Statutory Auditors verified that all its members met the independence requirements laid down in Article 148, paragraph 3 of TUF, as well as the requirements for directors laid down in Articles 3 and 8 of the Corporate Governance Code. The Board of Directors issued a press release on the results of these verifications.<sup>70</sup>

The personal and professional characteristics of each statutory auditor are described in the biographies below.<sup>71</sup>



Stefano Gnocchi
Chairman
Nationality: Italian
Professional background:
Chartered accountant
and auditor

#### Сагеег

Born in Codogno (LO) in 1974.

Chairman of Snam's Board of Statutory Auditors since 2 April 2019.

He holds a degree in Economics with a specialisation in finance and a Master's in Business and Knowledge Audit at the Catholic University of Milan.

He is a Chartered Accountant and Statutory Auditor, Certificate Risk Management Assurance (CRMA), Information System Auditor (CISA), Internal Audit Qualified External Assessor/Validator (QAR).

He is Chairman of the board of statutory auditors of MutuiOnline, listed group leader in Italy in the market for the distribution of credit products. Standing Auditor of MTA S.p.A., a multinational *automotive* company.

Member of the supervisory body of listed company; member of the commissions of the Order of Chartered Accountants of Milan and of the research committees of Assirevi. Member of the AIIA, AIAF, ANDAF, IGS and NedCommunity associations.

Contract lecturer at the Department of Economic and Business Sciences at the University of Pavia (2010-2017).

20 years of professional experience at the Big Four (both in Italy and the US) and at Mazars (Italy), in the areas of governance and internal control systems, evaluation of governance, compliance, internal audit, risk management, management control, investigation & fraud auditing and financial audit, certification of business plans and assurance of management control systems and prospectuses. Main sectors: automotive, petroleum, energy&utilities, food&gdo, fashion, retail, e-commerce, insurance, banking, asset management, real estate.

<sup>70</sup> In this regard, see the provision of Criterion 8.C.1 of the Corporate Governance Code.

<sup>71</sup> For the full versions of the CVs of each statutory auditor of the Company currently in office, visit the following web address: http://www.snam.it/it/etica-governance/collegio-sindacale/.





Gianfranco Chinellato
Standing Auditor
Nationality: Italian
Professional background:
Chartered accountant
and auditor - University
lecturer

#### Сагеег

Born in Padua in 1951.

Standing Auditor of Snam since 2 April 2019.

He graduated in Economics and Business from "La Sapienza" University in Rome.

He is registered in the Register of Chartered Accountants and in the Register of Statutory Auditors. Since 1996 he has been a professor of tax law at the University of Tuscia in Viterbo, and at the Accademia della Guardia di Finanza. He is the author of the monografy "Codificazione Tributaria e Abuso del Diritto-Contributo allo studio degli strumenti di contrasto all'elusione fiscale", Cedam, Padova, - 2007 in the series "Current Issues of Tax Law", directed by Franco Gallo, of the section "Diporto Nautico, Diritto Tributario" in Legal Encyclopaedia, Istituto della Enciclopedia Italiana Treccani, Rome – 2005, as well as author of several essays and articles on tax and corporate issues in leading legal journals. Since 1978, he has performed corporate and economic consultancy and assistance work, both in Italy and abroad, in the various industrial, hotel, hospital and service sectors, as well as consulting, assistance, defence and tax representation work for leading banking institutions, public and private bodies, and industrial, commercial and services companies of all sizes, including securities and insurance brokers. Among his other activities, for the National Research Council (CNR), Vicariate General for Vatican City, ADN Kronos Group, Italian Private Hospitals Association (A.I.O.P.), HUMANITAS, GIOMI S.p.A., GVM S.p.A., TRAFALGAR Ltd Group, Cassa Nazionale di Previdenza e Assistenza Dottori Commercialisti(social welfare fund for chartered accountants), Cassa Nazionale degli Ingegneri(social welfare fund for engineers), Cassa Nazionale di Previdenza degli Psicologi(social welfare fund for psychologists), as well as Costa Smeralda Consortium, Porto Rotondo Consortium, UNIONCAMERE and special Chamber of Commerce-registered Companies and Firms.

Since 1978, he has held and continues to hold positions as Chairman and Statutory Auditor of listed and non-listed companies, and as Chairman and member of the supervisory bodies of various companies.

Since 1996, he has been registered in the Register of Technical Advisers of the Court of Rome, for which he has produced major expert reports, including on ENEL S.p.A. (distribution branch, 1999), SERFI S.p.A. and SOFID S.p.A. (ENI Group, 1998).

From 2010 to 2015, he was a technical consultant to the Land Registry, now embedded in the Tax Agency.



Donata Paola Patrini Standing Auditor Nationality: Italian Professional background: Chartered accountant and auditor

#### Сагеег

Born in Milan in 1956.

Standing Auditor of Snam since 2 April 2019.

She holds a degree in Economics and Business.

She is registered in the Register of Accountants of Milan, the Register of Statutory Auditors and in the Register of Technical Consultants of the Court of Milan.

Since 1985, she has been a founding partner of Patrini and Associati, an association of chartered accountants, mainly dealing with the financial, tax and corporate aspects of large Italian and multinational companies.

She is a statutory auditor, director and member of the supervisory boards of various Italian and foreign companies operating in the pharmaceutical, healthcare, financial, industrial, commercial, energy, telecommunications, publishing and fashion sectors.



## Federica Albizzati Alternate Auditor

Nationality: Italian
Professional background:
Chartered accountant
and auditor

#### Сагеег

Born in Varese in 1970.

Alternate Auditor of Snam since 2 April 2019.

She holds a degree with honours in Business Economics at the Luigi Bocconi University of Milan in 1994.

State examination for practising the medical profession

Chartered Accountant and Auditor in 2001.

She is registered in the register of Chartered Accountants and Accounting Experts of Busto Arsizio at No. 513, section A and in the Register of Statutory Auditors since 2001. She is a Senior Tax Consultant of Counsel at Caravati Pagani - Dottori Commercialisti Associati.

Her areas of specialization are corporate and tax consultancy, extraordinary transactions, corporate groups, holding companies and contracts.

She holds the positions of chairman of the board of statutory auditors, standing auditor and external auditor in various Italian companies.

## Maria Gimigliano Alternate Auditor

Nationality: Italian Professional background: Chartered accountant and auditor

#### Career

Born in Naples in 1976.

Alternate Auditor of Snam since 26 March 2013.

She holds a degree in Business Economics from the Luigi Bocconi University of Milan.

She is member of the Board of Auditors of the Luigi Bocconi University. She is standing auditor and member of the Supervisory Board of Cedacri S.p.A. She is statutory auditor of Infrastrutture Trasporto Gas S.p.A., Surfaces Technological Abrasives S.p.A., ADI S.r.l., Ennefin S.p.A., RBM Italia S.r.l., Asset Company 2 S.r.l, Tep Energy Solution S.r.l, Luna Abrasivi S.r.l, Mieci S.p.A. and Evolve Spa She is enrolled in the Register of Auditors.



For a description of the main duties of the Board of Statutory Auditors pursuant to the applicable law, and the provisions of the Articles of Association governing methods of appointing the statutory auditors and their term of office, see Annex 7 to this Report.

The remuneration of the Board of Statutory Auditors is determined by the Shareholders' Meeting, taking account of the commitment required, the importance of the position held and the size and sector characteristics of Snam.

#### (ii) Meetings of the Board of Statutory Auditors

The Board of Statutory Auditors met 17 times in 2020, with average attendance of 100% (see Table 2 in Section VI). The average duration of the meetings was 173 minutes.

For 2021, the Board of Statutory Auditors has scheduled 13 meetings. As of the date of approval of this Report, 4 meetings were held.

Pursuant to the Guidelines entitled "Transactions in which directors and statutory auditors have an interest and related-party transactions", the members of the Board of Statutory Auditors must declare any interest on their own behalf or that of third parties in specific transactions submitted to the Board of Directors. No situations arose in which such declarations were required from the members of the Board of Statutory Auditors in 2020.

The Board of Statutory Auditors is the recipient of the information flows necessary for the exercise of its duties as provided for in the "Framework Resolution between the Boards of Statutory Auditors of the Snam Group", which formalises the information flows between the boards of statutory auditors of the Snam Group.

A description of the ways in which the Board of Statutory Auditors interacts with the Control and Risk and Related-Party Transactions Committee and with the Internal Audit function can be found in Paragraph 1.3 of Section IV of the Report.

#### 4.2 Board of Statutory Auditors evaluation

The Board of Statutory Auditors of Snam carried out, with the support of *Spencer Stuart, a leading* consultancy *firm* on *corporate governance* issues, its Self-Assessment for the first year of its mandate (financial year 2019). The Board of Statutory Auditors shared the methodology proposed by Spencer Stuart, based on an integrated approach consisting of a written interview guide, associated with an individual interview.

Drawing inspiration from the regulations and practices relating to financial institutions, based on the "Rules of Conduct of the Board of Statutory Auditors of Listed Companies", edited by the Audit Working Group Rules of Conduct of the Board of Statutory Auditors of Listed Companies - Administration System Area and Control by the National Council of Chartered Accountants and Accounting Experts (updated to April 2018) the process involved all the effective members of Snam's Board of Statutory Auditors.

The assessment is based on the information received from the members of the Board of Statutory Auditors during the individual interviews and through the compilation of the interview Guide prepared by Spencer Stuart, on the basis of the relevant legislation and regulations.

Overall, the self-assessment provided a positive outcome of the composition and functioning of Snam's Board of Statutory Auditors.

In summary, the Statutory Auditors, in the first year of their mandate, expressed their satisfaction and appreciation with the size, composition and functioning of Snam's Board of Statutory Auditors. The Board of Statutory Auditors, also thanks to an intense activity carried out in these first months of the year under review, is working with commitment and constancy towards a progressive consolidation of knowledge of the Group and the reference market, also increasing its awareness of the governance principles of a listed company. Snam represents a complex, highly organised and highly procedure-oriented reality that the Board of Statutory Auditors is gradually getting to know.

#### 4.3 External Auditors

As required by law, the statutory audit is assigned to an independent auditing firm listed in the relevant register and appointed by the Shareholders' Meeting based on a reasoned proposal from the Board of Statutory Auditors. On 23 October 2019, the Shareholders' Meeting resolved to grant the mandate of external auditors to Deloitte & Touche S.p.A. for the financial years ended 31 December 2020-2028, on the recommendation of the Board of Statutory Auditors.



# 5. INDUCTION PROGRAMME FOR DIRECTORS AND STATUTORY AUDITORS

Snam takes a proactive approach to improving the Company's efficiency by involving directors and statutory auditors in Board induction sessions.

#### **Board Induction**

In 2020, Board induction sessions were held and attended by the members of both the Board of Directors and the Board of Statutory Auditors.

The board induction sessions, in accordance with the provisions of the Self-Regulatory Code, were designed to provide Directors and Statutory Auditors with timely updates concerning the business sector in which the Company operates, also in light of the Company's dynamics and the evolution of the corporate structure, as well as in-depth analyses concerning issues related to the energy transition process and related strategic objectives, such as, for example, the role of hydrogen. The sessions were designed and led by the management teams of the relevant departments.

In particular, in 2020, the following meetings took place in which the issues indicated were explored:

- 29 July: regulatory and legislative reforms relevant to Snam, discussions in Europe related to the role of hydrogen.
- 10 September: the strategic scenarios with reference to the future of the *Oil & Gas sector*;
- 12 October: Snam's approach to cyber security;
- 18 November: session dedicated to an in-depth analysis of the 2020-2024 Strategic Plan, the 2021 Budget and the acquisition of a strategic stake in De Nora.

Due to the COVID-19 health emergency during 2020, no *off-site* visits or *strategy dinners* were held.

## 6. RELATIONS WITH SHAREHOLDERS AND INVESTORS

In line with the Code of Ethics and the Corporate Governance Code, Snam has maintained an on-going dialogue with shareholders, institutional investors, socially responsible investors, analysts and all financial market operators, ensuring the systematic disclosure of prompt and comprehensive information on its activities, without prejudice to the confidentiality requirements pertaining to certain types of information. Information is provided to investors, the market and news media through press releases, periodic meetings with institutional investors, the financial community and the press, and ample documentation and numerous publications are made available and continually updated on the Company's website.

Information on statement of accounts, significant events/ transactions and procedures issued by Snam in relation to corporate governance is disclosed to the public promptly and posted on the Company's website, where it is also possible to access Snam press releases, documents used during meetings with financial analysts, shareholder notices, and information and documents on the agenda items of the Shareholders' Meeting, and the relevant minutes.

Snam has been promoting digital communication for years as an efficient and preferred means of sharing corporate, financial and business information, with a view to establishing a relationship of transparency and trust with its stakeholders and potential investors. Also in the 2020-2021 edition, the Company remained at the top in digital *corporate* communication in the *Webranking by Comprend* Italy and Europe, confirming the transparency and quality of the content offered. The corporate website - available in English and Italian - is updated regularly.

With the aim of providing a full and detailed representation of financial data and strategies, top management presents the company's results (quarterly, half-yearly and annual) and strategy (Strategy Presentation) to the market through dedicated conference calls. Also in 2020, the option to follow the Shareholders' Meeting via live streaming was offered, ensuring the involvement of shareholders and stakeholders despite the limitations imposed by the health emergency.

Relationships with the shareholders and the operators of the financial market are maintained by the "Corporate Strategy and Relations with the Investors" function. Information of interest are available on the web site of the company and can be requested also by email at the address investor.relations@snam.it.



Snam believes that the involvement of shareholders and the establishment of a relationship of trust with them are strategic elements and, as such, were also pursued during 2020. The Corporate Strategy and Investor Relations function encourages the exercise of voting rights at the Shareholders' Meeting, and believes that an active policy of engagement is a valid resource for the whole Group, since it ensures shareholder satisfaction, helps to strengthen relations between shareholders and the Company, and plays a part in involving and informing shareholders about their shares and their decisions, as well as helping the Company to understand their expectations.

Also in 2020, an engagement activity was carried out before the Shareholders' Meeting with the main proxy advisers, aimed at a productive discussion on *corporate governance* issues, but also on environmental and social aspects.

Dialogue with institutional investors continued, albeit in digital form, during 2020:

- 10 road shows aimed at meeting shareholders and institutional investors, in the major European and North American financial centres;
- 15 sector conferences dedicated to investors specialised in the utilities and infrastructure sector:
- About 140 ESG investors were met

The "Investor Publications" page, in the Investor Relations section of Snam's website, contains all the institutional products addressed those who wish to invest in Snam or obtain a better understanding of the Company's characteristics and the contexts in which it operates. Every year, before the Shareholders' Meeting, the Snam Shareholder's Report is published, which provides an in-depth look at the structure of the Group, its history, performance, strategic guidelines and the characteristics of the share on the stock market.

Snam also views favourably the initiatives for the development of principles aimed at managers, investors and their advisers concerning the transparency of voting policies and the management of conflicts of interest (so-called "stewardship code") such as the principles set out in the stewardship code published by Assogestioni, which reproduces the principles contained in the EFAMA (European Fund and Asset Management Association) Code, drawn up at the European level. These principles promote, in particular, the adoption and application of a policy on the exercise of rights relating to the instruments held in the portfolio, as well as the responsible management of ongoing dialogue with participating issuers, ensuring the adequacy and accuracy of any dialogue with its corporate bodies.

# 7. CONSIDERATIONS REGARDING THE 2021 RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE CORPORATE GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE

The Corporate Governance Committee has identified certain areas in which it has called on listed companies to comply more closely with the provisions of the Corporate Governance Code (the "2021 Corporate Governance Recommendations"). Specifically, the Corporate Governance Committee invites the boards of directors:

- a) to incorporate business sustainability when defining strategies, the internal control and risk management system and the remuneration policy, including on the basis of an analysis of the importance of factors that may affect the generation of value over the long term.
- b) With regard to the issue of pre-advisory information, explicitly determine the deadlines considered appropriate for sending the documentation; provide a clear indication of the identified deadlines and their effective compliance in the Corporate Governance Report; do not establish that the deadlines may be waived for mere confidentiality requirements.
- c) With regard to the application of the independence criteria, always justify on an individual basis the possible non-application of one or more independence criteria and define ex ante the quantitative and/or qualitative criteria to be used to assess the significance of the relationships under examination
- d) With regard to the self-assessment of the Board of Directors, measure the Board 's contribution based on the definition of strategic plans and oversee the *board re*view process
- e) On the subject of the appointment and succession of directors, ensure the completeness and timeliness of the proposals for resolutions functional to the process of appointing corporate bodies and express, at least in companies with non-concentrated ownership, a guideline on its optimal composition; provide, at least in large companies, a succession plan, for the executive directors, that identifies at least the procedures to be followed in the event of early termination of office.
- f) With regard to remuneration policies, provide clear indications on the identification of the weight of the variable component, distinguishing between components tied to annual and multi-year time horizons; strengthen the link between variable remuneration and long-term performance objectives, including, where relevant, also non-financial parameters; limit to exceptional cases, subject to adequate explanation, the possibility of paying sums not linked to predetermined parameters (i.



e. ad hoc bonuses); define criteria and procedures for the allocation of severance pay; verify that the amount of remuneration paid to non-executive directors and members of the control body is appropriate to the competence, professionalism and commitment required by their position.

The 2021 Corporate Governance Recommendations are a useful tool to align companies' corporate governance structures with national and international best practice. Snam, on the proposal of the ESG Committee, submitted these Recommendations to the Board of Directors at its meeting of 17 March 2021.

Snam believes that for some time it has aligned with the Recommendations expressed by the Corporate Governance Committee, as detailed below. In particular:

- a) The Board of Directors defines, on the recommendation of the Chief Executive Officer, the strategic guidelines and objectives of the Company and the Group, including the sustainability policies.
  - The integration of ESG factors into the strategies, management and *governance* of the company is a priority for Snam. In this context:
  - The Environmental, Social & Governance Committee provides proposals and advice to the Board of Directors with the aim of promoting the continued incorporation of national and international best practice into Snam's corporate governance, and of environmental, social and governance factors into corporate strategies in order to create value for shareholders generally and for stakeholders in the medium to long term, while respecting the principles of sustainable development.
  - The Control and Risk and Related-Party Transactions Committee expresses its opinion to the Board of Directors for the purposes of: (i) defining the guidelines for the internal control and risk management system, including the medium and long-term risks, so that the main risks including, in coordination with the ESG Committee, those risks that are significant in terms of sustainability, also for the purposes of preparing non-financial information concerning the Company and its Subsidiaries are correctly identified and adequately measured, managed and monitored, and(ii) determining the degree of compatibility of such risks with management that is consistent with the strategic objectives that have been identified.
  - The Remuneration Committee: (a) proposes the definition of performance objectives, which include indicators of ESG factors identified by agreement

with the ESG Committee; and (b) with a view to promoting the creation of sustainable value in the medium/long term, examines the recommendations of the Chief Executive Officer and proposes: (i) general criteria for the remuneration of key management personnel, (ii) general guidelines for the remuneration of other executives of Snam and its Subsidiaries, and (iii) annual and long-term incentive plans, including share-based plans.

In 2020, the weight of the ESG targets contained in the remuneration policy was increased from 10% to 20% in both the short-term and long-term incentive plans. The description of these objectives is in the first section of the "Report on remuneration policy and remuneration paid";

The Company's commitment to integrating ESG factors into its strategic choices was most recently confirmed through the amendment approved by the Shareholders' Meeting of 2 February 2021 in order to recognize the Company's commitment to "encourage energy transition towards forms of use of resources and energy sources compatible with environmental protection and progressive decarbonization"; the principle of pursuing sustainable success among the aims to which the Company's business activities must conform, through the creation of long-term value for the benefit of shareholders and promoting, at the same time, the satisfaction of the interests of the Company's relevant stakeholders; and finally the establishment of Snam's corporate purpose, "Energy to inspire the world".

Attaching organisational importance to the pursuit of the company's "sustainability" objectives will direct the activities of Snam and the Group it heads towards the creation of long-term value to the benefit of shareholders in a framework that, at the same time, will be aimed at preserving the interests of the Company's relevant stakeholders.

- b) Snam adopts the necessary safeguards to ensure effective compliance with rules on pre-meeting reporting, which are acknowledged to be timely, complete and useful in both the Board Evaluation (as described in Paragraph 2.4, Section III, of the present Report) and the provisions of the Regulations on the functioning of the Board of Directors (as described in Paragraph 2.2., Section III, of the present Report);
- c) Each year, the Board of Directors verifies that the majority of directors meet the independence requirements (five out of nine directors meet the independence requirements set forth in the TUF and the Corporate Governance Code to which Snam adheres, as described in



detail in Paragraph 2.9, Section III of the Report). The Board of Statutory Auditors checks on an annual basis that the criteria and procedures adopted by the Board of Directors to assess the independence of its members are correctly applied, as described in Paragraph 2.9, Section III of the Report. In accordance with the new provisions of the Corporate Governance Code effective from 1 January 2021, the Board of Directors will predefine the quantitative and qualitative criteria for assessing the significance of the relationships indicated in letters c) and d) of Recommendation 7, Article 2, of the Corporate Governance Code;

- d) With regard to the self-assessment of the administrative body, the results of the board evaluation carried out for the second year of the mandate revealed a very intense activity carried out by the Board during the year, strongly characterised by deliberations of extreme importance for the company's sustainable long-term strategy. Directors showed a strong interest in topics of a strategic nature.
- e) The Board of Directors shall periodically review its optimal composition, also with a view to providing guidance to the shareholders in the event of total or partial renewal. In addition, with regard to the recommendation concerning the preparation of a succession plan for executive directors that identifies at least the procedures to be followed in the event of early termination of office, it should be noted that the Board, on the proposal of the Appointments Committee, has approved a contingency plan in the event of early termination of office of the Chief Executive Officer or permanent impediment to the performance of his duties, as described in detail in Section II, Paragraph 2.12 of the Report).
- f) the remuneration set by Snam's Ordinary Shareholders' Meeting of 2 April 2019 for directors (€70,000 per annum gross, plus the reimbursement of expenses incurred in relation to their office) and statutory auditors (Chairman: €80,000 per annum gross – standing auditors: €60,000 per annum gross, plus the reimbursement of expenses incurred in relation to their office) are consistent, as indicated in the Board of Directors' Report to the Shareholders' Meeting, both with an analysis of a benchmarking exercise against companies on the FTSE MIB and with the commitment required by the Company to perform the role. The remuneration set by the Board of Directors on 20 November 2019 for participation in Committees, as detailed in the Report on remuneration policy and remuneration paid 2020, is consistent with the analysis of a benchmarking exercise by a leading company on the remuneration offer in Snam's

Italian reference market (FTSE MIB peer group used to benchmark the remuneration of the Chief Executive Officer and the Chairman), and with the commitment required by the Company to perform the role.

With regard to the other recommendations on this point, Snam's Remuneration Policy is functional to the pursuit of the Company's sustainable success. In the context of the Policy adopted in 2020, particular importance is given to the variable component connected with the results achieved, through incentive systems aiming at the achievement of economic/financial, business development and operational objectives, defined to contribute to the corporate strategy, the pursuit of long-term interests and the sustainability of the Company. In particular, the following changes have been introduced for 2020, taking into account the increasing level of challenges for Snam and the sustainable development:

- Short-term variable incentive: the increase in the weight of sustainability objectives (ESG) in the Annual Monetary Incentive from 10% in 2019 to 20% in 2020 and the introduction of objectively measurable quantitative KPIs (EBITDA and Project Milestones) with reference to the objective referring to the development of new businesses increasing weight of which (from 10% in 2019 to 20% in 2020) reflects its growing relevance in the Company's business perimeter.
- Variable long-term incentive: the Increase in the weight of sustainability (ESG) objectives in the Long Term Equity Plan from 10% in the 2017-2019 plan to 20% in the 2020-2022 plan. In this case, the ESG component has been enriched with an indicator focused on gender diversity, in addition to the KPI already used, related to the reduction of natural gas emissions, as well as the introduction of a synthetic indicator of value creation (Added Value) in the scorecard of the ILT 2020-2022 plan, to maximize the alignment between the interests of management and those of shareholders in the long term

Although Snam considers that action has already been taken in the areas indicated by the Corporate Governance Committee and has therefore found substantial alignment with those recommendations, it will adopt additional measures (particularly in relation to point c)) in order to improve the Company's corporate governance.

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# SECTION IV SNAM'S INTERNAL CONTROL AND RISK MANAGEMENT SYSTEM





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# 1. THE STRUCTURE OF THE INTERNAL CONTROL AND RISK MANAGEMENT SYSTEM AND THE PARTIES INVOLVED

#### 1.1Foreword

The Internal Control and Risk Management System comprises all the guidelines, rules and organisational structures that enable identification, measurement, management and monitoring of key risks.

Snam has adopted and undertakes to promote and maintain an adequate Internal Control and Risk Management System ("ICRMS").

The ICRMS is part of the organisational, administrative and accounting structure and, more generally, Snam's corporate governance structure, and is based on the Corporate Governance Code to which Snam adheres, taking national and international models and best practice as a reference.

The Code of Ethics<sup>72</sup> sets out the guiding principles on which the ICRMS is based, such as:

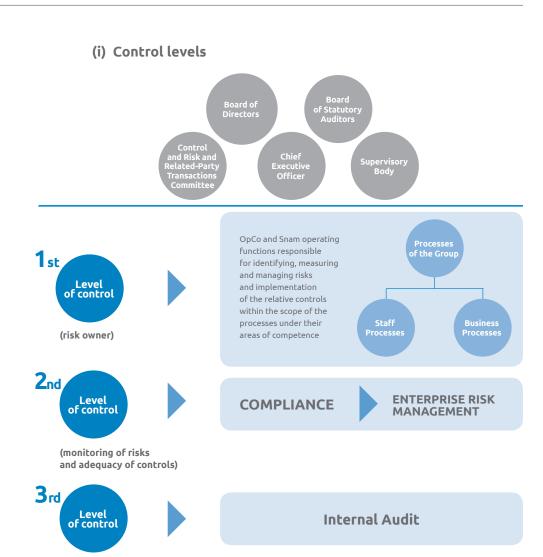
- the separation of activities between persons responsible for authorisation, executive or control procedures:
- the existence of company regulations that can provide general benchmark principles for governing corporate processes and activities;
- the existence of formal rules for the exercise of signing authority and internal powers of authorisation; and
- traceability (through the adoption of information systems that can identify and reconstruct sources, information and checks carried out in support of the formation and implementation of the Company's decisions and procedures for managing financial resources).

The ICRMS is audited and updated over time to ensure that it is always appropriate and to oversee the main areas of corporate risk. In this context, and also to execute the provisions of the Corporate Governance Code, Snam has adopted the Enterprise Risk Management Model<sup>73</sup>.

<sup>72</sup> For more information on the Code of Ethics, see Section I, Paragraph 6 of this Report.

<sup>73</sup> For more information on the Enterprise Risk Management Model, see Section IV, Paragraph 3.3, of this Report.





Level One	Identification, evaluation and monitoring of risks relating to the individual Group processes.  The Snam Group functions that 'own' the individual risks, and are responsible for identifying, measuring and managing them and for implementing the necessary controls within the processes within their purview, are located at this level.
Level Two	Monitoring of the main risks to ensure that they are effectively and efficiently managed and processed, and monitoring of the adequacy and functioning of the controls put in place to protect against these risks; support for Level One in defining and implementing adequate management systems for the main risks and related controls.  This level contains Group personnel tasked with coordinating and managing the main control systems (e.g. corporate administrative liability, corporate disclosure, anti-corruption, anti-trust, etc.).
Level Three	Independent and objective verification of the operating effectiveness and adequacy of Levels One and Two and, in general, of the overall risk management methods. The Internal Audit operates on the basis of the Guidelines.

(Independent verification)



#### 1.2 The corporate bodies, entities and functions involved

The ICRMS is an integrated system that involves the entire organisational structure: both the corporate bodies and the company structures are required to contribute to its operation, in a coordinated manner, according to the diagram set out below, to ensure that the main risks for the Company and its Subsidiaries are correctly identified and adequately measured, managed and monitored in line with the strategic objectives identified.

#### (i) The Board of Directors

- As part of the preparation of the Snam Group's Strategic Plan, the ICRMS defines the nature and level of risk
  consistent with Snam's strategic objectives based on risk mapping carried out as part of the ERM Model including
  in its assessments all risks that might be significant in terms of the medium/long-term sustainability of Snam's
  activity
- Defines the ICRMS guidelines as part of the preparation of the Snam Group Strategic Plan
- Assesses, at least once a year (following consultation with the Control and Risk and Related-Party Transactions Committee), the adequacy of the ICRMS with respect to the characteristics of the Company and the Group, and the risk profile assumed

Duties performed within the scope

of the ICRMS

Relating to 2020, the Board of Directors assessed, based on the preliminary activity carried out by the Control and Risk and Related-Party Transactions Committee, the adequacy and effectiveness of the ICRMS

Approves, on at least an annual basis, the Audit Schedule prepared by the Head of Internal Audit, following
consultation with the Control and Risk and Related-Party Transactions Committee and the Chairman of the Board
of Directors, the Director in charge of the internal control and risk management system and the Board of Statutory
Auditors

The Audit Schedule for 2020 was approved at the meeting of 18 March 2020 and, with regard to 2021, at the meeting of 17 March 2021.

 Assesses the adequacy of the ICRMS in relation to the characteristics of the company and the risk profile assumed, as well as its effectiveness

On 18 March 2020 and on 17 March 2021, the Board of Directors assessed the organisational, administrative and accounting structure appropriate to the current size and type of business of Snam and its Subsidiaries, as produced by the administrative and organisational structures headed by the Chief Executive Officer, after presentation to the Control and Risk and Related-Party Transactions Committee and the Board of Statutory Auditors

For further details on the remit for resolutions of the Board of Directors, see Section III, Paragraph 2.3 of this Report.



#### (ii) Director in charge

Ai sensi delle regole di *governance* della Società, l'Amministratore Delegato di Snam svolge il ruolo di Amministratore Incaricato.

#### Duties performed within the scope of the ICRMS

- The Director is responsible for identifying the main corporate risks, in view of the characteristics of the activities
  performed by Snam and the Subsidiaries, and taking them into account in the definition of the 2019-2022 Strategic
  Plan approved by the Board of Directors
- He is responsible for planning, creating and managing the ICRMS, and checking its adequacy and effectiveness on an ongoing basis
- He adjusts the ICRMS to the dynamics of the operating conditions and the legislative and regulatory framework
- He has the power to request that the Head of Internal Audit perform checks on specific operational areas and on compliance with internal rules in the execution of corporate transactions, informing the Chairman of the Board of Directors, the Chairman of the Control and Risk and Related Transactions Committee and the Chairman of the Board of Statutory Auditors of this request
- He provides prompt information, including through his structures, to the Control and Risk and Related-Party Transactions Committee on problems and issues arising during the course of his activities or of which he had been made aware

#### (iii) The Control and Risk and Related-Party Transactions Committee

The Control and Risk and Related-Party Transactions Committee is responsible for making appropriate enquiries to support assessments and decisions made by the Board of Directors concerning the ICRMS, as well as those relating to the approval of financial reports.

For a more detailed description of the duties of the Control and Risk and Related-Party Transactions Committee, see Annex 6 to this Report.

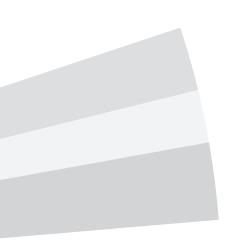
#### (iv) Board of Statutory Auditors

In its capacity as the Internal Control and Audit Committee pursuant to Legislative Decree No. 39 of 2010, the Board of Statutory Auditors oversees the effectiveness of the ICRMS.

For more information on the main duties performed by the Board of Statutory Auditors, see Annex 7 to this Report.

#### (v) Supervisory Body and Code of Ethics Supervisor

The Supervisory Body currently comprises three members external to the Company and the Group, one of whom acts as Chairman, who are experts in legal and corporate matters, economics and corporate organisation. The presence of only external members is also intended to ensure adequate separation of duties and also to ensure that persons with specific areas of expertise are present within the Supervisory Body, so that the tasks assigned to such body can be performed effectively.





At its meeting of 2 October 2019, the Board of Directors appointed the new members of the Supervisory Body and Code of Ethics Supervisor, as described in the table below.

Member	Position
Franco Gallo	External member (Chairman)
Désirée Fondaroli	External member
Silvano Corbella	External member

The Supervisory Body:

- (i) oversees the effectiveness of the 231 Model and monitors how it is implemented and updated;
- (ii) examines the 231 Model's adequacy in terms of preventing unlawful conducts;
- (iii) manages, within its competence, the relevant information flows with the various corporate functions and the Supervisory Bodies of the Subsidiaries; and
- (iv) acts as the Code of Ethics Supervisor.

The Supervisory Body has unlimited access to corporate information necessary for investigation, analysis and control activities. Any corporate department, employee and/or member of corporate bodies is subject to a disclosure obligation of all the information relevant to the performance of the activities falling within the remit of the Supervisory Body, in the event of any request by the Supervisory Body, as well as in case of the occurrence of specific events or circumstances.

If any critical aspects arise in execution of its assigned tasks, the Supervisory Body notifies the outcome of its activities, according to the methods and time-scales described in greater detail in Paragraph 1.3, letter A) of this Section.

In 2020, the Supervisory Body met 11 times, with close to 100% attendance.

#### (vi) Financial Reporting Officer

The Financial Reporting Officer prepares appropriate administrative and accounting procedures for the drafting of the individual financial statements and, where applicable, the consolidated financial statements, as well as all other financial communications

On 27 March 2020, the Board of Directors, pursuant to Article 16.4 of Snam's Articles of Association and Article 154-bis of TUF, on the proposal of the Chief Executive Officer, in agreement with the Chairman of the Board of Directors and having received the approval of the Board of Statutory Auditors, appointed Mr Luca Oglialoro as Financial Reporting Officer, effective as of 1 April 2020, in replacement of Mr Franco Pruzzi, who took the office of Head of Internal Audit of Snam.

The Financial Reporting Officer is selected from personnel who are not members of the administrative or control bodies or holders of senior management positions at Eni S.p.A. and its subsidiaries, and who do not have any direct or indirect professional or financial relationship with said companies.<sup>74</sup> Pursuant to Article 16 of the Articles of Association, the Financial Reporting Officer must have spent at least three years performing one of the following activities:

- a) administration, control or management activities in a company listed on regulated markets in Italy, other EU Member States or other OECD countries with share capital of no less than €2 million;
- b) external audit activities in the companies mentioned under point a) above;
- c) professional or university teaching in finance or accounting:
- d) managerial functions in public or private entities with financial, accounting or control responsibilities.

The Board of Directors annually verifies that, based on the declaration made by the Financial Reporting Officer, there are no grounds for the latter's incompatibility pursuant to the Articles of Association and that the Financial Reporting Officer meets the integrity requirements established under the applicable law.

<sup>74</sup> In accordance with the DPCM 25 May 2012, as amended by the DPCM 15 November 2019.



The Board of Directors performs an annual check on the adequacy of the powers and means available to the Financial Reporting Officer pursuant to the applicable law for the fulfilment of the duties assigned, as well as a half-yearly check on compliance with existing administrative and accounting procedures.

These checks were carried out, with regard to 2020, on 27 March 2020.

#### (vii) Head of Internal Audit

The Internal Audit function is centralised in Snam. Its scope of operation covers Snam itself, the Subsidiaries within the meaning of Article 93 of TUF, and joint ventures/equity investments held jointly with other partners in accordance with the express provisions contained in agreements between the parties.

The role, duties and responsibilities of Internal Audit are defined and formalised by the Board of Directors in the "Internal Audit Guidelines" ("Guidelines").

Snam's Board of Directors, on the recommendation of the Director in charge of the internal control and risk management system and in agreement with the Chairman of Snam's Board of Directors, having received the approval of the Control and Risk and Related-Party Transactions Committee and following consultation with the Board of Statutory Auditors, appoints the Head of Internal Audit for an indefinite term and may revoke this appointment at any time. The Board of Directors evaluates, at least once during the term of office determined by the Shareholders' Meeting, the reappointment of the Head of Internal Audit, also according to rotation criteria, and, where appropriate, proposes revocation following consultation with the Board of Statutory Auditors.

The Head of Internal Audit carries out auditing activities entirely independently, in accordance with instructions from the Board of Directors. On 14 May 2019, following a resolution of Snam's Board of Directors, the Chairman of the Board of Directors, on behalf of the Board of Directors, coordinated and ordered the Head of Internal Audit to perform the activities falling within the purview of the Internal Audit function, which reports to the Board of Directors. Furthermore, Snam's Board of Statutory Auditors and the Control and Risk and Related-Party Transactions Committee receive and periodically collect from Internal Audit significant information on the controls performed and any weaknesses, problems or anomalies encountered.

75 Pursuant to application criterion 7.C.5, letter b) of the Corporate Governance Code, the Board of Directors has used its exclusive power to issue instructions to the Head of Internal Audit.

Internal Audit activities are performed while maintaining the necessary independence and autonomy, and due objectivity, competence and professional diligence, as provided in the Internal Audit mission statement and in the mandatory guidance of the Institute of Internal Auditors<sup>76</sup>, and in compliance with the principles laid down in the Code of Ethics.<sup>77</sup>

As part of the process of approving the Audit Schedule, once per year the Board of Directors approves the budget required for the Internal Audit function to fulfil its duties. The Internal Audit Guidelines provide that the Head of Internal Audit shall have autonomous powers of expenditure to carry out the activities of ascertaining, analysing and assessing the internal control and risk management system and/or the activities related thereto. The Head of Internal Audit, in the event of exceptional and urgent situations requiring the availability of resources in excess of the budget, may propose the approval of an extra Internal Audit budget for the performance of his/her duties, subject to the approval of the Control and Risk and Related-Party Transactions Committee.

The Director in charge of the internal control and risk management system has the power to request that the Head of Internal Audit perform checks on specific operational areas and on compliance with internal rules and procedures in the execution of corporate transactions, informing the Chairman of the Board of Directors, the Chairman of the Control and Risk and Related Transactions Committee and the Chairman of the Board of Statutory Auditors of said request.

The fixed and variable remuneration of the Head of Internal Audit is approved by the Board of Directors, on the proposal of the Director in charge of the internal control and risk management system, in agreement with the Chairman of the Board of Directors, in line with corporate policies and following the approval of the Control and Risk and Related-Party Transactions Committee and following consultation with the Board of Statutory Auditors. The proposal is also subject to examination by the Remuneration Committee.

<sup>76</sup> The International standards for the professional practice of Internal Audit are available at the following address:http://www.unesco.org/new/fileadmin/MULTIMEDIA/HQ/IOS/temp/IPPF\_Standards%20ENG.pdf.

<sup>77</sup> In this regard, see Section IV, Paragraph 1, of the present Report.



At its meeting of 14 December 2016, Snam's Board of Directors, following consultation with the Control and Risk and Related-Party Transactions Committee and the Board of Statutory Auditors, on the recommendation of the Director in charge of the internal control and risk management system and with the approval of the Chairman of the Board of Directors<sup>78</sup>, appointed Lorenzo Alzati as the Head of Internal Audit. On 18 March 2020, Snam's Board of Directors, following consultation with the Control and Risk and Related-Party Transactions Committee and the Board of Statutory Auditors, on the recommendation of the Director in charge of the internal control and risk management system and with the agreement of the Chairman of the Board of Administration appointed Mr Franco Pruzzi with effect from 1 April 2020 as the new Head of Internal Audit, replacing Lorenzo Alzati, who has left the Company.

The appointment of Mr Franco Pruzzi as Head of Internal Audit is open-ended and may be revoked by the Board of Directors.

# • He verifies, both on a continual basis and in relation to specific requirements, in compliance with international standards, the functioning and suitability of the ICRMS via an Audit Schedule, approved by the Board of Directors, based on a structured process of analysing and prioritising key risks

- He is not responsible for, and does not have authority over, the processes subject to control, and has direct access to all information that is useful for carrying out his duties
- He produces periodic reports containing adequate information on his activity, the way in which risk management is
  conducted and compliance with the plans established to contain risk, including an assessment of the suitability of the
  ICRMS, and forwards them to the Chairman of the Board of Statutory Auditors, the Chairman of the Control and Risk
  and Related-Party Transactions Committee, the Chairman of the Board of Directors and the Director in charge of the
  internal control and risk management system

#### Duties performed within the scope of the ICRMS

- He promptly produces reports on events of particular significance and sends them to the Chairman of the Board of Statutory Auditors, the Chairman of the Control and Risk and Related-Party Transactions Committee, the Chairman of the Board of Directors and the Director in charge of the internal control and risk management system
- He verifies, in the context of the Audit Schedule, the reliability of the IT systems used, including the accounting systems
- He activates other audit measures not included in the Audit Schedule (so-called 'spot audits'), also in response to
  requests from: (i) the Board of Directors; (ii) the Control and Risk and Related-Party Transactions Committee and
  the Board of Statutory Auditors, with reciprocal communications; (iii) the Chairman of the Board of Directors and
  the Director in charge of the internal control and risk management system, ensuring communication to the Control
  and Risk and Related-Party Transactions Committee and the Board of Statutory Auditors; and (iv) the Supervisory
  Body. The Head of Internal Audit also assesses the activation of audits following notifications, including anonymous
  notifications, in accordance with the tool

#### Main activities in 2020

In 2020, the Internal Audit function performed its scheduled activities as expected. Specifically, these consisted of:

- (i) drawing up the draft Audit Schedule based on an identification and prioritisation of the main risks facing the Company by the ERM unit;
- (ii) executing the Audit Schedule, comprising 14 actions, approved by Snam's Board of Directors on 18 March 2020 following the approval of the Control and Risk and Related-Party Transactions Committee;
- 78 In accordance with the Guidelines, the candidate's profile and the requirements of integrity, professionalism, competence, autonomy and experience are assessed, as well as any grounds for incompatibility, including in terms of conflict of interests, with previous activities or positions held at the Company and/ or its Subsidiaries. The Control and Risk and Related-Party Transactions Committee performs an annual check on whether these requirements are still being met.



- (iii) performing the independent monitoring programme drawn up with the Financial Reporting Officer as part of Snam's Corporate Reporting Control System;
- (iv) notifications, anonymous or otherwise, of problems relating to the internal control and risk management system, to the administrative liability of the Company, to irregularities or to fraud (whistleblowing); and
- (v) performing three additional audits not included in the schedule (spot audits);
- (vi) related activities (a) relations with the External Auditors, (b) overseeing the process of the assignment and management of additional mandates by the Snam Group companies and the relevant rules and regulations, as well as support, jointly with the legal and administrative functions, in the phase of contractual start-up with the new Independent Auditor, following the tender procedure launched by the CDP S.p.A. Group to identify the Group's sole auditor for the years 2020-2028;
- (vii) the use and full operation of the IT tool for the management of audit activities, from the planning phase to follow-up corrective actions. In order to draw up the Audit Schedule, the "audit universe" of audit subjects was updated, partly to take into account the organisational changes that took place in 2020, particularly for Snam S.p.A., and to include new processes deriving from the acquisitions of companies in relation to the new businesses;
  - a. the launch of the external assessment of compliance with international standards for the professional practice of Internal Auditing (so-called External Quality Review) to be carried out at least once every five years by an independent party;

#### (viii) Functions with specific control tasks

The ICRMS clearly positions the corporate functions within the three levels of internal control.

In line with an evolutionary process designed to constantly improve the efficiency and effectiveness of the ICRMS and its enhanced integration, in addition to the functions described above, the following organisational structures play an important and coordinated role in identifying, measuring and monitoring risks associated with management of the Company's business through continuous information flows, as part of their own operational responsibilities.

In Specifically:

- the Legal function, through the Compliance function: (i) ensures the dissemination and promotion of a culture of compliance and the simplification/rationalisation of models for compliance and the system of related rules and procedures, quantifying the real risk in the specific areas in line with best practice and monitoring their application; (ii) provides the necessary legal advice and assistance on compliance to the business units; (iii) follows Italian and foreign regulatory and case law developments (regulatory oversight), monitoring and analysing possible impacts on Snam's business and supporting Snam's business units in the application of regulations;(iv) is responsible for updating the internal control and risk management system and the 231 Model with privacy and data protection themes; (v) is responsible for the design, proposal and definition of the compliance programme for the prevention of offences; monitors regulatory developments and best practices; and (vi) through the Ethics & Antibribery Function disseminates and promotes a business ethics culture and supervises the updating of Snam's Code of Ethics; (vii) updates the anti-corruption compliance programme, overseeing the implementation and monitoring of corporate regulatory and training tools to prevent criminal infiltration; (viii) supervises reputational checks on third parties and coordinates the activities of the Valuation Team and the Compliance Team; (ix) carries out anti-corruption due diligence on other Business Associates and (x) manages relations with international institutions and bodies such as Transparency International, the OECD, the WEF, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation and the B20 Presidency.
- the Administration, Budget, Planning and Control Function, through the *Internal Control System Function on Corporate Reporting* in support of the Executive in Charge: (i) defines the Corporate Reporting Control System model, the relevant methodologies, operating methods and tools; (ii) guarantees the related risk assessment activities; (iii) ensures the management of information flows, control assessments and reporting, and preparing reports and information on the state of the system for the Chief Executive Officer, the Financial Reporting Officer, the control bodies, Internal Audit and the External Auditors; and (iv) provides methodological and operational support to the functions involved in implementing the CRCS.



# 1.3 Coordination between the parties involved in the ICRMS

The corporate procedures adopted by Snam in the context of its ICRMS and its corporate reporting control system ("CRCS") ensure adequate coordination of all parties involved.

In particular, the information flows that ensure coordination between the parties involved in the ICRMS and the Board of Directors is ensured by:

- (i) the review by the Board of Directors of the opinions and reports prepared by persons involved in the ICRMS;
- (ii) the information provided to the Board of Directors and the Board of Statutory Auditors by the Chairman of the Control and Risk and Related-Party Transactions Committee and the presence of the Board of Statutory Auditors at meetings of the Board of Directors; and
- (iii) participation at the meetings of the Board of Directors and the Control and Risk and Related-Party Transactions Committee, for matters within their respective remits, of the managers of the control functions and the Financial Reporting Officer.

#### A. Information flows within the scope of the ICRMS

The Control and Risk and Related-Party Transactions Committee and the Board of Statutory Auditors of Snam - periodically or where particular requirements exist - receive information flows from Internal Audit, the Company's other control functions (i.e. Enterprise Risk Management and Compliance), the Supervisory Body, the External Auditors and the Financial Reporting Officer. When the information is obtained, they meet to assess the results.

In particular, the Control and Risk and Related-Party Transactions Committee and the Board of Statutory Auditors receive from the Financial Reporting Officer a half-year report and an annual report on the assessment of the CRCS and on compliance with the administrative and accounting procedures and an annual report on the organisational, administrative and accounting structure of the Snam Group.

In addition, the Board of Statutory Auditors of Snam, in its capacity as "Internal Control and Audit Committee" pursuant to Legislative Decree No. 39/2010, receives from the Auditing Company the information flows necessary to carry out its duties as provided for by the applicable pro tempore regulations.

In addition, and at the same time as the other company bodies, the Chief Executive Officer, as the Director in charge of the internal control and risk management system, receives from the Financial Reporting Officer and from the Head of Internal Audit periodic information flows or information on events of particular importance; in turn, he/she reports promptly to the Control and Risk and Related-Party Transactions Committee and/or to the Board of Directors, at the next convenient meeting, on issues and problems relating to the ICRMS.

In addition, provision is made for information flows from management to the Supervisory Body and information flows (continuous, half-yearly or immediate in the case of particular situations and/or requirements) from the Supervisory Body to the Company's senior management (CEO, Control and Risk and Related-Party Transactions Committee, Board of Statutory Auditors).

Specifically, Snam's Supervisory Body provides the following information flows to the Company's senior management:

- ongoing, to the CEO, who reports to the Board of Directors when reporting on the performance of his duties;
- half-yearly, to the Control and Risk and Related-Party Transactions Committee and the Board of Statutory Auditors. To this end, a half-yearly report is produced on activities performed, noting the outcome of controls and any legislative developments relating to the administrative liability of entities. On this occasion, specific meetings are organised with the Control and Risk and Related-Party Transactions Committee and the Board of Statutory Auditors. The half-yearly report is also sent to the Chairman and the CEO, and the Board of Directors is informed of its contents;
- immediate, in the case of ascertained facts of special importance and significance, to the Control and Risk and Related-Party Transactions Committee and the Board of Statutory Auditors, after informing the Chairman and the CEO.

The Financial Reporting Officer, following consultation with the External Auditors and the Board of Statutory Auditors, assesses, with the Control and Risk and Related-Party Transactions Committee, the correct application of the accounting standards and their homogeneity for the purposes of the consolidated financial statements. In view of the specific duties assigned to the Financial Reporting Officer as part of the CRCS, the CFO receives information flows from other persons, bodies and functions within the Company and the Subsidiaries.



The Internal Audit function receives and provides information on the ICRMS, pursuant to the Internal Audit Guidelines adopted by Snam.

#### Specifically:

- it obtains information and assessments from the Boards of Directors, Boards of Statutory Auditors and Supervisory Bodies of Snam and the Subsidiaries, for the purposes of formulating the proposed Audit Schedule for subsequent approval by the Board of Directors;
- it sends Internal Audit reports on every audit intervention performed to the Chairman of the Board of Directors, the Director in charge of the internal control and risk management system, the top management of the audited structures, the Control and Risk and Related-Party Transactions Committee, the Board of Statutory Auditors, and, for matters within their competence, the Supervisory Body and the Financial Reporting Officer. For audit interventions on Subsidiaries, the reports are also sent to the Chairman of the Board of Directors, the CEO, the Board of Statutory Auditors and the Supervisory Body of the companies concerned, subject to any exceptions for Internal Audit interventions on joint ventures with other partners or similar agreements to be evaluated from time to time;
- if the results show alleged unlawful conduct on the part of Snam's staff or third parties, including – among others – suppliers, the Head of Internal Audit also forwards the audit report to the EVP Human Resources, Organisation & PFM and the General Counsel, for matters within their respective purviews;
- it provides a systematic, periodical quarterly information flow to the supervisory bodies of Snam and the Subsidiaries with summary assessments of audits carried out and the state of implementation of the corrective actions;
- it drafts a six-monthly report containing adequate information on its own activities and on the company's risk management process, and on compliance with plans for risk mitigation. In particular, this report sent to the Director in charge of the internal control and risk management system, the Chairman of Snam's Board of Directors, the Control and Risk and Related-Party Transactions Committee, Snam's Board of Statutory Auditors and the Financial Reporting Officer, contains the following information: (i) the state of progress of the measures envisaged in the Audit Schedule, with evidence of any spot audits carried out in the period, (ii) a summary of the main internal control issues emerging from the audit activities, (iii) a summary of the results of the monitoring of corrective actions and the evolu-

- tion of the related summary assessments of the internal control system, (iv) the adequacy of the resources committed, (v) any other information and certifications, and (vi) an assessment of the suitability of the internal control and risk management system;
- with specific regard to the CRCS, notifies the managers of the functions involved of the results of the independent monitoring activity performed;
- fulfils the disclosure obligations provided in the "Guidelines for notifications, including anonymous notifications" and, in particular, prepares a quarterly report on notifications, shared by the Ombudsman, which is sent by the Head of Internal Audit to the Supervisory Body, and for information to the Chairman of the Board of Directors, the Director in charge of the internal control and risk management system, the Board of Statutory Auditors, the Control and Risk and Related-Party Transactions Committee, the External Auditors, the General Counsel and the Legal and Ethics & Anti-Bribery functions, the CFO and the Financial Reporting Officer and, lastly, the EVP Human Resources, Organisation & PFM. With reference to notifications relating to the Subsidiaries, the reports, insofar as they are relevant, are sent to the Chief Executive Officers of each Subsidiary concerned, as well as to the related Control and Supervisory Bodies.

The Enterprise Risk Management function: (i) transmits on a quarterly basis to the risk owners reports on risks mapped in their areas of competence; (ii) submits to the Chief Executive Officer, the Financial Reporting Officer, the General Counsel and the SVP Internal Audit periodic reports on the updating of critical and high risks and annual reports, also to the Board of Directors, on the updating of all corporate risks; and (iii) presents and submits, on a quarterly basis, the performance of the activities performed, the results thereof and the related management plans to the Control and Risk and Related-Party Transactions Committee, the Board of Statutory Auditors and the Supervisory Body, so as to permit an assessment of the effectiveness of the ICRMS.

Lastly, the Legal function reports periodically to the Control and Risk and Related-Party Transactions Committee, the Board of Statutory Auditors and the Supervisory Body, in particular in order to examine compliance issues regarding, inter alia, any critical issues and/or possible indications of improvement, as well as the status of the Company's legal dispute; in this context, a report is also sent on the verification, training, assessment and monitoring activities required by the anti-corruption policy.



## B. Information flows between the boards of statutory auditors of the Snam Group

In order for Snam's Board of Statutory Auditors to fulfil its supervisory and control obligations with respect to the Snam Group, including with regard to the direction and coordination of Snam's Subsidiaries, Snam's Board of Statutory Auditors receives, from the boards of statutory auditors of the Subsidiaries, information flows:

- (i) in the context of joint meetings between the boards of statutory auditors of the Snam Group;
- (ii) through the transmission of periodic reports or in the presence of particular circumstances;
- (iii) through the transmission of information at the request of Snam's Board of Statutory Auditors or on the independent initiative of the boards of statutory auditors of the Subsidiaries.

In particular, Snam's Board of Statutory Auditors receives a half-year report on the supervisory activity performed by the boards of statutory auditors of its Subsidiaries.

Snam's Board of Statutory Auditors, on the basis of all reports received from the corporate control bodies, business control structures and all control entities and functions, promptly informs the Board of Directors if it detects any weaknesses, critical issues or anomalies in the ICRMS, so that the Board of Directors can take any measures it deems necessary or appropriate.

#### 2. SNAM'S LEGAL FRAMEWORK

Snam has embarked on a process of simplifying and rationalising its legal framework (the "**Legal Framework**").

The new Legal Framework has a pyramid structure that is divided into three hierarchical levels, corresponding to different types of regulatory instruments, as described below:



- (i) Code of Ethics: (1st regulatory level): defines the values, principles of conduct and guiding principles on which the entire ICRMS that Snam recognises, accepts, shares and assumes internally and externally is based;
- (ii) Guidelines (2nd regulatory level): define the set of principles and conduct that every employee of Snam is required to follow. They also define all the procedures and tools of the ICRMS;
- (iii) Rules (3rd regulatory level): define the process flow, the accountability matrix, the task list and the process level controls matrix.

Moreover, certified management system documents (in accordance with ISO standards) on Health, Safety, Environment and Quality (Policies, Manuals, Procedures and Operating Instructions) are also an integral part of the Legal Framework. Lastly, there are circulars or regulations to govern specific issues (sometimes with temporary validity).

Snam's Legal Framework is designed to:

- (i) monitor and support the effectiveness of the ICRMS;
- (ii) govern certain aspects of the direction and coordination exercised by Snam over the Subsidiaries, to whose respective boards of directors the regulatory instruments adopted by Snam are sent periodically for information purposes.



Subsidiaries are required to formally adopt the measures established by Snam on certain specific subjects (e.g. relating to health, safety and the environment and/or pertaining to the Boards of Directors of Snam and its Subsidiaries) where they hold direct responsibility.

The Guidelines described in the present Report have been approved by Snam's Board of Directors.

#### 3. COMPLIANCE AT SNAM

Compliance helps to maximise Snam's value and to ensure the correct pursuit of corporate objectives.

The ICRMS forms an integral part of Snam's strategy and governance. In particular, compliance fosters business development in terms of business results and competitive advantage.

A compliance culture is an ethical value to be promoted and shared with all stakeholders (internal and external) and is an investment in corporate efficiency. The main objective of compliance activities is the prevention of actions that do not comply with laws, applicable regulations, any measures imposed by public authorities and self-regulatory provisions.

Effective compliance protects Snam against, inter alia, the risk of incurring penalties and suffering financial, operational and reputational damage (legal and non-compliance risk). In this regard, reference should be made to the legal and non-compliance safeguards in the ICRMS, and the importance of monitoring the sustainability risks as of the Corporate Governance Code. In fact, the Corporate Governance Code recommends: (i) that the risk management function and the function overseeing legal and non-compliance risk also be involved, as a matter of key importance, in the organisation of the internal control system; and (ii) that the management body define the nature and level of risk compatible with the strategic objectives of the company, including in its assessments all elements that may be relevant to the company's long-term success.

79 In accordance with their specific business context and organisational profile, issuers may also refer to the definitions developed by transnational bodies and the legislation applicable to the regulated sectors. The legal and non-compliance risk relates to the failure to comply, in whole or in part, with the rules and regulations at European, national, regional and local level that Snam is required to apply in conducting its business. Infringements of the rules and regulations may result in criminal, civil and/or administrative penalties, as well as damage to assets and economic and/or reputational damage. With regard to specific cases, the infringement of employee health and safety and environmental legislation and the violation of anti-corruption laws may also result in possibly substantial penalties for the company based on the administrative liability of entities (Legislative Decree No. 231 of 2001).

In a wider sense, the compliance function is tasked with defining tools, in line with best practice<sup>80</sup>, to prevent offences being committed within organisations, to ensure that the control and governance safeguards as a whole play a role in protecting lawfulness.

Snam has established structures and tools to identify, analyse and manage legal and non-compliance risk. Specifically, the manifestation of this risk is highlighted within the context of the Enterprise Risk Management system and the safeguards for its management are highlighted within the context of Snam's Legal Framework.

## 3.1Compliance Programme for the Prevention of Offences

Snam's compliance activity is an integral part of the ICRMS, which is based on an integrated control model divided into three levels, as described in Paragraph 1.1 of this Section, which identifies the tasks of each body and function involved, and practical procedures for coordination between these bodies and functions.<sup>81</sup>

The Compliance Programme for the Prevention of Offences (the "CPPO") was defined in this context. This programme ensures, as a preventative measure, maximum incorporation within the scope of the ICRMS, and improved coordination and integration of the relative flows and interactions between the three lines of control.

The CPPO encompasses the second-level control models (ERM, 231, CRCS, Tax Control Framework, Privacy, Antitrust, Anti-Corruption, HSEQ and Security). Although these models each retain their specific methodologies, they belong to a single integrated system of risks and controls, as tools to implement the programme in line with the relevant leading practices and in full compliance with the Code of Ethics, which sets out the values, principles of conduct and main guidelines that form the basis of the entire

- 80 See "Prevenzione e governo del rischio di reato: la disciplina 231/2001 e le politiche di contrasto dell'illegalità nell'attività di impresa" [Prevention and governance of the risk of crime: the 231/2001 regulations and policies for combating illegality in business activities] - Assonime – Note e Studi 05/2019.
- 81 In this context, compliance is a second-level control activity that, inter alia, ensures that specific compliance programmes are defined and updated, monitoring their application, and analyses and verifies the compliance-related aspects of Snam's Legal Framework so that it can operate in accordance with the applicable rules, whether imposed externally or by the company itself. The individual operational and commercial business units and functions, within the scope of their respective processes, are responsible for the application of these programmes and tools and for managing the associated risks.



ICRMS, which Snam recognises, accepts, shares and assumes both internally and externally.  $^{\rm 82}$ 



In the context of the CPPO, compliance activities are overseen by various "key individuals" who input information into and oversee the ICRMS in order to establish innovative and synergistic integrated risk management and related control measures that precisely define the Risk Assurance & Integrated Compliance model ("RAIC"), ensuring integration and coordination between the individual models, promoting consistency in innovative risk assessment methodologies and, where applicable, the integration of the controls of the various models.

In the context of the CPPO, compliance activities are mainly overseen by the legal function, which also ensures the integration and coordination of the individual models represented in the ICRMS.

The organisational structures responsible for defining compliance models therefore play a central role in enhancing the ICRMS, as well as in prevention.

In this context, the CPPO has been defined, from a preventative standpoint, working on robust risk assessment processes under the context of applicable standards, and from a "detection", standpoint, through a structured activity of monitoring and testing control safeguards that can highlight deficiencies or possible infringements and indicate the consequent remedial actions. Lastly, the results of these activities are notified, through appropriate reports, to senior management and the corporate bodies.

In this regard, the compliance models are integrated into a process of sharing strategies and responses to non-compliance risks, as part of the wider corporate risk management process.

In this context, compliance activity, by strengthening controls and making them more effective from an integrated perspective, becomes a tool for mitigating business risks and for the correct pursuit of strategic objectives.

<sup>82</sup> As specified in paragraph 3.2 below, the CPPO was defined within the "Risk Assurance & Integrated Compliance" Guidelines, approved by Snam's Board of Directors on 11 December 2018.



The implementation of IT solutions and of new technologies in general to support the RAIC model are also essential in order to improve efficiency and coordination of flows and interactions between the various control lines.

# 3.2 The Risk Assurance & Integrated Compliance Model

As anticipated, the RAIC model, referred to in the "Risk Assurance & Integrated Compliance" Guidelines approved by Snam's Board of Directors on 11 December 2018, has a dual purpose:

- integrate, within the SCIGR, the control models of the so-called 2nd level such as Enterprise Risk Management 83 231 Model, CRCS, Tax Control Framework ("TCF"), Privacy, Antitrust, Anticorruption, Health, Safety, Environment & Quality ("HSEQ")84 and Security 85;
- to promote and support compliance with the reference legislation and the prevention of any offences during the conduct of business, through the adoption and effective implementation of the CPPO.

The CPPO is implemented and made operational through:

- (i) the Legal Framework;
- (ii) the corporate governance provisions adopted in accordance with the applicable legislation and international best practice;
- (iii) the provisions, methods and activities of the models applied by the responsible functions;
- (iv) a risk assurance & integrated compliance process.

The following are key elements for implementation of the CPPO:

- (i) the RAIC model;
- (ii) systems of (a) notifications, (b) rewards and (c) penalties<sup>86</sup>;
- (iii) training and communication 87.
- 83 The ERM model, the risk assessment methods and the roles and responsibilities of the persons involved are described in the ERM Guidelines approved by Snam's Board of Directors.
- 84 The HSEQ model comprises two modules: Workplace Health and Safety and Environment.
- 85 The Security model comprises the following modules: Data Classification; Scope of Certifications; Security Assessment; Business Continuity.
- 86 The reward system and incentive mechanisms for employees and management define, assign and finalise remuneration policy measures, in accordance with the guidelines drawn up by senior management. The adoption of a system of penalties for failure to observe provisions/rules established to prevent unlawful conduct and/or the commission of offences helps to ensure compliance with the CPPO and therefore the applicable reference legislation.
- 87 The relevant functions promote knowledge of the CPPO and the related models among Snam's employees by means of specific training/communication activities, with different levels of complexity according to the positions and roles of the employees concerned.

With regard to the first element, it has been implemented a RAIC IT platform that enables the coordination of risk management activities within the scope of the second-level control models, while maintaining the specific methodologies of each model. The following activities are carried out through the RAIC IT platform within periodic time windows ("campaigns"):



- Risk Identification: identification and association of existing risks and controls;
- *Risk Measurement & Treatment:* assessment of risks and the consequent definition of strategies to manage them, including an action plan;
- Monitoring: periodic monitoring of the design and effectiveness of existing controls over the risks identified, and the risk processing actions to be approved or implemented;
- Reporting: generation of specific reports for each model and integrated reports for senior management and the corporate bodies.



The application of the RAIC model requires the individuals involved in the said activities to be clearly identified with assigned responsibilities. In particular, the engagement of the following is envisaged:

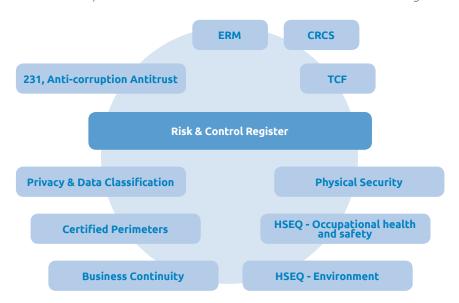
- Risk owners, i.e. heads of corporate functions responsible for carrying out risk assessment and control activities within the scope of the processes for which they are responsible;
- *Risk specialists,* i.e. individuals identified within the function manager's unit to conduct risk assessment and control and interface activities for the risk model owners;
- *Risk model owners,* i.e. contact persons in the function dedicated to the management of the individual control model.

A risk & control register is created through the RAIC platform, where the models involved in the RAIC process share a single catalogue of risks and controls.88 This repository enables the integrated collection of consistent, complete information and data to support the decision-making processes of senior management and the corporate bodies receiving dedicated reporting flows.

In the context of the RAIC model, the risk model owners have to act in concert to plan and share their respective activities. Coordination between the risk model owners takes place through risk meetings convened by the Legal function, before and after risk assessment and/or monitoring campaigns. The DT&T and Organisation functions are regularly invited to discuss matters within their purview.

The main aim of the risk meetings is to discuss the results obtained and to plan future actions. In particular, the following are discussed:

- planning of the schedule of activities and the relevant deadlines;
- definition of the scope of the assessment and monitoring campaigns;
- methods of conducting monitoring activities;
- control weaknesses and risk processing actions in the case of cross-functional controls and/or risks associated with more than one model;
- discussion of new risks and new controls to be included in the risk & control register.



88 The catalogue is made up of fields shared by all the models and fields specific to each model.



### 3.3 The 231 Model

The 231 Model is an organic set of principles, rules and provisions concerning, inter alia, the management and control of each corporate process. Its aim is to protect the Company from any conduct that may entail its administrative liability, pursuant to Legislative Decree No. 231 of 2001, in relation to offences or attempted offences committed in the interest or to the advantage of the Company by persons holding a "senior" position within the entity or by those who are subject to the oversight and control of such persons.

The Board of Directors adopted a 231 Model in order to prevent the offences indicated in the legislation on corporate administrative liability for crimes committed in the interest or to the advantage of the company and has set up a Supervisory Body vested with autonomous powers of initiative and control, in compliance with the applicable law.

The analysis of corporate processes and the comparative analysis of the existing control environment and the oversight measures are carried out on the basis of the **COSO Framework**, which is the international benchmark model for the establishment, updating, analysis and assessment of internal control systems (the "COSO Framework", published most recently in May 2013<sup>89</sup>).

The Subsidiaries have also adopted their own 231 Models for their specific circumstances, appointing their own supervisory bodies to monitor the implementation and effective application of the model.

In accordance with the provisions of Chapter 7, paragraph 7.2 of the 231 Model, the implementation of the so-called "Transposition Programme" is guaranteed in case of (a) new legislation with reference to the regulation of the administrative liability of legal entities deriving from criminal offences, (b) periodic revision of the 231 Model as regards organisational changes or updates of a merely formal nature, (c) significant violations of the 231 Model and/or the results of checks on its effectiveness and/or public domain experience in the sector.

It should be noted that on 15 December 2020, Snam's Board of Directors resolved to amend the General Section of 231 Model concerning the "Rules for updating 231 Model", assigning the task of presenting the update of 231 Model(i) to the Board of Directors, in the event of legislative changes with reference to the regulation of the liability of entities for administrative offences dependent on crime, and/or significant violations of 231 Model (and/or the outcome of audits about its effectiveness or of experiences in the public domain in the sector), after hearing the opinion of the Control and Risk and Related Party Transactions Committee and the Board of Statutory Auditors (ii) to the Chief Executive Officer for updates of an organisational nature, promptly informing the Board of Directors, as well as those of a merely formal nature.

In 2020, the impacts on the individual structures of Models 231 determined by the introduction of Law No. 157 of 19 December 2019, which converted Decree-Law 124/2019 (the "2020 *Tax Decree*"), extending liability under Legislative Decree No. 231 of 2001 to include the following tax crimes:

- fraudulent declaration through the use of invoices or other documents for non-existent transactions;
- fraudulent declaration by means of other devices:
- issuing invoices or other documents for non-existent operations;
- concealment or destruction of accounting documents;
- fraudulent deduction of tax payments.

Therefore, in the first half of 2020, *risk assessment and gap analysis* activities were carried out - in line with the provisions of the Integrated Risk Assurance & Compliance Model referred to in the guidelines adopted by the Snam Board of Directors on 11 December 2018 - aimed at updating the 231 Model of Snam and its Subsidiaries, in relation to both the aforementioned regulatory changes and the organisational changes that have taken place. The results of these activities were incorporated in the updated version of the Special Part documents called *"Processes, Sensitive Activities and Specific Control Standards of 231 Model"* for the companies of the Group.

<sup>89</sup> The document "Internal Control - Integrated Framework" 1, published by the Committee of Sponsoring Organizations of the Treadway Commission (http://www.coso.org).



In addition, also during 2020, the impacts on the individual structures of Models 231 (including the related existing control systems) determined by the regulatory changes introduced by Legislative Decree No. 75 of 14 July 2020 concerning the "Implementation of Directive (EU) 2017/1371 on the fight against fraud affecting the financial interests of the Union by means of criminal law" (so-called "Criminal law") were analysed (so called "PIF Directive", which extended the administrative liability of entities to the following offences:

- fraud in public supply (art. 356 of the Italian Criminal Code) and fraud in agriculture (art. 2 of Law No. 898 of 23 December 1986);
- relevance of all the types of offences against the Public Administration referred to in Article 24, paragraph 1, of Legislative Decree No. 231/2001, even when committed by the entity to the detriment of the European Union;
- embezzlement (Article 314, paragraph 1, of the Italian Criminal Code), embezzlement by means of profiting from the error of others (Article 316 of the Italian Criminal Code) and abuse of office (Article 323 of the Italian Criminal Code) if damage to the financial interests of the European Union results from their commission;
- untrue declaration (Article 4 Legislative Decree 74/2000), omitted declaration (Article 5 Legislative Decree 74/2000) and undue compensation (Article 10-quater of Legislative Decree No. 74/2000) if they are committed as part of cross-border fraudulent schemes and for the purpose of evading added value taxes for a total amount of not less than €10,000,000;
- Dextension of the punishability for attempted crimes of fraudulent declaration through the use of invoices or other documents of non-existent transactions (Article 2 Legislative Decree 74/2000), fraudulent declaration by means of other artifices (Article 3 Legislative Decree 74/2000), untrue declaration (Article 4 Legislative Decree. 74/2000) in cases where the said crimes are also committed in the territory of another European Union Member State and in order to evade added value taxes for a total of not less than €10,000,000;
- smuggling offences envisaged by Articles 282 et seq. of Presidential Decree No. 43 of 23 January 1973 containing the "Consolidated text of legislative provisions on customs matters".

Therefore, in December 2020 - in line with the provisions of the Integrated Risk Assurance & Compliance Model - risk assessment and gap analysis activities were started, aimed at updating the 231 Model adopted by Snam and its subsidiaries, in relation to both the regulatory changes referred to in Legislative Decree 75/2020 and the organisational changes that have taken place, which are still in progress.

The results of these activities will make it possible to adapt the Special Part documents called "Processes, Sensitive Activities and Specific Control Standards of 231 Model" for the companies of the Group.

In the second half of 2020, Snam finalised a *compliance* training course aimed at the entire company population and structured in 5 modules, which was initially offered in 2019:

- 231 Model: the course focuses on issues relating to the organisation, management and control model pursuant to Legislative Decree No. 231 of 2001, company processes and sensitive activities, control standards and the duties of the Supervisory Body;
- Privacy: the course describes the innovations introduced by European legislation on Privacy (GDPR) and provides in-depth information on privacy management at Snam, the role of the Data Protection Officer, the protection of the rights of those concerned and security measures to prevent the management of any data breaches;
- Market Abuse: the course deals with unlawful conduct in this area, the contents of the Snam Guidelines and the proper management of confidential information;
- Antitrust: the course presents an overview of antitrust law and the importance of protecting competition and goes in depth into national and European antitrust law, how to manage relations with competitors, the correct conduct to behave in order to act in compliance with antitrust law, the management of any inspections by the Antitrust Authorities;
- Anti-bribery and corruption: the course describes the principles of the fight against corruption at Snam and provides in-depth information on the various types of fraud/corruption, with practical examples of potential illegal conduct, Snam's control mechanisms and culture and the principles of the Anti-corruption Compliance Programme.

The 231 Model is available on the Company's website (http://www.snam.it/export/sites/snam- rp/repository/file/Governance/responsabilita\_amministrativa\_231/Modello-231\_snam\_finale\_2019.pdf).



## 3.4 Enterprise Risk Management Model

The Enterprise Risk Management Model ("ERM Model") provides appropriate tools for identifying, measuring, managing and monitoring the key risks that could impact the achievement of strategic objectives

Snam's ERM Model, in line with the reference models and existing international best practices (COSO Framework and ISO 31000), provides for an integrated, cross-functional and dynamic assessment of risk that evaluates existing management systems in individual corporate processes and is updated to ensure that it always acts as an effective risk management model. It also provides for ongoing training of all personnel involved. As part of Level Two controls, the duties of the ERM function include:

- defining and updating Snam's ERM Model through specialist methodological support in identifying and evaluating risks;
- coordinating the overall enterprise risk management process ("ERM"), in order to properly consolidate and prioritise Snam's risks;
- consolidation of the risk management strategies identified by the competent corporate functions for identifying and measuring enterprise risks;
- regular preparation of reports and management and updating of defined risk indicators, in order to ensure coordination of risk monitoring and control activities.

The objective of the identification stage is to pinpoint elements of risk both within and outside the corporate processes that might affect their attainment of corporate objectives. The risk measurement is carried out in an integrated and cross-department fashion through classification scales of probabilities and impacts.

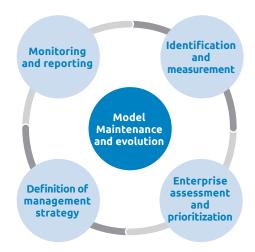
Risk is defined as the effect of uncertainty on objectives and may be negative or positive (opportunity).

Each event is assessed on the basis of eight types of impact, some of them determined by the risk owners (operating impacts: Economic, Industrial/Business, Asset) other by special functions (impact: Financial, Legal/Compliance/Governance, Reputational, HS/Environment, Market). Finally, in addition to the Governance and Environmental impacts, the Social impact in terms of an on-going and increasing integration of the ERM framework with the ESG aspects, has been defined and will supplement the model in 2021. The risk has been assessed from different perspectives and the prioriti-

sation of risks is defined by combining the measurements of the impacts and related probabilities. The opportunities are identified in a manner comparable with the risks, i.e. with a measurement of the operating impacts by each risk owner and a measurement of the other impacts by specialist functions. Management strategies are identified for all risks, as well as any specific interventions and a time frame for their implementation.

The risks, identified through the ERM process, are classified as financial, operating, legal and non-compliant and strategic, and also the risks related to ESG issues are identified.

Risk mapping is reviewed periodically, depending on the enterprise assessment, at least annually for low priority risks. Periodic reporting ensures that the information on risk management and monitoring activities is available and represented across the different levels of the Company. The graphic below illustrates the various operational phases of the ERM Model.





During 2020, the risk mapping was updated through the RAIC IT platform within the framework of an integrated risk assurance and compliance model aimed at incorporating the information flows of second-level controls with a synergistic approach aimed at maximum streamlining and overall efficiency.

At the end of 2020, around 141 enterprise risks and 31 opportunities were mapped across all corporate processes. The main business risks identified and monitored were classified into the following categories: strategic risks; legal and non-compliance risks; operational risks; financial risks.

Strategic and operational risks also include risks related to sustainability. In this regard, Snam implements materiality analysis with the aim of capturing material issues, i.e. issues that can reflect the company's significant economic, environmental and social impacts or that can substantially influence stakeholder assessments and decisions. The joint consideration of significance within the organisation and externally (stakeholders), collected by sending questionnaires, has led to the identification of the materiality matrix. The materiality matrix, reported in the Executive Summary of this Report, has been validated by the management, the ESG Committee and the Chief Executive Officer and reviewed by the appointed auditor.

### (i) Enterprise Risk Management Guidelines

Snam considers risk management to be of primary importance and with the Enterprise Risk Management Guidelines(the "**ERM Guidelines**") it intends to promote a structured and systematic approach based on the following principles:

- promoting and disseminating a culture of fair and transparent risk management;
- ensuring, in all corporate processes, proactive, effective and efficient risk management that is consistent with the strategic objectives and the corporate governance system;
- ensuring, through appropriate procedural, management and organisational systems, that risks are effectively identified, assessed, managed and periodically monitored;
- conducting and managing all corporate activities with a view to risk prevention, in compliance with the law, the Code of Ethics, corporate provisions and national and international best practices;
- ensuring that the risks identified, which are different by their nature, are assessed using a homogeneous and cross-functional model.

### **Highlights of the ERM Guidelines**

- Establishment and updating of a Risk Register which records the data necessary to identify, measure, manage and monitor risks:
- Provision of a risk taxonomy, divided into strategic, legal, non-compliance, operational and financial risks;
- Integration between ERM processes and strategic planning;
- At least one update per year on the metrics for probability and impact measurement by the ERM function;
- Sharing of the mapped risks between the functions;
- Periodic reporting to the Board of Directors, the Control and Risk and Related-Party Transactions Committee, the Board of Statutory Auditors and the Supervisory Body.



The ERM Guidelines, in particular, describe the methodology for assessing the risks, roles/responsibilities and *reporting* activities envisaged by the ERM Model, in line with international *best practices* and in particular the reference COSO *framework* and ISO 31000 models. In this context, risk is defined as the effect of uncertainty on objectives and may be negative or positive (opportunity).

The main benefits of the adoption of the ERM Guidelines are:

- a better understanding of the main risks related to the planned strategy and the business objectives; and
- an increased ability to prevent, adapt to and react to changes in the external environment.

The ERM Guidelines are divided into nine sections, which describe:

- the fundamental principles of corporate risk governance;
- the scope of application;
- the ERM Model;
- the Risk Register;
- the valuation methodology;
- roles and responsibilities;
- reporting;
- communication and training;
- responsibility for updates.

The Enterprise Risk Management Guidelines are available on the Company's website (http://www.snam. it/export/sites/snam- rp/repository/file/Sostenibilita/documenti sostenibilita/Linea-Guida-Enterprise-Risk- Management.pdf).

### 3.5 Anti-Corruption Compliance Programme

Snam, in establishing and maintaining an Anti-Corruption Compliance Programme, is not limited to adopting a 231 Model (aimed at preventing the predicate offences of administrative liability for corporate crime, including corruption offences) but, in accordance with international guidance and best practice, has also implemented the following tools:<sup>90</sup>

- "Top level commitment", i.e. a commitment at the highest level to fight corruption;
- the adoption of specific anti-corruption measures;
- the establishment of a dedicated Anti-Corruption Unit (Ethics & Anti-Bribery);
- anti-corruption due diligence on contractual/commercial counterparties;
- monitoring by an external and independent advisor to verify actual knowledge of and implementation of the procedures;
- raising of awareness of employees through specific training and information activities;
- disciplinary action in the event of breaches of the anti-corruption rules;
- periodic risk assessment.

<sup>90</sup> In this regard, the Code of Ethics establishes, inter alia, that Snam rejects all kinds of corruption (in all its forms with regard to any public or private entity) and that corrupt practices, unlawful favours, collusive behaviour, and requests, made directly and/or through third parties, for personal and career advantages for oneself or for others, are prohibited without exception.



#### Top-Level commitment Training and **Principles** Adequate Dedicated information and rules, reporting **Periodic Risk** anti-corruption **Accounting Rules** and sanctions operational tools system Assessment function (Ethics system and Audits and preventive (Reporting and monitoring and Antibribery) (disciplinary and measures guidelines) contractual) **Anticorruption Guidelines**

### **Multilateral collaborations**

- Snam is a member of the UN Global Forum and, as part of the Sustainable Development Goal No. 16 on *Peace, justice and strong institutions*, has strengthened its collaborations and partnerships with national and international organisations and institutions:
- Since 2016, Snam has been a partner of the General Secretariat of *Transparency International* and, thanks to its active role within the *Business Integrity Forum* of the Italian Chapter, it is constantly involved in various working tables and institutional events, in which it is called upon to represent its *best practices* in terms of business integrity and anti-corruption. .
- Starting in 2017, Snam as the first Italian company in the private sector joined the Business and Industry Advisory Committee (BIAC), now renamed "Business at OECD" and, in 2019, joined the Leadership of the Anticorruption Committee, with the appointment of Vice-Chair. This active collaboration has allowed it to be invited to all public consultations at OECD, to provide its contribution and to share her experience, on the subject of prevention of unlawful acts and business integrity in the prepared documents
- Thanks to the development of these partnerships, Snam participates annually in some recurring events, assuming a primary role in the panels. Some of the most important are: (i) the OECD Working Party on Bribery Consultation; (ii) the "Business Integrity Forum" of Transparency International Italia; (iii) the OECD Working Party on State Owned Enterprise; (iv) the Italian Business Integrity Day organized by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation; (v) the OECD Anti-Corruption and Integrity Forum and (vi) the OECD Working Party on Responsible Business Conduct.
- In October 2019, Snam joined the World Economic Forum's *Partnering Against Corruption Initiative* and in December 2019, Snam was designated as a full member of the *Compliance & Integrity Taskforce* within the B20, under the Presidency of Saudi Arabia.
- During 2020, despite the difficulties related to the Covid-19 health emergency, Snam continued to be active in the area of multilateral activities, participating in various institutional events and providing its contribution to various working tables, in addition to those mentioned above. In particular, the following should be mentioned: (i) Safeguards for a resilient COV-ID-19 response and recovery, as the first event of the year organized by OECD since the beginning of the global pandemic; (ii) Toward G20/B20 Italian Presidency organized by Business Integrity Forum of Transparency International Italia; (iii) B20 meetings and side events [i.e. Reviving Business for a New Normal, Enhancing Integrity for Responsible and Inclusive Growth, Pre-summit Shaping a More Inclusive World" Reviving Business for a New Normal]; (iv) WEF/PACI's Compliance in times of crisis (v) B20 Summit 2020, which formalized the transfer of the International Business Forum to the Italian Presidency; and (vi) OECD Asia Network on Corporate Governance of State-Owned Enterprises.



### Highlights of the Anti-Corruption Compliance Programme

- A policy of zero tolerance towards any form of corruption.
- Specific regulations and controls in relation to activities identified as potentially "at risk" and to activities relating to the effective implementation of anti-corruption compliance
- A clear distinction between permitted conduct and prohibited conduct
- A particular focus on relationships with government officials, suppliers and subcontractors, and in general, all business associates
- Establishment of a dedicated Ethics & Anti-Bribery function
- Annual monitoring with the involvement of management
- Specific training launched in 2016 for over 1,442 participants, continued in 2017 and 2018 for all new employees, was renewed in 2019 for all company personnel (2,904 people) and later offered to all new hires in 2020.
- Preparation of the "Mini-Anti-Corruption Guide", distributed to Snam's staff as a readily available source of support, aimed at strengthening the anti-corruption culture
- Identified as an example of "absolute excellence" by Transparency International Italy after its "Assessment on Transparency on Reporting on Anti-Corruption"
- More than 7,400 reputational audits of counterparties carried out in 2020 (including 2,758 on suppliers and subcontractors).

The Anti-Corruption Guidelines are an integral part of a broader business ethics control system that aims to ensure the Company's compliance with national and international anti-corruption laws<sup>91</sup>, and with the best international anti-corruption standards, also helping to protect Snam's reputation. The Anti-Corruption Guidelines place particular emphasis, inter alia, on the selection of suppliers and business partners, the management of relations with them, and the relevant contractual protection clauses.

The Anti-Corruption Guidelines apply to Snam and its Subsidiaries, and the investee companies are also made aware of them, in order to promote conduct and information flows that are consistent with those of Snam. Snam also uses its influence, to the extent that is reasonable according to circumstances, to ensure that the companies and entities in which Snam has a non-controlling stake and its business associates comply with the standards set forth in the Anti-Corruption Guidelines.

The Anti-Bribery Guideline is available on the Company's website (https://www.snam.it/export/sites/snam-rp/repositorv/file/Governance/procedure/anticorruzione/Snam anticorruzione anticorruption 2019).

<sup>91</sup> These include the Foreign Corrupt Practices Act (FCPA) enacted in the United States; the UK Bribery Act enacted in the United Kingdom; the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development Convention on Combating Bribery of Foreign Public Officials in International Business Operations; and the United Nations Convention Against Corruption.



### 3.6 Antitrust Compliance Programme

The principles of the free market and competition are included in Snam's fundamental values, are recognised in both the Articles of Association and the Code of Ethics and are an integral part of Snam's corporate culture.

The Antitrust Compliance Programme is composed of a range of activities aimed at the dissemination of antitrust culture as well as the identification of breaches of Italian and European competition laws, in order to prevent non-compliant conduct and to raise awareness among employees, middle managers and executives regarding compliance with applicable legislative provisions.

### Highlights of the Antitrust Compliance Programme

The programme is implemented through:

- The programme is implemented through:
- the Antitrust Guidelines, which aim to describe the content of antitrust legislation in a simple and accessible manner, while
  providing practical guidance on how to act in concrete situations that could lead to potential antitrust violations, also performing a simplifying role. The Guidelines consist of a central document and several annexes; specifically, the central document briefly describes the fundamental concepts of antitrust law; the structure of the compliance programme adopted by
  Snam; the powers of the Italian antitrust authorities to ensure compliance with specific regulations; and, lastly, the rules of
  conduct for Snam's employees to prevent antitrust risk. The individual annexes contain the necessary information on the
  topics addressed;
- a specific dawn raid procedure governs the stages, modes of conduct and roles of the various company functions involved in the event of inspections by the EU and/or national authorities responsible for supervising compliance with competition principles;
- dedicated communication and training initiatives for all employees designed to ensure familiarity with the Antitrust Guidelines, as well as their effectiveness and correct implementation;
- the establishment of an Antitrust Supervisor within Snam's Legal, Governance, Compliance, ERM & HSEQ Function, who will provide the necessary support and assistance on the application of the Antitrust Guidelines;
- a monitoring programme designed to verify the effectiveness of the training and the application of the rules in the Antitrust Guidelines and to enable amendments and updates to be made to them;
- a risk mapping exercise carried out on the basis of interviews with staff most exposed to antitrust risk considering the specific role performed.

The Antitrust Guideline is available on the Company's website (http://www.snam.it/export/sites/snam-rp/repository/file/Governance/lineaguida\_antitrust/lineaguida\_antitrust.pdf).



## 3.7 Privacy Compliance Programme

The purpose of the "Privacy Guidelines" is to (i) define the corporate roles and requirements to be implemented with regard to the protection of personal data in accordance with Regulation (EU) 2016/679 and (ii) guide all Snam's employees so that personal data is processed in compliance with the fundamental rights and freedoms of natural persons and, in particular, with the right to the protection of personal data.

In line with the Code of Ethics, the document specifies the actions to be taken in accordance with both national and EU legislation on the processing and protection of initiatives to be undertaken at company level, including in order to prevent data breaches.

The document is structured into three macro areas that can be distinguished as:

- foundations for the lawfulness of processing and the rights of data subjects, aimed at identifying the legal basis of the processing and the main rights granted to stakeholders, referring to the principles of lawfulness, transparency and proportionality;
- a privacy management system, which incorporates Snam's approach to the privacy system (risk assessment, impact assessment, security measures adopted, privacy by design and by default);
- key privacy roles and responsibilities, for all of which individuals have been identified, both inside and outside Snam, which contribute, in various ways, to maintaining an effective and efficient management system and the relevant responsibilities.





### 3.8 Whistleblowing

Since 2006, Snam has implemented specific rules to establish a codified system for the collection, analysis, verification and reporting of notifications, anonymous or otherwise, received by Snam and its Subsidiaries (the "Whistleblowing Guidelines") and to establish the criteria and methods for the establishment of information channels.

### Whistleblowing highlights

- Management of communication channels assigned to an external person (an Ombudsman) identified as a professional
  with a high degree of legal training in criminal matters, who ensures that reports are received and analysed by applying
  criteria of maximum confidentiality in order, inter alia, to protect the good repute of persons involved and efficiency of
  investigations
- Preliminary investigations into notifications carried out in an integrated and coordinated manner, through the involvement of the Internal Audit function, having first consulted the Legal, Governance, Compliance, ERM & HSEQ function for those matters within its purview. Quarterly circulation of a report on notifications received issued by the Internal Audit function to the following corporate functions:
  - Chairman of Snam;
  - Chief Executive Officer;
  - Snam's Board of Statutory Auditors;
  - The Control and Risk and the Related-Party Transactions Committee;
  - Supervisory Body:
  - External Auditors;
  - General Counsel;
  - CFO and Financial Reporting Officer;
  - EVP Human Resources, Organization & PFM.

In case of notifications regarding Subsidiaries, the reports, insofar as they are relevant, are sent to the managing directors of each Subsidiary concerned, as well as to the relevant control and supervisory bodies.

The Whistleblowing Guidelines have also been revised to take account of new provisions introduced by Law No. 179 of 30 November 2017 ("Provisions for the protection of persons reporting offences or irregularities of which they become aware in the context of a public or private employment relationship") which, with reference to the private sector, provided, through changes to Article 6 of Legislative Decree No. 231 of 2001, for protection of employees or contractors reporting illegal conduct or breaches of the entity's organisation and management model, and the provision (i) of one or more channels to enable the transmission of reports, at least one of which is capable of guaranteeing the confidentiality - using computerised means - of the reporting person's identity during the handling of the report, and (ii) of disciplinary sanctions against any person who breaches measures to safeguard the whistleblower.

The Whistleblowing Guidelines are available on the Company's website (http://www.snam.it/export/sites/snam-rp/repository/file/Governance/procedure/procedure\_segnalazioni/snam\_segnalazioni\_anche\_anonime\_04.pdf)



Below is a table detailing the activities carried out by Internal Audit as regards reports received in the last three years:

2018	2019	2020
4	11	10
-	1	5
-	-	-
-	-	-
-	-	-
4	10 <sup>92</sup>	5
2	6 <sup>93</sup>	3
2	5	5
-	0	2
	- - -	4 11 - 1 4 10 <sup>92</sup>

## 3.9 Health, Safety, Environment and Public Safety

The "Health, Safety, Environment and Public Safety" Guidelines describe the principles of HSEQ and Public Safety that guide actions with a view to transparency and collaboration with suppliers and business partners. These principles, precisely expressed through the adoption of specific HSEQ policies, have been adopted by Snam with the aim of preventing risks and reducing the impact on health, safety and the environment of its activities.

All measures prescribed by laws and industry regulations are also implemented through the development, continuous updating and prompt implementation of HSEQ management systems. Consistent with international standards and certified by third parties, these systems also enable Snam to ensure a continuous improvement in performance and the adoption of international best practice.

The HSEQ Guidelines provide, inter alia, that a review must be carried out periodically by senior management and by the functions which, according to their remits, analyse the internal and external context of the company, in order to evaluate the adequacy, suitability and effectiveness of the management systems, including in relation to the achievement of objectives, continuous improvement and compliance with the applicable rules and requirements, and to ensure alignment with the strategic guidelines. Finally, provision is made for periodic reports, meetings and management reviews, as the main communication and information tools by which top management, the corporate control bodies and the reporting lines verify compliance with the reference standards and the adequacy, efficiency and effectiveness of the management systems.

<sup>92</sup> It includes the management of four additions to three reports received during 2019, one of which is under review.

<sup>93</sup> Updated 2019 data following Archiving in 2020of a 2019 report.

<sup>94 &</sup>quot;Managerial" also means organisational/procedural measures relating to measures to improve the ICRMS.



# 3.10 Key features of the internal control and risk management system in relation to corporate reporting

### (i) Foreword

The ICRMS is designed to ensure the dependability<sup>95</sup>, accuracy<sup>96</sup>, reliability<sup>97</sup> and timeliness of the Company's financial reporting and the capacity of the main relevant corporate processes to produce such reporting in accordance with the accounting standards.

The reporting consists of all data and information financial and non-financial contained in the periodic accounting documents required by law as well as in any other accounting document or external communication covered by the statements provided for by Article 154- bis of TUF.

The CRCS model adopted by Snam and its Subsidiaries was defined in accordance with the provisions of Article 154-bis of TUF and is based, from a methodological standpoint, on the COSO *Framework* ("Internal Control - Integrated Framework", issued by the *Committee of Sponsoring Organisations of the Treadway Commission*), an international reference model for establishing, updating, analysing and evaluating the internal control system.

The Snam Group's CRCS is governed by a body of regulations that defines the methodologies, roles, responsibilities, activities to be performed and reporting flows for the establishment, maintenance over time, functioning and assessment of the effectiveness of the Group's CRCS, applied to Snam and the Subsidiaries, taking into account their significance.

<sup>95</sup> Dependability (of the reporting): reporting that is correct, complies with generally accepted accounting standards and fulfils the requirements of the applicable laws and regulations.

<sup>96</sup> Accuracy (of the reporting): error-free disclosure.

<sup>97</sup> Reliability (of the reporting): reporting that is clear and complete, thereby enabling investors to make informed decisions.



### (ii) Phases of the CRCS

The CRCS is planned, established and maintained through the following activities.

# scoping

Identification of the scope of analysis in relation to Group companies which apply the CRCS on the basis of the financial statement items and information that are significant for this purpose and the importance of the processes and specific risks

#### 2. Risk assesment

Identification and assessment of specific activities likely to generate risks of unintentional error or fraud, which may have a significant impact on the financial statements or potential events that if they occur could compromise the achievement of control objectives relating to corporate reporting.

The risk assessment is carried out both at the "inherent" level, i.e. assuming the absence of controls, and at the "residual" level.

# Identification of controls

The significant companies and processes and the relevant risks having been identified, the system is based on two fundamental principles: (i) the dissemination of controls to all levels of the organisational structure, in line with the operational responsibilities assigned. and (ii) sustaining the controls over time, so that they are integrated and compatible with operating requirements. The model includes four components of CRCS: Company Entity Level Controls, Process Level Controls, Segregation of Duties and IT General Controls

# Monitoring of controls

The controls are regularly checked for adequacy of design and effective operation, through both line monitoring assigned to management and independent monitoring assigned to Internal Audit.

Snam's Board of Directors has also mandated the External Auditors to examine the adequacy of the internal control system in connection with the preparation of financial information for the drafting of Snam's individual financial statements and consolidated financial statements

# 5. Evaluation and reporting

The outcomes of the assessments of the controls carried out on the basis of monitoring activities are regularly reported. The Financial Reporting Officer uses these reports to draft a half-year report and an annual report on the adequacy and effective implementation of the CRCS, which is shared with the Snam CEO and sent to the Board of Directors and subsequently notified to the Control and Risk and Related-Party Transactions Committee and the Board of Statutory Auditors, at the time of approval of the draft separate and consolidated Financial Statements and the consolidated Halfyear Financial Report

### (iii) Positions and functions involved

The activities of identifying and assessing risks, as well as implementing controls and related line monitoring are assigned to the functions that manage the activities and processes, and in particular to the Risk Owners and Risk Specialists, within the scope of their own areas of competence. The CRCS unit is responsible for the definition of standards, methodologies and reference criteria, coordinates and manages the control system as a whole, and provides methodological and operational support to the Financial Reporting Officer and to all the functions and persons involved in the implementation of the CRCS.

The senior managers and CEOs of the individual Snam Group companies, within the CRCS are responsible for establishing and maintaining the their company's control system over time; they receive the results of the checks performed by the competent functions on all the controls and sign dedicated half-year and annual reports that are submitted to their own Boards of Directors, after informing the Board of Statutory Auditors, and to the Parent Company.



### (iv) Updating of the Model

The Internal Control System for Corporate Reporting is constantly updated in order to maintain controls that are always adequate, also in relation to new significant risks for CRCS. In fact, all changes in activities, responsibilities and methods of using information systems that have an impact on controls are promptly incorporated, taking into account the information and observations received from the competent functions, from line monitoring, from independent monitoring, from the results of audits conducted by the independent auditors and from the results of Internal Audit activities.

Ongoing training on the CRCS is also provided in e-learning mode to the staff of the Snam Group in order to inform them of the prerequisites, aims and characteristics of the model, so that each person is aware of his/her role and responsibility and can make an adequate contribution to the proper functioning of the model. Finally, following the implementation of the RACI platform for risk assessment, evaluations and reporting on CRCS, special "video clips" and "tutorials" have been made available on the My HR Portal platform, interactively illustrating to the various players involved the main activities to be carried out, through simulations of the steps to be performed in the system.

# 3.11 Snam Group Tax Strategy and Tax Cooperative Compliance

The "Snam Group Tax Strategy" Guidelines describe the principles that inform the Group's tax governance both in strategic terms, with regard to the risk appetite and the long-term objectives pursued with reference to the tax variable, and in operational terms, with regard to the architecture of the tax risk control system (the "Tax Control Framework" ("TCF"))98.

The adoption of a clear and documented tax strategy represents, inter alia, the main requirement for access to the tax cooperative compliance regime established by Legislative Decree No. 128 of 5 August 2015, which promotes forms of communication and cooperation between the tax authorities and taxpayers.

With the tax cooperative compliance programme, the Italian Revenue Agency aims to establish a relationship of trust between the authorities and taxpayers to increase the level of certainty on relevant tax issues. This objective is pursued through ongoing, preventative dialogue with taxpayers on factual and legal matters, in order to make a common assessment of situations likely to generate tax risks.



Membership of the scheme is for taxpayers who meet the legal requirements and who have a system for detecting, measuring, managing and controlling tax risk ("Tax Control Framework") understood as the risk of violating rules of a tax nature or operating contrary to the principles or purposes of the tax system.

In return for the implementation of this system for the prevention of tax risk, the law provides some benefits, in particular:

- ongoing dialogue with the Italian Revenue Agency, which offers the opportunity to manage uncertain situations and is prepared to resolve tax disputes as soon as possible;
- clear advantages in reputational terms through the inclusion of the company in public lists of "virtuous" taxpayers (the list is published on the Italian Revenue Agency website);
- a 50% reduction in penalties in the event of disputes.

Snam's adherence constitutes a fundamental step on the path of accountability, presenting Snam and the Group as an entity that acts in full transparency with the tax authorities, completely in line with its sustainability programme.

On 2 December 2019, with the order of admission to the cooperative compliance regime notified by the Italian Revenue Agency, Snam and Snam Rete Gas S.p.A. were included on the list of companies operating in full transparency with the Italian tax authorities, published on the Italian Revenue Agency's website.

In line with the approach dictated by the "Snam Group Tax Strategy", the *tax risk management* process has also been extended to Group companies which, although not admitted to the collaborative compliance procedure due to lack of size requirements, have been considered relevant from a risk-basedperspective. Currently, tax risk is managed through TCF for nine Group companies<sup>99</sup>.

<sup>99</sup> Snam S.p.A., Snam Rete Gas S.p.A., STO.G.IT S.p.A., GNL Italia S.p.A., Infrastrutture Trasporto Gas S.p.A., Snam4Mobility S.p.A., Cubogas S.r.l., IES Biogas S.r.l., TEP Energy Solution S.r.l.



### 3.12 Related Parties Guidelines

The Guidelines for "Transactions in which directors and statutory auditors have an interest and related-party transactions" have been adopted pursuant to the Regulations on Related-Party Transactions (the "Related-Parties Guidelines")<sup>100</sup>, in accordance with the Unbundling Regulations, taking into account the specific nature of the business of Snam and its Subsidiaries, which are overseen by ARERA.

### **Highlights of the Related-Party Guidelines**

- Involvement, as the case may be, of the Control and Risk and Related-Party Transactions Committee or the Remuneration Committee (for decisions concerning the remuneration of Snam's directors, statutory auditors and key management personnel)
- Provision of a fixed materiality threshold of €140 million
- Extension of the scope of application of the Guidelines to all transactions entered into by the Subsidiaries with related parties of Snam
- Establishment of a special approval process for transactions in which directors or statutory auditors of Snam have an interest

The Related-Parties Guidelines make a distinction between Large Transactions and Small Transactions, on the basis of a materiality threshold. In particular, in order to ensure maximum market transparency, the Related-Parties Guidelines have adopted a stricter parameter for identifying Large Transactions than that provided for by the Regulations on Related-Party Transactions, setting a materiality threshold of €140 million.

The Related-Parties Guidelines require that the competent Committee issue:

- "Small Transactions"<sup>101</sup>, a non-binding reasoned opinion that must address the Company's interest in the transaction, as well as the expediency and substantial accuracy of its conditions. In the event of a negative opinion, the Company is required to inform the market of the reasons that led it to conclude the transaction despite this opinion;
- for "Large Transactions" 102, which are the exclusive preserve of the Board of Directors, a favourable reasoned opinion on the Company's interest in the transaction, as well as the suitability and substantive accuracy of its conditions. The Committee is also involved in the negotiation and examination stages, promptly receiving comprehensive information, with the power to request information and submit comments to the authorised bodies and persons tasked with the negotiations and examination.

<sup>100</sup> The "Transactions in which directors and statutory auditors have an interest and related-party transactions" Guidelines define a "transaction" (or "transactions") as the active or passive transfer of resources, services or assumption of obligations, regardless of whether a fee has been agreed, carried out by Snam or its Subsidiaries with related parties of Snam. These include: (i) mergers or demergers by incorporation or non-proportional demergers; (ii) any decision relating to the awarding of remuneration and financial benefits, in any form, to members of the administration and control bodies and to executives with strategic responsibilities.

<sup>101</sup> Within the meaning of the Related-Parties Guidelines, "Small Transactions" are all transactions other than "Large Transactions" and "Negligible Transactions" (defined in Annex 2 of the Procedure).

<sup>102 &</sup>quot;Large Transactions" are indicated in Annex 1 to the Related-Parties Guidelines.



In both cases, the Committee may be assisted, at the Company's expense, by one or more independent experts.

Finally, the Related-Parties Guidelines set out a special approval process - which requires, inter alia, that the Control and Risk and Related-Party Transactions Committee issue a non-binding opinion on the appropriateness of the transaction for the Company - in the case of transactions, other than related-party transactions, in which Snam's directors or statutory auditors have an interest, on their own account or on behalf of third parties.

The Related Parties Guideline is available on the Company's website (http://www.snam.it/export/sites/snam-rp/repository/file/Governance/lineaguida/parti\_correlate/Linea\_Guida\_Operazioni\_con\_Interessi\_degli\_Amministratori\_e\_Sindaci\_e\_Operazioni\_con\_Parti\_Correlate\_febbraio\_2020.pdf)

### 3.13 Market Abuse Guidelines

Snam's Market Abuse Guidelines combine and coordinate within a single systematic document the market abuse rules and principles with which the Company and its related parties must comply in order to:

- protect investors, to prevent situations of information asymmetry, and prevent certain persons from using non-public information to carry out speculative market transactions; and
- protect the Company from any liability that it may incur as a result of the conduct of persons attributable to it.

### **Highlights of the Market Abuse Guidelines**

- Snam's Market Abuse Guidelines that take account of the "Market Abuse Regulation" pursuant to EU Regulation 596/2014
   (and the relevant implementing regulations) came into force on 3 July 2016 and were most recently updated in March
   2018 with the aim of complying with the regulatory amendments introduced to the Issuers' Regulation by Consob Resolution No. 19925 of 22 March 2017 and of taking account of the Guidelines on the Management of Inside Information
   published by Consob on 13 October 2017
- A single document organic, systematic and updated to incorporate new European legislation that incorporates all
  measures relating to market abuse. Provision relating to the management of price sensitive information, relevant information, internal dealing, black-out periods and insider register
- Provision of a specific procedure for delayed dissemination of inside information
- Identification of detailed information flows within the corporate organisational structure and with the Subsidiaries
- Training programme, in order to raise awareness among Snam's employees on issues related to rules on market abuse



The Market Abuse Guidelines are divided into three section, as described in more detail below.

#### Section I – Management of inside information

This section covers:

- a) the identification and management of relevant and inside information;
- b) the procedures to be followed for communicating such information both within and outside of the corporate environment;
- c) the procedure to be followed if the Company considers it necessary to delay dissemination to the public of inside information;
- d) the establishment, maintenance and updating of the register of persons who have access to relevant information and the register of persons who have access to inside information:

#### Section II - Internal dealing

This section covers disclosure and conduct requirements related to: (a) transactions on shares or debt instruments issued by the Company or on derivatives and other financial instruments linked thereto, and - where applicable - on emission allowances and auctioned products based thereon or related derivatives, by persons with managerial or control duties or by persons closely associated with them; and (b) transactions involving shares of the Company or other financial instruments linked thereto, carried out, directly or indirectly, by anyone holding shares of the Company equal to 10% of the share capital, and by any other person controlling the Company.

Specifically, it includes the following:

- a) criteria for identifying "Relevant Persons", "Relevant Shareholders" and "Relevant Transactions" to which the legislation in question applies;
- b) the disclosure obligations of "Relevant Persons", "Relevant Shareholders" and the Company in respect of Consob and the public in relation to "Relevant Transactions"; and
- c) rules preventing "Relevant Persons" from carrying out "Relevant Transactions" in given periods ("black out period 103").

### Section III – Final provisions

This section covers provisions relating to: (a) market surveys; and (b) the updating of the Guidelines and final provisions.

The Market Abuse Guideline is available on the Company's websiteLa (http://www.snam.it/export/sites/snam-rp/repository/file/Governance/procedure/Market\_Abuse/Procedure\_Market\_Snam\_REV04.pdf).

<sup>103</sup> Pursuant to the Market Abuse Guidelines, "Relevant Persons" and "Closely-Related Persons" are not permitted to carry out – directly or via an intermediary - "Relevant Transactions" within a period of 30 calendar days before the Company announces the figures contained in the annual financial report, the half-year financial report and in other periodic financial reports that are subject to mandatory publication. For the definition of "Relevant Persons", "Closely-Related Persons" and "Relevant Transactions", see the Market Abuse Guidelines.





SECTION V
ANY CHANGES TO THE CORPORATE
GOVERNANCE STRUCTURE
THAT OCCURRED AFTER THE END
OF THE FINANCIAL YEAR





The Extraordinary Shareholders' Meeting held on 2 February approved some amendments to the Articles of Association (Articles 2, 12, 13 and 24).

In particular, the Shareholders' Meeting approved the amendment of Article 2 of the Articles of Association by introducing the company's corporate purpose, i.e. "Energy to inspire the world", in order to reflect Snam's commitment to encouraging energy transition towards forms of using resources and energy sources compatible with environmental protection and progressive decarbonisation, as well as the principle of pursuing sustainable success among the purposes with which the company's business activities must comply.

Attaching organisational importance to the pursuit of the company's "sustainability" objectives will direct the activities of Snam and the Group it heads towards the creation of long-term value to the benefit of shareholders in a framework that, at the same time, will be aimed at preserving the interests of the Company's relevant stakeholders. This is also in line with the Company's commitment to integrate *Environmental, Social and Governance* factors into its strategic decisions.

In addition, without prejudice to the company's commitment to the core business of regulated natural gas transportation, storage and regasification activities, the Shareholders' Meeting has approved the amendment to the corporate purpose set out in Article 2 of the Articles of Association aimed at expressly identifying, alongside these activities, those related to the energy transition, including in particular the transportation and management of renewable energies (such as biomethane and hydrogen), the construction and management of plants related to sustainable mobility and energy efficiency (new paragraph 3, Article 2), in line with the 2020-2024 strategic plan.

As resolved by the Shareholders' Meeting, the effectiveness of the resolution to amend Article 2 of the Articles of Association was subject to the occurrence of the following conditions precedent:

- that any amount to be paid by Snam pursuant to Article 2437-quater of the Civil Code to shareholders who have exercised their Right of Withdrawal does not exceed a total of 150 million (the "Maximum Disbursement Condition"). The company has reserved the right to waive this condition precedent in time to complete the purchase of the shares for which the Right of Withdrawal has been exercised within the 180-day period referred to in Article 2437- quater, paragraph five, of the Italian Civil Code; and
- that, in relation to the Shareholders' Meeting resolution, the competent authority recognises that the conditions for notification under the so-called *golden power* regulations do not exist or declares that it is not exercising its special powers. The Company has reserved the right to waive this condition precedent within 15 business days from the date of notification to the Company of any order issued by the competent authority in relation to the resolution of the Shareholders' Meeting. With regard to this condition, on February 22, 2021 the Presidency of the Council of Ministers notified the non-exercise of special powers pursuant to the so-called *golden power* regulations. Following the resolution of the Council of Ministers, the condition is considered fulfilled.



Both the afore-mentioned conditions precedent have materialised as per the press releases issued by the Company on 23 February and 8 March 2021. The first one, based on the overall number of shares for which the right to withdraw was exercised, the second one following notification by the Presidency of the Council of Ministers of the resolution for non-exercising special powers pursuant to the so-called *golden power regulations*.

The Shareholders' Meeting has also approved the proposal of the Board of Directors to eliminate the provision contained in the second paragraph of Article 12 of the Articles of Association, concerning the necessary authorisation by the Shareholders' Meeting to carry out transactions involving the "sale, transfer, lease, usufruct and any other act of disposal, including in the context of joint ventures, or the tying up of the company or business units of strategic importance relating to gas transportation and dispatching activities".

Lastly, the Shareholders' Meeting has resolved to amend Article 13 of the Articles of Association in order to bring the current provisions of the Articles of Association concerning the method for electing the members of the Board of Directors into line with the new provisions on gender balance set forth in Article 147-ter, paragraph 1-ter, of the TUF, as amended by the so-called Budget Law 2020. The Shareholders' Meeting also approved the introduction of a transitory clause which provides that the aforementioned provisions of the Articles of Association shall be applied starting from the next renewal of the Board of Directors (new second paragraph of Article 24 of the Articles of Association).

Finally, the Board of Directors has approved the adoption of the new *Corporate Governance* Code and the start of the activities aimed at implementing the measures identified by the Company, in order to submit to the Board of Directors the necessary proposals to finalize its adoption of the *Corporate Governance* Code by the year 2021, informing the market in the Report on Corporate Governance and Ownership Structure to be published in 2022.





# SECTION VI SUMMARY TABLES





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# Table 1 – Structure of Snam's Board of Directors and Committees

				Board of	Directors								and ar	ctions	Comn		Appo Comr		Enviro Soci Gover Comm	al & nance	Possible Executive Committee
Office held	Members	Year of birth	Date of first appoint.*	In office	In office until	List **	Exec.		Indip. Codes		No of other offices ***	(*)	(*)	(**)	(*)	(**)	(*)	(**)	(*)	(**)	
Chairman	Nicola Bedin	1977	18/06/20	18/06/20	Financial Statements at 31/12/21	(1)		<b>✓</b>		<b>✓</b>	0	7/7 104									N/A
Chief Executive Officer (•) (◊)	Marco Alverà	1975	27/04/16 <sup>105</sup>	02/04/19	Financial Statements at 31/12/21	М	<b>~</b>				1	12/12									N/A
Director	Laura Cavatorta	1964	02/04/19	02/04/19	Financial Statements at 31/12/21	m		<b>✓</b>	<b>✓</b>	<b>✓</b>	1	12/12					7/7	М	18/18	С	N/A
Director	Antonio Marano	1960	02/04/19	02/04/19	Financial Statements at 31/12/21	М		<b>✓</b>	<b>✓</b>	<b>✓</b>	0	12/12	14/14	М			7/7	С			N/A
Director	Gori Francesco	1952	26/03/13	02/04/19	Financial Statements at 31/12/21	m		<b>✓</b>	<b>✓</b>	<b>✓</b>	2	12/12	14/14	С							N/A
Director	Francesca Pace	1961	02/04/19	02/04/19	Financial Statements at 31/12/21	М		<b>✓</b>	<b>✓</b>	<b>✓</b>	0	12/12	14/14	М	18/18	С					N/A
Director	He Yunpeng	1965	26/01/15	02/04/19	Financial Statements at 31/12/21	М		<b>✓</b>			4	12/12							17/18	М	N/A
Director	Rita Rolli	1969	02/04/19	02/04/19	Financial Statements at 31/12/21	m		<b>✓</b>	<b>✓</b>	<b>✓</b>	1	12/12			18/18	М			18/18	М	N/A
Director	Alessandro Tonetti	1977	27/04/16	02/04/19	Financial Statements at 31/12/21	М		<b>✓</b>			0	12/12			15/18	М	5/7	М			N/A
					DIRECTO	RS W	/HOSE	TERN	1 EXPIR	ED DU	RING TH	HE YEA	AR								
Chairman	Luca Dal Fabbro	1966	02/04/19	02/04/19	Financial Statements at 31/12/19	М		<b>✓</b>			=	5/5									
No. of meetings held during the year: 12						ted-P		Risk and ransact tee:			muner ommit 18					tment ittee:		Socia			

Indicate the quorum required for the submission of lists of candidates by minority shareholders for the election of one or more members 105; 0.5% of the share capital

#### NOTES

The symbols indicated below must be inserted in the "Post" column:

- This symbol indicates the Director in charge of the internal control and risk management system
- This symbol indicates the person with primary responsibility for the management of the issuer (Chief Executive Officer or CEO).
- This symbol indicates the lead independent director (LID).
- The date of first appointment of each director means the date on which the director was unanimously appointed for the first time (in absolute terms) to Snam's Board of Directors. This column shows the list from which each Director was drawn ("M": majority list; "m": minority list; "BoD": list submitted by the Board of Directors).
- This column shows the number of directorships and statutory auditor offices held by the person in question in other companies listed in Italy or in other regulated markets, in financial companies, banks, insurance firms or other large companies. Details of the offices concerned are provided in the Report on Corporate Governance. This column shows the directors' attendance at meetings of the Board of Directors and of Committees (indicate the number of meetings attended compared with the
- total number of meetings that could have been attended, e.g. 6/8, 8/8, etc.).

  (\*\*) This column indicates the director's role on the Committee concerned: "C": Chairman; "M": member.
- (1) Director appointed by the Ordinary Shareholders' Meeting on 18 June 2020 on the proposal of the shareholder CDP Reti S.p.A., to replace Luca Dal Fabbro, who had previously resigned with effect from the date of the Shareholders' Meeting.
- 104 Nicola Bedin attended all the meetings of the Board of Directors after his appointment on 18 June 2020.
- 105 Since 15 January 2016, Marco Alverà has fulfilled the role of General Manager, a post that he continues to occupy after his appointment as Chief Executive Officer.
- 106 In accordance with Consob determination No. 28 of 30 January 2020.



# Table 2 - Structure of Snam's Board of Statutory Auditors

Office held	Members	Year of birth	Date of first appointment*	In office since	In office until	List**	Indep. Code	Indip. TUF	Attendance at meetings of Board of Statutory Auditors***	Attendance at meetings of the BoD	No. of other offices****
Chairman	Stefano Gnocchi	1974	02/04/2019	02/04/2019	Financial Statements at 31/12/2021	m	✓	✓	17/17	12/12	7
Standing Auditor	Gianfranco Chinellato	1951	02/04/2019	02/04/2019	Financial Statements at 31/12/2021	М	✓	<b>✓</b>	17/17	12/12	7
Standing Auditor	Donata Paola Patrini	1956	02/04/2019	02/04/2019	Financial Statements at 31/12/2021	М	✓	<b>✓</b>	17/17	12/12	3
Alternate auditor	Maria Gimigliano	1976	26/03/2013	02/04/2019	Financial Statements at 31/12/2021	М	✓	<b>~</b>	=	=	=
Alternate auditor	Federica Albizzati	1970	02/04/2019	02/04/2019	Financial Statements at 31/12/2021	m	✓	<b>~</b>	=	=	=

No. of meetings held during the year: 17

Indicate the quorum required for the submission of lists of candidates by minority shareholders for the election of one or more members 107: 0.5% of the share capital

#### NOTES

- \* The date of first appointment of each statutory auditor means the date on which the statutory auditor was unanimously appointed for the first time (in absolute terms) to Snam's Board of Statutory Auditors. \*\* This column indicates the list from which each statutory auditor was drawn ("M": Majority list; "m": minority list).

  \*\*\* This column shows the directors' attendance at meetings of the Board of Directors and of Committees (indicate the number of meetings attended compared with the
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  \*\*\*\* This column shows the number of directorships and auditor posts held by the interested party pursuant to Article 148-bis of TUF and its implementing provisions

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<sup>\*\*\*\*</sup> This column shows the number of directorships and auditor posts held by the interested party pursuant to Article 148-bis of TUF and its implementing provisions contained in the Issuers' Regulation. The complete list of posts is published by Consob on its own website pursuant to Article 144-gu/hgu/esdec/es of the Issuers' Regulation.



### **ANNEX 1**

The Corporate Governance Code (July 2018)<sup>108</sup> and the reference to the information contained in the Report regarding the implementation of its recommendations ("comply or explain" principle).

This annex contains the text of the principles and criteria of the Corporate Governance Code approved by the Corporate Governance Committee in July 2018, together with references to the sections of the Report that describe the procedures for the implementation of each of these principles and criteria ("comply or explain" principle).

	CODE OF CORPORATE GOVERNANCE JULY 2018 Principles and Application Criteria (Borsa Italiana)	Applied	Not applied	Inapplic.	Page reference
1.P.1	Article 1 – Role of the board of directors Listed companies are governed by a board of directors that meets at regular intervals and is organised and operates in a way that enables it to perform its functions effectively.	<b>✓</b>			pp. 52-53, 59-64 Annex 3
1.P.2	The directors act and pass resolutions autonomously with full knowledge of the facts, pursuing the priority objective of creating value for the shareholders over the medium/long term.	<b>✓</b>			pp. 59-64
1.C.1	The board of directors shall:  a) examine and approve the strategic, operational and financial plans of both the issuer and the corporate group it heads, periodically monitoring the implementation thereof; define the issuer's corporate governance system and the group's structure;  b) define the nature and level of risk consistent with the strategic objectives of the issuer, including in its assessment all risks that may be relevant in view of the sustainability of the issuer's activities in the medium-to-long term;  c) evaluate the adequacy of the organisational, administrative and accounting structure of the issuer and of its strategically significant subsidiaries, particularly with regard to the internal control and risk management system;  d) specify the frequency, in any case no less than once every three months, with which the delegated bodies must report to the board on the activities performed in the exercise of the powers delegated to them;  e) evaluate the general performance of the company, paying particular attention to the information received from the delegated bodies and periodically comparing the results achieved with those planned;  f) resolve upon transactions to be carried out by the issuer or its subsidiaries having a significant impact on the issuer's strategies and financial position; to this end, the board shall establish general criteria for identifying material transactions;  g) carries out, at least once a year, an evaluation of the performance of the Board and its Committees as well as their size and composition, taking into account the professional skills, experience (including managerial experience) and gender of its members and their length of service as directors, also based on the diversity criteria under Article 2. In the event that the Board of Directors uses external consultants for the self assessment purposes, the Corporate Governance Report shall provide information on the identity of such consultants and on any further services they have provided to the issuer or to compani				From letter a) to letter h) pp. 63-64
	recommended in Article 2; i) provide information in the corporate governance report on: (1) its com- position, indicating for each member the position (executive, non-exec-				pp. 52-62, 63-66, Table 1

<sup>108</sup> On 31 January 2020, the Corporate Governance Committee adopted a new version of the Corporate Governance Code, which companies are required to adopt from the first financial year following 31 December 2020, informing the market in the report on corporate governance and ownership structure to be published in 2022.

utive, independent), the relevant role held within the board of directors



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	(including by way of example, chairman or chief executive officer, as defined by Article 2, the main professional characteristics as well as the duration of his/her office since the first appointment; (2) the application of Article 1 of this Code and, in particular, the number and average duration of meetings of the board and of the executive committee, if any, held during the financial year, as well as the relevant rate of attendance of each director; and (3) the methods of implementing the evaluation procedure described in letter g) above; and (4) the objectives, methods of implementation and results of application of the diversity criteria recommended in Articles 2 and 8;  j) in order to ensure the correct handling of corporate information, adopt, on the proposal of the chief executive officer or the chairman of the board of directors, internal procedures for the internal handling and disclosure to third parties of information concerning the issuer, having special regard to price sensitive information.				p. 64
1.C.2	The directors shall accept the directorship when they deem that they can devote the necessary time to the diligent performance of their duties, also taking into account the commitment relating to their own work and professional activity, the number of offices held as director or statutory auditor in other companies listed on regulated markets (including foreign markets) in financial companies, banks, insurance companies or companies of considerable size. The board shall record, according to the information received from the directors, on a yearly basis, the offices of director or statutory auditor held by the directors in the above-mentioned companies and include them in the corporate governance report.	✓			pp. 70-71
1.C.3	The board shall issue guidelines regarding the maximum number of directorships or positions as statutory auditor for the types of companies indicated in the above paragraph that may be considered compatible with the effective performance of a director's duties, taking into account the attendance of directors at the committees set up within the board. To this end, the board identifies the general criteria, differentiating them according to the commitment entailed by each role (executive, non-executive or independent director), as well as the nature and size of the companies in which the offices are performed, and whether or not the companies are members of the issuer's group.	✓			рр. 70-71
1.C.4	If the shareholders' meeting, when dealing with organisational needs, authorises, on a general, preventive basis, derogations from the rule prohibiting competition, as per Article 2390 of the Italian Civil Code, the board of directors shall evaluate each such issue, reporting any critical matters at the next shareholders' meeting. To this end, each director shall inform the board, upon accepting his/her appointment, of any activities exercised in competition with the issuer and of any material changes thereafter.			<b>✓</b>	p. 52
1.C.5	The chairman of the board of directors shall ensure that the documentation concerning the agenda of board meetings is made available to directors and statutory auditors sufficiently in advance of the board meeting. The board of directors shall provide information in the corporate governance report on the promptness and completeness of materials provided in advance of meetings, providing details, inter alia, on the prior notice usually deemed adequate for the provision of documents and specifying whether such prior notice has usually been observed.	<b>✓</b>			p. 59
1.C.6	The chairman of the board of directors, also upon request of one or more directors, may request to the managing directors that certain executives of the issuer or companies belonging to its group who are in charge of the pertinent management areas related to the board agenda, attend the meetings of the Board in order to provide appropriate additional information on the items on the agenda. The corporate governance report shall provide information on their attendance.	<b>✓</b>			p. 59



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	Article 2 - Composition of the Board of Directors				
2.P.1	The board of directors shall be composed of executive and non-executive directors, who should have adequate expertise and professionalism.	<b>✓</b>			pp. 54-58
2.P.2	Non-executive directors shall bring their specific expertise to board discussions and contribute to the adoption of fully informed decisions paying particular care to the areas where conflicts of interest may arise.	<b>✓</b>			Annex 3
2.P.3	The number, competence, authority and availability of non-executive directors shall be such as to ensure that their judgement may have a significant impact on Board decisions.	<b>✓</b>			Annex 3
2.P.4	Issuers shall apply criteria of diversity, including gender, in the composition of the board of directors, while respecting the priority objective of ensuring the adequate competence and professionalism of its members.	<b>✓</b>			pp. 66-69
2.P.5	It is appropriate to avoid the concentration of corporate offices in one single individual.	<b>✓</b>			p.69
2.P.6	Where the board of directors has delegated management powers to the chairman, it shall disclose adequate information in the corporate governance report on the reasons for this organisational decision.			<b>✓</b>	pp. 69-70
2.C.1	<ul> <li>The following are classed as executive directors of the issuer:</li> <li>the chief executive officers of the issuer or a strategically important subsidiary, including the relevant chairmen when these are granted individual management powers or when they play a specific role in the definition of business strategies;</li> <li>directors that perform management duties within the issuer or in one of its strategically important subsidiaries, or in a controlling company when the office also concerns the issuer;</li> <li>directors who are members of the executive committee of the issuer, when no chief executive officer is appointed or when participation in the executive committee, taking into account the frequency of the meetings and the scope of the relevant resolutions, effectively entails the systematic involvement of its members in the day-to-day management of the issuer.</li> <li>The granting of deputy powers or powers in cases of urgency to directors, who are not vested with management powers is not sufficient, per se, to</li> </ul>	✓			pp. 69-70
	cause them to be identified as executive directors, provided however, that such powers are not actually exercised with notable frequency.	,			
2.C.2	Directors are required to be familiar with the duties and responsibilities of their office.	<b>\</b>			p. 88
	The chairman of the board of directors shall make every effort to enable directors and statutory auditors, after their election and during their mandate, in the most appropriate forms, to participate in initiatives aimed at providing them with an adequate knowledge of the business sector where the issuer operates, of the corporate dynamics and the relevant changes, proper management of risk and the relevant regulatory and self-regulatory framework.				
	The issuer shall include the type and organisational methods of the initiatives taken during the reporting period in the corporate governance report.				
2.C.3	At least one-third of the board shall be composed of directors of the less-represented gender.	<b>✓</b>			рр. 66-67
2.C.4	The board of directors shall designate an independent director as lead in- dependent director, in the following circumstances: (i) in the event that the chairman of the board of directors is the chief executive officer of the com- pany; (ii) in the event that the office of chairman is held by the person con- trolling the issuer.			<b>✓</b>	p. 72



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	The board of directors of issuers on the FTSE MIB index shall designate a lead independent director when requested by the majority of independent directors, except in the case of a different and reasoned assessment made by the board and included in the corporate governance report.				
2.C.5	The lead independent director: a) represents a reference and coordination point for the requests and contributions of non-executive directors and, in particular, those who are independent pursuant to Article 3 below; b) cooperates with the chairman of the board of directors in order to ensure that directors promptly receive complete information.			<b>✓</b>	p. 72
2.C.6	The chief executive officer of issuer (A) shall not be appointed director of another issuer (B) not belonging to the same corporate group, in case the chief executive officer of issuer (B) is a director of issuer (A).	<b>✓</b>			p. 69
3.P.1	Article 3 - Independent directors  An adequate number of non-executive directors shall be independent, in the sense that they do not maintain, directly or indirectly or on behalf of third parties, nor have recently maintained any business relationships with the issuer, or persons linked to the issuer, of such a significance as to influence their autonomous judgement.	<b>✓</b>			p. 70
3.P.2	The directors' independence shall be assessed by the board of directors after appointment and, subsequently, on a yearly basis. The results of the assessments of the board shall be communicated to the market.	<b>✓</b>			p. 70
3.C.1	The board of directors shall evaluate the independence of its non-executive members having regard more to the substance than to the form and keeping in mind that a director usually does not appear independent in the following circumstances, merely by way of example:  a) if he/she controls, directly or indirectly, the issuer also through subsidiaries, trustees or third parties, or is able to exercise a dominant influence over the issuer, or participates in a shareholders' agreement through which one or more persons can exercise control or significant influence over the issuer;  b) if he/she is, or has been in the preceding three financial years, a significant representative of the issuer, a strategically important subsidiary or a company under common control with the issuer, or of a company or entity controlling the issuer or able to exercise significant influence over the same, also jointly with others through a shareholders' agreement;  c) if he/she has, or had in the preceding financial year, directly or indirectly (e.g. through subsidiaries or companies of which he/she is a significant representative, or in the capacity as partner of a professional firm or of a consulting company) a significant commercial, financial or professional relationship:  with the issuer, one of its subsidiaries, or any person holding a prominent position therein;  with a party that, also jointly with others through a shareholders' agreement, controls the issuer, or - in case of a company or an entity - with the relevant holders of a prominent position;  or is, or has been in the preceding three financial years, an employee of the above-mentioned parties;  d) d) if he/she receives, or has received in the preceding three financial years, from the issuer or a subsidiary or holding company of the issuer, significant additional remuneration (compared with the "fixed" remuneration of non-executive directors of the issuer and remuneration of attendance at the committees recommended by the Code), including in the form of participation in in				p. 70; Annex 3



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3.C.2	For the purpose of the above, the chairman of the entity, the chairman of the board of directors, the executive directors and key management personnel of the relevant company or entity, are deemed to hold a "prominent position".	<b>✓</b>			p. 69
3.C.3	The number and competences of independent directors shall be adequate in relation to the size of the board and the business of the issuer; moreover, they must be such as to enable the constitution of committees within the board, according to the indications set out in the Code.	<b>✓</b>			p. 70
	In the case of issuers on the FTSE MIB index, at least one-third of the board of directors' members shall be composed of independent directors. If this decimal is not an integer, it shall be rounded down.				
	In any event, there shall be no fewer than two independent directors.				
3.C.4	After the appointment of a director who classes himself/herself as independent, and subsequently, when circumstances arise that affect the independence requirement and in any case at least once a year, the board of directors shall evaluate, on the basis of the information provided by the director in question or available to the issuer, relations which could be or appear to be such as to jeopardise the independent judgement of this director.  The board of directors shall notify the result of its evaluations, after the appointment, through a press release to the market and, subsequently, in the corporate governance report.  In the documents mentioned above, the Board of Directors shall:  disclose whether criteria other than those recommended by the Code for assessing independence have been adopted, also with reference to individual directors, and if so, specifying the reasons;  describe the quantitative and/or qualitative criteria used, if any, in assessing the significance of the relationships being evaluated.	✓			p. 70
3.C.5	The board of statutory auditors shall ascertain, within the framework of the duties assigned to it by law, the correct application of the assessment criteria and procedures adopted by the board of directors for evaluating the independence of its members. The result of such controls shall be notified to the market in the corporate governance report or in the report of the board of statutory auditors to the shareholders' meeting.	<b>✓</b>			рр. 70, 83
3.C.6	The independent directors shall meet at least once a year without the presence of the other directors.	<b>✓</b>			p. 70
	Article 4 - Establishment and functioning of the internal committees of				
4.P.1	the board of directors  The board of directors shall establish from among its members one or more committees, tasked with providing proposals and advice as indicated below.	<b>✓</b>			p. 73
4.C.1	The establishment and functioning of the committees governed by the Code shall meet the following criteria:  a) the committees shall be composed of at least three members. However, for issuers whose boards of directors are made up of no more than eight members, committees may be composed of two directors only, provided, however, that they are both independent. The committees' activities shall be coordinated by a chairman;  b) the duties of individual committees are provided by the resolution by which they are established and may be supplemented or amended by a subsequent resolution of the board of directors;  c) the functions that the Code attributes to different committees may be distributed in a different manner or requested from a number of committees lower than that envisaged, provided that the rules for composition indicated from time to time by the Code are complied with and the underlying objectives are achieved;  d) the meetings of each committee shall be evidenced by minutes and the chairman of the committee shall inform the board of directors of these minutes at the next convenient meeting;  e) in the performance of their duties, the committees are entitled to access the information and corporate functions necessary to carry out their tasks, and to engage external consultants, according to the procedures established by the board of directors. The issuer shall make adequate financial resources available to the committees for the performance of their duties, within the limits of the budget approved by the board;				pp. 73-82



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	f) persons who are not members of the committee, including other board members or persons within the issuer's structure, may participate in the meetings of each committee upon invitation of the said committee, with reference to individual items on the agenda; g) the issuer shall provide adequate information, in the corporate governance report, on the establishment and composition of committees, the contents of the mandate entrusted to them, as well as, on the basis of the indications provided by each committee, the activity actually performed during the financial year, the number of meetings held, their average duration and the relevant percentage attendance of each member.				
4.C.2	The establishment of one or more committees may be avoided and the relevant duties may be assigned to the board of directors, under the coordination of the chairman and provided that: i) independent directors represent at least half of the board members; if the number of the board members is odd, the number shall be rounded down; (ii) adequate time is dedicated during the board meetings to the actions that the Code requires the committees to carry out, and this circumstance is disclosed in the corporate governance report; (iii) with respect to the control and risk committee, the issuer is neither controlled by another listed company nor subject to direction and coordination.			<b>✓</b>	
	The board of directors shall describe in detail in the corporate governance report the reasons underlying the decision not to establish one or more committees; in particular, it shall provide adequate grounds for the decision not to establish the risk and control committee in consideration of the level of complexity of the issuer and the sector in which it operates. In addition, the board shall periodically reassess this decision.				
5.P.1	Article 5 - Appointment of directors  The board of directors shall establish from among its members a committee to nominate candidates for appointment to the position of director, composed of a majority of independent directors.	<b>✓</b>			рр. 76-77
5.C.1	The appointments committee is assigned the following tasks:  a) to submit opinions to the board of directors regarding its size and composition and make recommendations on the professional skills necessary within the board and with regard to the topics indicated in Articles 1.C.3. and 1.C.4;  b) to submit to the board of directors candidates for the office of director in cases of co-option, should the replacement of independent directors be necessary.	<b>~</b>			Annex 6
5.C.2	The board of directors shall assess whether to adopt a plan for the succession of executive directors. If such a plan is adopted, the issuer shall disclose this in the corporate governance report. An assessment of the preparation of the said plan shall be carried out by the appointments committee or by another committee established within the board of directors that is assigned this task.	<b>✓</b>			рр. 72, 76-77
6.P.1	Article 6 - Remuneration of directors  The remuneration of directors and key management personnel shall be sufficient to attract, retain and motivate individuals with the professional skills necessary to successfully manage the issuer.	<b>✓</b>			p. 73, Remuneration Report
6.P.2	The remuneration of executive directors and key management personnel shall be defined in such a way as to align their interests with the pursuit of the priority objective of creating medium/long-term value for shareholders. With regard to directors with managerial powers or performing, including on a de facto basis, functions related to business management, and with regard to key management personnel, a significant part of the remuneration shall be linked to achieving specific performance objectives, possibly including non-economic objectives, identified in advance and determined in line with the guidelines contained in the policy described in principle 6.P.4.	<b>✓</b>			Remuneration Report
	The remuneration of non-executive directors shall be proportionate to the commitment required from each of them, also taking into account their possible participation in one or more committees.				



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6.P.3	The board of directors shall establish a remuneration committee from among its members, composed of independent directors. Alternatively, the committee may be composed of non-executive directors, the majority of which shall be independent; in this case, the chairman of the committee shall be selected from among the independent directors. At least one committee member shall have adequate knowledge of and experience in finance or remuneration policies, to be assessed by the board of directors at the time of his/her appointment.	<b>✓</b>			pp. 74-75
6.P.4	The board of directors shall, on the proposal of the remuneration committee, establish a policy for the remuneration of directors and key management personnel.	<b>✓</b>			pp. 74-75
6.P.5	If the office or the employment of an executive director or a general manager is terminated, the issuer shall disclose detailed information on the matter via a press release, on completion of the internal process leading to the assignment or recognition of indemnities and/or other benefits.	<b>✓</b>			Remuneration Report
6.C.1	The policy for the remuneration of executive directors and other directors covering particular offices shall define guidelines on the issues in line with the criteria detailed below:  a) the fixed component and the variable component are properly balanced according to the issuer's strategic objectives and risk management policy, taking into account the business sector in which it operates and the nature of its particular business; b) upper limits are established for the variable components; c) the fixed component is sufficient to remunerate the performance of the Director in the event that the variable component was not paid due to failure to achieve the performance objectives set by the Board of Directors; d) the performance objectives – i.e. the economic performance and any other specific objectives to which the payment of variable components (including the objectives for the share-based remuneration plans) is linked – is predetermined, measurable and linked to the creation of value for the shareholders in the medium/long term; e) the payment of a significant portion of the variable component of the remuneration shall be deferred for an appropriate period of time; the amount of that portion and the length of that deferral shall be consistent with the characteristics of the issuer's business and associated risk profile; f) contractual arrangements shall be provided in order to permit the company to reclaim, in whole or in part, the variable components of remuneration that were awarded (or to hold deferred payments), as defined on the basis of data which subsequently proved to be manifestly misstated; g) any indemnities established by the issuer in case of termination of directors shall not exceed a fixed amount or a fixed number of years of annual remuneration. Such severance payments shall not be paid if the termination is due to inadequate performance.	✓			Remuneration Report
6.C.2	In preparing plans for share-based remuneration, the board of directors shall ensure that:  a) shares, options and all other rights granted to directors to buy shares or to be remunerated on the basis of share price movements shall have an average vesting period of at least three years;  b) the vesting indicated in paragraph a) shall be subject to predetermined and measurable performance criteria;  c) directors shall retain a certain number of shares granted or purchased through the exercise of the rights indicated in paragraph a), until the end of their term of office.	✓			Remuneration Report
6.C.3	Criteria 6.C.1 and 6.C.2 shall apply, mutatis mutandis, also to the definition – by the bodies entrusted with that task – of the remuneration of managers with strategic responsibilities.  Any incentive plan for the person in charge of internal audit and for the Financial Poporting Officers shall be consistent with their role.	<b>✓</b>			Remuneration Report
	cial Reporting Officer shall be consistent with their role.				



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6.C.4	The remuneration of non-executive directors shall not be – other than for an insignificant portion – linked to the economic results achieved by the issuer. Non-executive directors shall not be beneficiaries of share-based remuneration plans, unless it is so decided by the shareholders' meeting, which shall also give the relevant reasons.	<b>✓</b>			Remuneration Report
6.C.5	The remuneration committee shall:  - periodically evaluate the adequacy, overall consistency and actual application of the policy for the remuneration of directors and key management personnel, also on the basis of the information provided by the managing directors; it shall formulate proposals to the board of directors in that regard;  - submit proposals or issue opinions to the board of directors for the remuneration of executive directors and other directors who cover particular offices as well as for the identification of performance objectives related to the variable component of that remuneration; it shall monitor the implementation of decisions adopted by the board of directors and verify, in particular, the actual achievement of performance objectives.	✓			pp. 74-75, Remuneration Report
6.C.6	No director shall participate in meetings of the remuneration committee in which proposals are formulated to the board of directors relating to his/her remuneration.	<b>✓</b>			p. 75
6.C.7	When availing itself of the services of an external consultant in order to obtain information on market standards for remuneration policies, the remuneration committee shall verify in advance that the consultant concerned is not in a position which might compromise his or her independence.	<b>✓</b>			p. 75
6.C.8	According to principle 6.P.5., the press release should provide:  a) adequate information on the indemnity and/or other benefits, including their amount, timing of disbursement - distinguishing both between the component immediately disbursed and the payment subject to deferral mechanisms and between the component received as director and those relating to an employment relationship, if any - and claw-back clauses, if any, with specific reference to:  - severance benefits, specifying the circumstances of their accrual (for example, expiry, revocation or settlement agreement); maintenance of rights related to any incentive plans (monetary or based on financial instruments); benefits (both monetary and non-monetary) upon termination of office; non-compete undertakings, describing their main contents; any other payment assigned for any reason and in any form;  b) information on the compliance or otherwise of the indemnity and/or other benefits with the remuneration policy and, in case of even partial non-compliance with the remuneration policy, information on the internal procedures applied according to Consob's regulations on related-party transactions;  c) information on the application or otherwise of any mechanism that provides restrictions or corrections to the indemnity in case of termination due to objectively inadequate results, as well as whether requests have been formulated for the restitution of remuneration already paid out; d) information as whether the replacement of the terminated executive director or general manager is governed by any succession plan adopted by the company and, in any case, information on procedures that have been or will be applied for the replacement of the director or manager.				Remuneration Report
7.P.1	Article 7 - Internal control and risk management system Each issuer shall adopt an internal control and risk management system consisting of policies, procedures and organisational structures aimed at identifying, measuring, managing and monitoring key risks. The said system shall be integral to the organisational and corporate governance framework adopted by the issuer and shall take into consideration the reference model and the best practices that are applied both at national and international level.	<b>✓</b>			pp. 94-104



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7.P.2	An effective internal control and risk management system contributes to the management of the company in a manner consistent with the objectives defined by the board of directors, promoting an informed decision-making process. It helps to ensure the safeguarding of corporate assets, the efficiency and effectiveness of management procedures, the reliability of the information provided to the corporate bodies and to the market, and compliance with laws and regulations, including the Articles of Association and internal procedures.	<b>✓</b>			рр. 94-104
7.P.3	The internal control and risk management system involves the following bodies, each within its respective area of competence:  a) the board of directors, which guides and assesses the adequacy of the system, and identifies from among its own members:  (i) one or more directors to be charged with the task of establishing and maintaining an effective internal control and risk management system (in the next part of Article 7, the "director in charge of the internal control and risk management system"), and  (ii) a control and risk committee, with the characteristics described in Principle 7.P.4, and the role of supporting - with appropriate investigative activities - the assessments and decisions made by the board of directors concerning the internal control and risk management system, as well as those relating to the approval of financial reports;  b) the person in charge of internal audit, entrusted with the task of verifying the functioning and adequacy of the internal control and risk management system;  c) other roles and business functions with specific tasks relating to internal control and risk management, organised according to the company's size, complexity and risk profile;  d) the board of statutory auditors, also acting as an internal control and audit committee, which is responsible for oversight of the internal control and risk management system.	✓			pp. 94-104
	tioned bodies in order to enhance the efficiency of the internal control and risk management system and reduce duplication of activities.				
7.P.4	The control and risk committee shall be composed of independent directors. Alternatively, the committee may be composed of non-executive directors, the majority of which shall be independent; in this case, the chairman of the committee shall be selected from among the independent directors. If the issuer is controlled by another listed company or is subject to the management and control of another company, the committee shall be composed exclusively of independent directors. At least one member of the committee is required to have adequate experience in the area of accounting and finance or risk management, to be assessed by the board of directors at the time of appointment.	✓			рр. 78-80
7.C.1	The board of directors, following consultation with the control and risk committee, shall:  a) define the guidelines of the internal control and risk management system, so that the main risks concerning the issuer and its subsidiaries are correctly identified and adequately measured, managed and monitored, determining, moreover, the level of compatibility of such risks with the management of the company in a manner consistent with its strategic objectives;  b) evaluate, at least once a year, the adequacy of the internal control and risk management system, taking into account the characteristics of the company and its risk profile, as well as its effectiveness;  c) approve, at least once a year, the working plan drafted by the head of internal audit, following consultation with the board of statutory auditors and the director in charge of the internal control and risk management system;  d) describe, in the corporate governance report, the main features of the internal control and risk management system and the methods of coordination established by the entities involved in it, providing an assessment of its adequacy;  e) following consultation with the board of statutory auditors, assess the findings reported by the external auditor in any letter containing recommendations and in the report on the main issues resulting from the audit.				pp. 64, 96



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	The board of directors shall, on the proposal of the director in charge of the internal control and risk management system, subject to the approval of the control and risk committee, and following consultation with the board of statutory auditors:  • appoint and revoke the head of the internal audit function;  • ensure that this person is provided with adequate resources to fulfil his/her duties;  • define the relevant remuneration in line with company policies.				pp. 64, 98-99
7.C.2	The control and risk committee, when assisting the board of directors, shall:  a) assess, together with the Financial Reporting Officer, following consultation with the external auditors and the board of statutory auditors, the correct application of the accounting principles and in the case of groups their consistency for the purpose of the preparation of the consolidated financial statements;  b) give opinions on specific aspects relating to the identification of the main risks for the company;  c) review the periodic reports of the internal audit function concerning the assessment of the internal control and risk management system, as well as the other reports of the internal audit function that are particularly significant;  d) monitor the independence, adequacy, efficiency and effectiveness of the internal audit function;  e) request the internal audit function to carry out reviews of specific operational areas, giving simultaneous notice to the chairman of the Board of statutory auditors;  f) reports to the board, at least every six months, upon approval of the annual and half-year financial report, on the activity it carries out and the adequacy of the internal control and risk management system;  g) supports, with appropriate investigations, the assessments and decisions of the board of directors relating to the management of risks arising due to prejudicial acts of which the board has become aware.				pp. 64, 78-80, 97, Annex 6
7.C.3	The chairman of the board of statutory auditors or another statutory auditor designated by this chairman shall participate in the works of the control and risk committee; the remaining statutory auditors are also allowed to participate.	<b>/</b>			p. 78
7.C.4	The director in charge of the internal control and risk management system shall:  a) identify the main business risks, taking into account the characteristics of the activities carried out by the issuer and its subsidiaries, and submit them periodically to the review of the board of directors;  b) implement the guidelines defined by the board of directors, taking care of the planning, realization and management of the internal control and risk system, constantly monitoring its adequacy and effectiveness; c) adjust this system to the dynamics of the operating conditions and the legislative and regulatory framework; d) may request that the internal audit function carry out audits of specific operational areas and of the compliance with internal rules and procedures for business operations, simultaneously notifying the chairman of the board of directors, the chairman of the control and risk committee and the chairman of the board of statutory auditors; e) promptly report to the control and risk committee (or to the board of directors) issues and problems resulting from his/her activity or of which he/she has become aware in order for the committee (or the board) to take the appropriate actions.	✓			p. 97
7.C.5	The head of internal audit:  a) shall verify, both on a continuous basis and in relation to special requirements, in accordance with international professional standards, the adequacy and effective functioning of the internal control and risk management system, through an audit schedule to be approved by the board of directors. The said plan shall be based on a structured analysis and ranking of the main risks;  b) is not responsible for any operational area and reports directly to the board of directors;  c) shall have direct access to all useful information for the performance of its duties;	✓			pp. 99-101



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	d) shall draft periodic reports containing adequate information on his or her own activity, and on the company's risk management process, as well as on the compliance with the management plans defined for risk mitigation. These periodic reports shall include an assessment of the ability of the internal control system to achieve an acceptable risk management profile; e) shall promptly produce reports on particularly significant events; f) shall submit the reports indicated in letters d) and e) above to the chairman of the board of statutory auditors, the control and risk committee and the board of directors, as well as to the director in charge of the internal control and risk management system; g) verify, according to the audit schedule, the reliability of information systems, including the accounting systems.				
7.C.6	The internal audit function may be entrusted, as a whole or by business segments, to a person external to the issuer, provided, however, that this person meets the requirements of professionalism, independence and organisation. The adoption of such organisational choices, with a satisfactory explanation of the relevant reasons, shall be disclosed to the shareholders and the market in the Corporate Governance Report.			<b>✓</b>	
8.P.1	Article 8 - Statutory auditors The statutory auditors shall act with autonomy and independence, including with regard to the shareholders that elected them.	<b>✓</b>			pp. 84-86
8.P.2	Issuers shall apply gender and diversity criteria with regard to the composition of the board of statutory auditors.	<b>✓</b>			рр. 66-67
8.P.3	The issuer shall adopt suitable measures to ensure an effective performance of the duties typical of the board of statutory auditors.	<b>✓</b>			pp. 84-86, Annex 7
8.C.1	The statutory auditors shall be selected from persons who may be classed as independent, including on the basis of the criteria provided by this Code with reference to directors. The board shall verify compliance with the above criteria after appointment and once a year thereafter, sending the results of its verifications to the board of directors, which shall present them, after appointment, by means of a press release to the market, and, subsequently, in the corporate governance report, using methods that conform to those provided for directors.	<b>✓</b>			p. 84; Annex 7
8.C.2	The statutory auditors shall accept their appointment if they believe that they can devote the necessary time to the diligent performance of their duties.	<b>✓</b>			Table 2
8.C.3	At least one-third of the standing and alternate members of the board of statutory auditors shall belong to the less-represented gender.	<b>✓</b>			рр. 66-67
8.C.4	The remuneration of statutory auditors shall also be commensurate with the duties required of them, the importance of the role held, and the dimensional and sectoral characteristics of the business.	<b>✓</b>			Remuneration Report
8.C.5	A statutory auditor who has an interest, either directly or on behalf of third parties, in a certain transaction of the issuer, shall, in a timely and comprehensive manner, inform the other statutory auditors and the chairman of the Board of the nature, terms, origin and extent of its interest.	<b>✓</b>			p. 87
8.C.6	In the framework of their activities, the statutory auditors may request the internal audit function to make assessments on specific operating areas or transactions of the company.	<b>✓</b>			pp. 97-98
8.C.7	The board of statutory auditors and the control and risk committee shall exchange material information on a timely basis for the performance of their respective duties.	<b>✓</b>			p. 97



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9.P.1	Article 9 - Shareholder relations The board of directors shall establish initiatives designed to promote the maximum possible participation by shareholders in the shareholders' meetings and facilitating the exercise of shareholders' rights.	<b>✓</b>			Annex 3
9.P.2	The board of directors shall endeavour to establish an ongoing dialogue with shareholders based on the understanding of their reciprocal roles.	<b>✓</b>			pp. 88-89
9.C.1	The board of directors shall ensure that a person is appointed as head of relationships with shareholders and shall periodically assess whether it would be advisable to establish a corporate office to perform this function.	<b>✓</b>			pp. 88-89
9.C.2	All directors usually participate in the shareholders' meetings. The shareholders' meetings are also an opportunity for disclosing to the shareholders information concerning the issuer, in compliance with the rules governing price-sensitive information. In particular, the board of directors shall report to the shareholders' meeting on the activity performed and planned and make every effort to ensure that the shareholders receive adequate information on the necessary elements so that they can adopt in an informed manner the resolutions that fall within the remit of the shareholders' meeting.	✓			pp. 50-51
9.C.3	The board of directors shall submit for the approval of the shareholders' meeting regulations establishing the procedures to be followed to enable orderly and effective management of shareholders' meetings, while at the same time guaranteeing the right of each shareholder to express his/her opinion on the matters under discussion.	<b>✓</b>			p. 50
9.C.4	In the event of significant changes in the market capitalisation of the company's shares or in the composition of its shareholders, the board of directors shall assess whether proposals should be submitted to the shareholders' meeting to amend the Articles of Association with respect to the majorities required to exercise the actions and rights provided for the protection of minority interests.			<b>✓</b>	



# Shareholders' Meeting: role and functioning

### 1. Role and functions of the Shareholders' Meeting

Pursuant to the law and the Articles of Association, the Ordinary Shareholders' Meeting:

- approves the financial statements;
- appoints and dismisses the directors; appoints the statutory auditors and the Chairman of the Board of Statutory Auditors, as well as the External Auditors, based on a reasoned proposal from the Board of Statutory Auditors;
- determines the remuneration of the directors and statutory auditors:
- resolves on the responsibility of the directors and statutory auditors;
- resolves on the other issues allocated by law to the Shareholders' Meeting;
- approves the regulations governing Shareholders' Meeting
- authorises resolutions concerning the sale, transfer, leasing, usufruct and any other act of disposal, including in the context of joint ventures, subjection to business restrictions or strategically relevant business units, involving gas transportation or dispatching activities, notwithstanding the directors' responsibility for the acts carried out by the same, pursuant to Article 2364, paragraph 1.5 of the Italian Civil Code. Resolutions in such matters are adopted by a vote in favour by shareholders representing at least three-quarters of the capital present at the Shareholders' Meeting.

Pursuant to law, the Extraordinary Shareholders' Meeting adopts resolutions on:

- amendments to the Articles of Association;
- extraordinary transactions other than matters that, pursuant to the Articles of Association, are reserved to the Board of Directors.

Article 12 of the Articles of Association provides that the Board of Directors is competent to adopt resolutions on specific matters.

### Convocation, validity and right to speak at Shareholders' Meetings

The Shareholders' Meeting is convened through a notice published on the Company's website at least 30 days prior to the Meeting date (or by another deadline specified by law for specific matters). In the case of a Shareholders' Meeting convened to elect members of the administration and control bodies using a list voting mechanism, the deadline for publishing the notice of meeting is 40 days prior to the date of the Shareholders' Meeting. The notice of meeting sets out the applicable regulations and describes the procedure for speaking at a Shareholders' Meeting. The Shareholders' Meeting may be attended by shareholders for whom a notification certifying their entitlement has been provided to the Company by an authorised intermediary pursuant to applicable legislation, at the end of the business day on the seventh market day prior to the date set for the Shareholders' Meeting in a single call (the record date). The notification must reach Snam by the end of the third trading day prior the date set for the Meeting convened in a single call.

Those with voting rights may be represented by written proxy within the limits established by law; notice of this proxy may be given by certified email. The relevant documents shall be kept by the Company. In order to facilitate shareholders' participation in the Shareholders' Meeting, the Company, pursuant to Article 135-undecies of TUF, shall appoint a representative whom shareholders may nominate as their proxy free of charge, giving them voting instructions on some or all of the proposals relating to the agenda items.

To facilitate shareholder participation, the Articles of Association indicate that the Company must provide shareholder associations which satisfy the pertinent regulatory requirements with space to communicate and gather proxies from employee shareholders of the Company and its Subsidiaries. The terms and procedures for gathering proxies are agreed from time to time with the legal representatives of said associations.

Shareholders may ask questions on agenda items both prior to and during the Meeting. The notice of meeting shall indicate the deadline within which any questions submitted prior to the Meeting must reach the Company. <sup>109</sup> Questions arriving before the Shareholders' Meeting shall be answered during the Meeting. A policy statement is given in observance of the provisions governing price-sensitive information.

Shareholders that, either individually or jointly, represent at least one-fortieth of the share capital, may request, within ten days of the publication of the notice of meeting (or within another deadline provided for by law for specific matters), additions to the list of items to be discussed, indicating in their request the proposed additional items, or submit draft resolutions on items already on the agenda.

109 Pursuant to Article 127-ter of TUF, the deadline cannot be earlier than five days prior to the date of the first or single call of the Shareholders' Meeting, or seven days prior if the notice of meeting requires the Company to provide a response to the questions received before the Meeting. In this case, the answers shall be provided at least two days before the Shareholders' Meeting, including through publication in a dedicated section of the Company website. No response is required, either before or during the Meeting, to questions deposited in advance if the information requested is already available in question-and-answer format in the section of the Company website indicated in Article 127-ter, paragraph 1- bis of TUF, or if the answer has already been published pursuant to said paragraph.



# BOARD OF DIRECTORS: APPOINTMENT, TERM OF OFFICE AND FUNCTIONING

#### 1. Appointment of the Board of Directors

#### (i) Overview

Article 13 of the Articles of Association provides for a list voting mechanism for the appointment of the Board of Directors, which is structured in such a way as to permit the presence on the Board of Directors of directors appointed by minority shareholders, and the allocation of directors to be elected on the basis of a criterion that ensures gender balance in the Board of Directors; in particular, Article 13 of the Articles of Association, as amended on 2 February 2021, provides that at least two-fifth of the members of the Board of Directors, or any different decimal - if higher - set forth in the applicable pro-tempore provisions, shall belong to the less-represented gender.<sup>110</sup>

Furthermore, the Articles of Association state, with greater stringency than is required by Article 147-ter, paragraph 4 of TUF, that at least one director, if the Board of Directors is composed of no more than seven members, or at least three directors, if the Board is composed of more than seven members, must meet the independence criteria set out in the TUF.<sup>111</sup> The list voting mechanism applies only for the replacement of the entire Board of Directors. The Shareholders' Meeting may change the number of members on the Board of Directors, including during its term of office, provided that it remains within the limit of a minimum of five and a maximum of nine, as set out in the Articles of Association, making the relevant appointments. The term of office of directors thus elected shall expire with those in office.

Candidates meeting the independence requirements must be specifically indicated on the lists. All candidates must also meet the integrity requirements established by applicable legislation.

Lists may be submitted by shareholders that, either alone or together with other shareholders, represent the minimum percentage calculated pursuant to the regulations in force (equivalent to 1% of the share capital, as provided for by Consob Resolution No. 13 of 24 January 2019). Each shareholder may submit or contribute to the submission of only one list and may vote for one list only.

Lists are filed at the registered office by the twenty-fifth day prior to the date of the Shareholders' Meeting called to resolve on the appointment of members of the Board of Directors and made available to the public by the methods provided for by law and by the Issuers' Regulation at least twenty-one days prior to the date of the Shareholders' Meeting. In addition to the lists, the following documents must also be submitted:

- a CV for each candidate;
- statements from the candidates in which they accept their candidacy and declare, assuming full responsibility, that there are no grounds for ineligibility or incompatibility, and that they satisfy all applicable integrity and independence requirements. Appointed directors must inform the Company if they cease to meet the independence and integrity requirements or if any grounds for ineligibility or incompatibility arise.

#### (ii) List voting mechanism

The following is a description of the procedures for appointing members of the Board of Directors through the list voting mechanism pursuant to Article 13 of the Articles of Association:

- a) seven-tenths of the directors to be elected are taken from the list receiving the majority of the shareholders' votes (the "Majority List") in the consecutive order in which they appear on the list, rounding down to the nearest whole number if the number is a decimal:
- the remaining directors shall be taken from other lists (the "Minority Lists") that may not be associated in any way, including indirectly, with shareholders that submitted or voted for the list that obtained the highest number of votes; therefore, the votes obtained by said lists are divided successively by one, two or three, depending on the progressive number of directors to be elected. The quotients thus obtained shall be assigned progressively to candidates from each of these lists, according to the order shown therein. The quotients thus assigned to candidates from the different lists shall be arranged in a single decreasing gradation. Those obtaining the highest quotients are elected. If several candidates obtain the same quotient, the candidate from the list that has not yet elected any director or that has elected the smallest number of directors will be elected. If none of these lists has yet elected a director or if all have elected the same number of directors, the candidate from the list obtaining the greatest number of votes shall be elected. If the voting on lists is tied and the quotient is also tied, a new vote by the entire Shareholders' Meeting shall be held, and the candidate winning a simple majority of votes shall be elected:
- 110 Paragraph 1-ter, Article 147-ter, of TUF, which governs the allocation of directors in such a way as to ensure gender balance, was first replaced by Article 58-sexies, paragraph 1 of Legislative Decree No. 124 of 26 October 2019, converted with amendments by Law No. 157 of 19 December 2019 and then by Article 1, paragraph 302 of Law No. 160 of 27 December 2019: as a result of this amendment, at least two-fifths of the elected directors must be of the less-represented gender. In any event, this criterion for a proportion of at least two-fifths will apply from the first renewal of the members of Snam's Board of Directors and Board of Statutory Auditors following the date of entry into force of Law No. 160 of 27 December 2019, i.e. on the date of the Company's Shareholders' Meeting called to approve the financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2021.
- 111 Or, pursuant to Article 147- ter, paragraph 4 of TUF, the independence criteria required for statutory auditors pursuant to Article 148, paragraph 3 of the TUF.



- b-bis) if the Majority List does not contain enough candidates to ensure that the number of directors to be elected pursuant to letter a) above can be obtained from the list, all the candidates listed will be taken from this list, according to the sequential order of the list; having then taken the other directors from the Minority Lists, pursuant to letter b) above, for the number of positions, amounting to three-tenths of the total, provided for this list, the remaining directors, for positions not covered by the Majority List, shall be taken from the list obtaining the highest number of votes among the Minority Lists (the "First Minority List") up to the capacity of this list. If there is insufficient capacity, the remaining directors will be taken, using the same procedures, from the next list (the "Second Minority List") or from any of the subsequent lists, according to the number of votes and the capacity of the lists. Lastly, if the total number of candidates included in the lists submitted, both in the Majority List and in the Minority Lists, is less than the number of directors to be elected, the remaining directors shall be elected by the shareholders' meeting by means of a resolution adopted pursuant to letter d) below;
- if, after applying the procedure described above, the minimum number of independent directors required by the Articles of Association is not elected, the quotient of votes to be attributed to each candidate taken from the lists is calculated by dividing the number of votes for each list by the order number of each of these candidates; non-independent candidates with the lowest quotients among the candidates taken from all the lists shall be replaced, starting from the lowest, by the independent candidates taken from the same list as the candidate being replaced (following the order in which they are listed); otherwise, they shall be replaced by persons who meet the independence criteria and appointed in accordance with the procedure described under e). If candidates taken from different lists have obtained the same quotient, the candidate from the list from which the highest number of directors has been taken shall be replaced, or, if the numbers of directors are the same, the candidate taken from the list with the fewest votes shall be replaced, or, if the number of votes is the same, the candidate who obtains the fewest votes in a dedicated resolution by the Shareholders' Meeting shall be replaced;
- if the procedure described under letters a) b) and b)- bis above does not allow for compliance with the provisions in the Articles of Association on gender balance, the quotient of votes to be attributed to each candidate taken from the lists shall be calculated by dividing the number of votes for each list by the order number of each of these candidates; the candidate of the more-represented gender with the lowest quotient among the candidates taken from all the lists shall be replaced, notwithstanding compliance with the minimum number of independent directors, by the candidate of the less-represented gender (with the next highest order number) taken from the same list as the replaced candidate; otherwise, the candidate shall be replaced by the person appointed in accordance with the procedure described under e). If candidates from different lists have obtained the same lowest quotient, the candidate from the list from which the greater number of directors has been taken shall be replaced, or the candidate taken from the list with the fewest votes shall be replaced, or, if the number of votes is the same, the candidate who obtains the fewest votes in a dedicated resolution by the Shareholders' Meeting shall be replaced;
- e) for the appointment of directors not appointed for any reason by the above procedures, the Shareholders' Meeting shall resolve by statutory majority to ensure that the composition of the Board of Directors is consistent both with the law and with the Articles of Association.

Rimangono in ogni caso ferme ulteriori inderogabili disposizioni di legge della disciplina, anche regolamentare, vigente.

#### 2. Term of office, termination and forfeiture

Pursuant to Article 13.2 of the Articles of Association, directors may be appointed for a period not exceeding three financial years, which term expires on the date of the Shareholders' Meeting called to approve the financial statements for the last financial year of their term of office. They may be re-elected. Pursuant to Article 13.8 of the Articles of Association, if, during the financial year, the office of one or more directors is vacated, the provisions of law shall apply. 112 If the majority of the directors should vacate their offices, the entire Board shall be deemed to have resigned, and a Shareholders' Meeting must be called without delay by the Board of Directors in order to replace it.

Pursuant to Article 13.4 of the Articles of Association, the Board shall evaluate, on an annual basis, the independence and integrity of the directors, as well as the lack of grounds for ineligibility and incompatibility 113. If one of the directors does not fulfil or no longer fulfils the established independence or integrity requirements imposed by law, or if there are grounds for ineligibility or incompatibility, the Board will dismiss the director and arrange for him/her to be replaced, or will ask that he/she either removes the grounds for incompatibility within an established period of time or forfeit the post.

#### 3. Meetings of the Board of Directors

Pursuant to the Articles of Association and the Regulations, the Board of Directors is convened by the Chairman or, if he/she is absent or unable to do so, by the CEO, or, finally, if he/she is absent or unable to do so, by the eldest Board member.

At the beginning of each Board meeting, directors and statutory auditors are required to inform the Board of Directors and the Board of Statutory Auditors of any interest that they have, either on their own behalf or on behalf of third parties, in a given Company transaction.

Sufficient time is dedicated to each agenda item to hold a constructive debate, and the Chairman encourages all directors to make a proactive contribution.

The Board of Directors meets regularly, at least once every quarter, in accordance with the legally established deadlines.

- 112 Pursuant to Article 2386 of the Italian Civil Code, if, during the financial year, one or more directors cease to hold office, the other directors will replace the director(s) in question by means of a resolution to be approved by the Board of Statutory Auditors, provided that the majority of the directors have been appointed by the Shareholders' Meeting.
- 113 The grounds for incompatibility include the provisions of Article 2, paragraph 2, letter c) of the DPCM of 25 May 2012, as amended by the Prime Ministerial Decree of 15 November 2019, which provides that members of administrative or control bodies, as well as those with managerial functions at Cassa Depositi e Prestiti S.p.A., who have a direct or indirect professional or financial relationship with companies operating in the natural gas transportation or electricity transmission sector, at Snam, Terna S.p.A. and their subsidiaries operating in the natural gas transportation or electricity transmission sector, may not hold office at Eni S.p.A. or its subsidiaries, nor may they have any direct or indirect professional or financial relationship with said companies.



# Guidance from the Snam Board of Directors to Shareholderson the future size and composition of the Board of Directors

#### Purpose and process followed

Pursuant to the recommendations of the Corporate Governance Code, in view of the scheduled renewal of the corporate bodies at the Shareholders' Meeting of 2 April 2019, the Board of Directors of Snam, following consultation with the Appointments Committee, has produced some considerations on the future size and composition of the Board of Directors, to be submitted to Shareholders.

These considerations were produced as part of the annual self-assessment process of the Board and its Committees, through:

- an initial meeting of the Appointments Committee to define the working methods and the collection of useful data and information;
- the support of Spencer Stuart, the advisor assisting with the annual self-assessment, which has carried out a benchmarking exercise on the composition and size of the boards of directors of the main companies listed on the Italian stock exchange and the information provided to the market by outgoing boards of directors;
- a collegial meeting of Snam directors dedicated to the annual self-assessment, with the assistance of the said advisor, during which the size and composition of the Board of Directors were also analysed and discussed in view of the end of the current Board's term of office;
- the proposed Guidelines, prepared by the Appointments Committee;
- the approval of the Guidelines by the current Board of Directors at its meeting of 1 February 2019.
- The dissemination of this document to the market, within the legal deadlines, to allow shareholders to conduct their own reflections in view of the appointment of Snam's new Board of Directors for the three-year period 2019-2021.

For the sake of completeness and for the benefit of the shareholders, the guidelines of the Board of Directors on the maximum number of offices held by directors, approved by the Board of Directors at its meeting of 18 February 2019, are also set out in this document.

#### Preliminary considerations

Firstly, the Board of Directors suggests ensuring, in line with corporate governance constraints and rules, adequate continuity in the composition of the administrative body, in order to enhance the wealth of knowledge of Snam acquired by the directors, which is necessary to pursue and support the current phase of development of a well-structured and complex group.

The composition of the Board of Directors should also be appropriate in terms of gender, age, length of time in office, complementarity of professional and managerial experience, appropriate knowledge, including of language and culture of an international or foreign nature, and the characteristics and importance of positions previously held, including in institutional settings.

#### Size of the Board of Directors

The Board of Directors considers the current number of nine directors, the maximum permitted by the Articles of Association in force, to be adequate. There should be an appropriate ratio of executive directors and non-executive directors not meeting the independence requirements, to independent directors, given the complex and specific nature of the governance activities and functions (including the Board Committees) of the Company and the Group of which it is the parent.

#### Composition of the Board of Directors

#### The Chairman

- should be a person with experience, authority and professional preparation adequate for the role and complementing the qualities of the CEO:
- should have high-level experience in preferably as the head of boards of directors of listed companies of comparable complexity, size and international scope to Snam, and/or high-level experience at the technical/institutional level;
- should have personal qualities that ensure a strong team spirit
  and cohesion among the members of the Board of Directors and
  should devote time, presence and commitment to fully performing the role assigned to him or her;
- should ensure, during his/her term of office, the proper and transparent management of the functioning of the Board of Directors and should represent a "safe pair of hands" for all Shareholders.

# The Chief Executive Officer

- should be someone with leadership skills and recognised strategic vision and ability;
- should have in-depth expertise in the economic, financial and operational control of large infrastructure assets;
- should have experience, in the international arena, of the energy business, the energy transition, climate change and technological innovation:
- should have significant and successful managerial experience in executive roles at large listed companies of a comparable structure and complexity to Snam;
- should have a solid background in the energy business, particularly in terms of relationships, opportunities and risks of a governmental-institutional nature that are international in scope.

## The other seven directors

- should all be non-executive directors, with at least five being independent - also in relation to the composition of the Committees - based on the criteria set out by law and by the recommendations of the Corporate Governance Code;
- should be able to demonstrate, in the light of their experience, including experience gained on boards of directors of listed companies with significant capitalisation, the ability to provide strategic guidance and to stimulate results, team work and the capacity to influence and resolve any disputes;
- should have adequate seniority, understood as having proven experience in complex organisational environments in business and/or professional and/or institutional areas;



- on the basis of all of the above, should represent the following areas of expertise and experience:
  - senior management experience in multinationals, including those undergoing strategic and corporate development;
  - proven experience in entities in technical and institutional foreign contexts at the highest level, in the countries where Snam operates;
  - proven experience in leading institutions and/or businesses in the energy sector at the international level;
  - proven expertise in the economic/financial, budgetary and risk management fields;
  - proven legal knowledge of corporate governance and Environmental, Social and Governance ("ESG") topics.

Finally, with regard to the composition of the Board of Directors, see the provisions of the Articles of Association (Article 13) concerning compliance with the rules on gender balance pursuant to Law No. 120 of 12 July 2011<sup>114</sup>.

#### **Availability**

All candidates for the role of executive or non-executive director, when accepting their candidacy, must have carefully considered and assured the shareholders nominating them that they will be available for the time required for the diligent performance of their duties.

For information purposes only, seven meetings of the Board of Directors, 11 meetings of the Control and Risk and Related-Party Transactions Committee, ten meetings of the Remuneration and Sustainability Committee and six meetings of the Appointments Committee were held in 2018.

# Guidelines of the Board of Directors on the maximum number of offices that can be held by directors

At its meeting of 18 February 2019, the Board of Directors, on the recommendation of the Appointments Committee, approved guidelines on the maximum number of offices that can be held by directors. Executive and non-executive directors:

- (i) an executive director should not hold:
  - a. an executive director position at another Italian or foreign listed company, or at a financial, banking or insurance company, or a company with net assets or consolidated annual turnover of more than €500 million or an equivalent amount if the company uses a different currency;
  - b. the office of non-executive director or statutory auditor (or member of another control body) at more than three of the companies listed under sub (i), letter a) above. Furthermore, in the case of the CEO, they may not accept the office of director of another issuer not belonging to the same group, whose CEO is another director of the Company;
- (ii) non-executive directors (including independent directors) must not, in addition to the position held at the Company, hold:
  - a. an executive director office at more than one Italian or foreign listed companies, financial, banking or insurance companies, or companies with net assets or consolidated annual turnover of more than €500 million or an equivalent amount if the company uses a different currency, or the office of non-executive director or statutory auditor (or member of another control body) at more than three of the above companies; or
  - b. the office of non-executive director or statutory auditor (or member of another control body) at more than four of the companies listed under sub (ii), letter a) above.

For the purposes of calculating the maximum number of offices, positions held within Snam and its Subsidiaries and on Snam's Committees are not relevant.

The Board of Directors, in the assessments of each subjective position, to be carried out in the interest of the Company, may take into account the specific circumstances and professional commitments (not limited to the holding of office) of the individual directors, both to allow for any exemptions from the limits of offices, and to provide for any reduction of the maximum number of offices that can be held. If appropriate, the Board of Directors will invite the director to take the consequent decisions.

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### Chairman of the Board of Directors: role

The powers of the Chairman of the Board of Directors are as follows:

- pursuant to Article 2381, paragraph 1, of the Italian Civil Code, the Chairman of the Board of Directors convenes meetings of the Board of Directors, sets the agenda, coordinates its work and ensures that directors are provided with adequate information on agenda items;
- pursuant to Article 19 of the Articles of Association, the Chairman has powers to represent the Company in respect of any legal or administrative authority and in respect of third parties, and also has powers of signature;
- pursuant to Article 14.1 of the Articles of Association, the Chairman of the Board of Directors: (i) chairs the Shareholders' Meeting, fulfilling the duties assigned by law and by the meeting regulations; (ii) convenes and chairs, sets the agenda for and coordinates the work of meetings of the Board of Directors; and (iii) ensures that the directors are provided with adequate information on the items on the agenda;
- pursuant to Article 16.1, paragraph 2 of the Articles of Association, the Board of Directors, on the recommendation of its Chairman, with the CEO's agreement, may also delegate responsibility for individual acts or categories of acts to other members of the Board of Directors. The Chairman and the CEO, within the limits of the powers attributed to them, may delegate responsibilities and powers of representation of the Company for individual acts or categories of acts to employees of the Company and also to third parties;
- pursuant to Article 16.2 of the Articles of Association, the Board
  of Directors, on the CEO's recommendation with the Chairman's agreement, may appoint one or more General Managers,
  defining their powers, having first ascertained that they meet
  the legally prescribed requirements for integrity;
- pursuant to Article 16.4, paragraph 1 of the Articles of Association, the Board of Directors, on the CEO's recommendation with the Chairman's agreement, and with the prior approval of the Board of Statutory Auditors, may appoint the Financial Reporting Officer;

- the Board of Directors, on the recommendation of the CEO, with the agreement of the Chairman of the Board of Directors, having received the approval of the Control and Risk Committee and following consultation with the Board of Statutory Auditors, appoints and dismisses the Head of Internal Audit and, following prior verification with the Remuneration Committee, sets their remuneration in line with the Company's remuneration policy; ensures that they are given the appropriate resources to fulfil their responsibilities;
- pursuant to the Appointments Committee Regulations, on the recommendation of the CEO and approval from the Chairman of the Board of Directors, it submits to the Board candidates for the corporate bodies of the Subsidiaries included in the scope of consolidation and of strategic foreign investee companies;
- pursuant to Article 3.1.2. of the Company's 231 Model, the composition of, and changes and additions to, the Supervisory Body have been approved by resolution of the Board of Directors, after consultation with the Control and Risk Committee and the Board of Statutory Auditors, on the CEO's recommendation with the agreement of the Chairman of the Board of Directors;
- promotes the activities of the Committees and coordinates and avails himself of: (i) the secretary of the Board of Directors, for Board inductions and Board evaluations and all activities relating to the Shareholders' Meeting, the Board of Directors, the Committees and insofar as necessary the control body; and (ii) the Head of Internal Audit, for activities within the purview of the Internal Audit function, which reports to the Board of Directors;
- The Chairman of the Board of Directors also performs the further duties indicated in the Corporate Governance Code approved by the Corporate Governance Committee relating to the role of the Chairman of the Board of Directors;
- in representing the Company, including by means of the relevant communications, the Chairman of the Board of Directors is assisted by the EVP Government Affairs, Corporate Social Responsibility and Communications.



# **Board committees: powers**

#### **Remuneration Committee**

The Remuneration Committee:

- a) submits the Remuneration Report and, in particular, the remuneration policy for directors and key management personnel, to the Board of Directors, for its approval and presentation to the Shareholders' Meeting called to approve the annual financial statements, within the legal deadlines;
- reviews the vote on the Remuneration Report taken by the Shareholders' Meeting in the previous financial year and expresses an opinion to the Board of Directors;
- formulates proposals regarding the remuneration of the Chairman and the Chief Executive Officer, with regard to the various forms of remuneration and financial terms;
- makes proposals concerning the remuneration of members of the Board Committees;
- e) examines information reported by the Chief Executive Officer and proposes – with the aim of promoting sustainable value creation in the middle-long term: (i) general criteria for the remuneration of key management personnel, (ii) annual and long-term incentive plans, including share-based plans, and (iii) general guidelines for the remuneration of other managers of Snam and its Subsidiaries:
- proposes the definition of performance targets, that include indicators relating to ESG factors identified in agreement with the ESG Committee, the aggregation of company results, the definition of clawback clauses related to the implementation of incentive plans and the determination of the variable remuneration of directors with powers;
- g) proposes the definition, in relation to directors with powers, of:

   (i) the indemnification to be paid in the event of termination of their employment, and (ii) non-competition clauses;
- h) monitors the application of decisions made by the Board;
- periodically evaluates the adequacy, overall consistency and practical application of the policy adopted, as described under i) above, preparing proposals on this subject to the Board;
- j) performs any duties that may be required by the procedure on related-party transactions implemented by the Company;
- k) reports to the Board of Directors on its activities at least every six months and not after the deadline for approval of the financial statements and the half-year report, at the Board meeting indicated by the Chairman of the Board of Directors; in addition, after each of its own meetings, the Committee updates the Board of Directors at the next convenient meeting on the matters addressed and the observations, recommendations and opinions formulated.

#### **Appointments Committee**

The Appointments Committee provides the following consultative and advisory functions to the Board of Directors:

- a) proposes to the Board of Directors candidates for the position of director, should the office of one or more directors be vacated during the year (Article 2386, paragraph 1 of the Italian Civil Code), ensuring compliance with the requirements for the minimum number of independent directors and for the quota reserved for the less-represented gender;
- on the proposal of the CEO, with the agreement of the Chairman of the Board of Directors, submits to the Board of Directors the candidates for the administrative bodies of the Subsidiaries included in the scope of consolidation and of strategic investee companies. Proposals made by the Committee are compulsory;
- b-bis) In order to support the process of identifying candidacies:
  - in January and July of each calendar year a plan is submitted to the Committee detailing the appointments that will be submitted to it for review during the half year;
  - 2. during the year, before the call notice of each Committee meeting to examine the proposed candidacies is submitted to the Chairman's signature, the names and curricula vitae of the candidates are submitted to the attention of the Chairman, who examines these proposals and may, where deemed necessary, request meetings and interviews with the candidates.
  - The candidacies brought to the attention of the Committee must comply with the requirements laid down in Annex B "Designation of members of the administrative and control bodies of the subsidiaries and investee companies" of the "Corporate Governance" Guidelines adopted by the Board of Directors on 11 December 2018: (i) the mix of skills required for the office to be held; (ii) the managerial experience gained and the company role, also in relation to the context in which the company whose members are being appointed operates; (iii) the commitment required to fulfil duties, in relation to positions previously held; (iv) the advisability of rotation in the positions; and (v) representation of the less represented gender;
- b-ter) periodically and at least once a year, the Committee analyses the identification of the strategic investee companies and, where deemed appropriate, makes proposals to the Board of Directors:
- c) examines the candidacies for the appointment of the Senior Vice President of Internal Audit, giving the Board of Directors its opinion; the review of the candidacies is carried out, where deemed appropriate, through meetings with the candidates held by the Chairman of the Appointments Committee together with the Chairman of the Control, Risk and Related Party Transactions Committee. The Chairman of the Board of Statutory Auditors is invited to these meetings;
- d) prepares and proposes: (i) procedures for the annual evaluation of the Board of Directors and its Committees, (ii) directives concerning limitations and restrictions for the accumulation of positions by directors of Snam and its Subsidiaries, and (iii) criteria for assessing both the requirements of professionalism and independence of the Directors of Snam and its Subsidiaries and the competing activities performed;
- e) submits opinions to the Board of Directors on the size and composition of the Board and makes recommendations on the managerial and professional profiles deemed appropriate for appointment to the Board;
- f) examines and assesses the methods used to prepare succession plans for the Company's key management personnel;
- g) reports to the Board of Directors on the activities carried out, at least every half-year and not beyond the deadline for approval of the annual and half-year reports; in addition, after each of its own meetings, the Committee updates the Board of Directors at the next convenient meeting on the matters addressed and the observations, recommendations and opinions formulated.



#### Control and Risk and Related-Party Transactions Committee

The Control and Risk and Related-Party Transactions Committee performs the following functions:

- evaluates, together with the Financial Reporting Officer and following consultation with the External Auditors and the Board of Statutory Auditors, the proper use of accounting standards and their consistency for the purposes of preparing the consolidated financial statements;
- issues opinions on specific aspects relating to the identification of the main risks faced by the Company; it performs the additional duties assigned to it by the Board of Directors in relation to transactions in which directors or statutory auditors have an interest and related-party transactions, in accordance with the terms and methods set out in the Guidelines annexed to the Committee Regulations;
- examines the periodic reports relating to the evaluation of the internal control and risk management system, as well as those of particular importance prepared by the Senior Vice President Internal Audit;
- monitors the independence, suitability, effectiveness and efficiency of the Internal Audit function;
- e) may request that the Senior Vice President Internal Audit conduct inspections of specific operational areas, giving notice of this to the Chairman of the Board of Statutory Auditors, the Chairman of the Board of Directors and the Director in charge of the internal control and risk management system;
- f) reports to the Board of Directors, at least every six months, upon approval of the annual and half-year financial report, on its activities and the adequacy of the internal control and risk management system. In any case, after each of its meetings, the Committee updates the Board of Directors at the next convenient meeting on the matters addressed and the observations, recommendations and opinions formulated;
- g) expresses its opinion on proposals made by the Director in charge of the internal control and risk management system, in agreement with the Chairman, to the Board of Directors: (i) relating to the appointment, dismissal and remuneration of the Senior Vice President Internal Audit, in line with the Company's remuneration policies, (ii) intended to ensure that this person has adequate resources to fulfil his/her duties, and (iii) supporting, with appropriate investigations, the assessments and decisions of the Board of Directors relating to the management of risks arising due to prejudicial acts of which the Board has become aware or that the Committee itself has reported to the Board.

The Committee also expresses its opinion to the Board of Directors in order to:

- a) define the guidelines for the internal control and risk management system, including the medium- and long-term risks, so that the main risks including, in coordination with the Environmental, Social & Governance Committee, those risks that may be relevant in terms of sustainability, including for the purposes of preparing non-financial information concerning the Company and its Subsidiaries are correctly identified and adequately measured, managed and monitored, and determine the degree of compatibility of such risks with management that is consistent with the strategic objectives identified;
- b) periodically evaluate, at least annually, the adequacy and effectiveness of the internal control and risk management system with respect to the characteristics of the Company and the risk profile it has adopted;
- periodically approve, at least once a year, the Audit Schedule prepared by the Senior Vice President Internal Audit;
- d) describe, in the Report on Corporate Governance and Ownership Structure, the main features of the internal control and risk management system, as well as evaluate the adequacy of the system;
- e) evaluate the conclusions presented by the External Auditors in any management letters and in the report on key matters arising from the external audit.

#### **Environmental, Social & Governance Committee**

The Environmental, Social & Governance Committee provides the following consultative and advisory functions to the Board of Directors:

- a) examines: (i) the Company's policies on human rights, business ethics and integrity, diversity and inclusion; (ii) integration policies in the business model of environmental, social and governance issues, including through the analysis of the relevant KPIs; (iii) the initiatives undertaken by the Company to address climate change issues and the relevant reporting; (iv) the sustainability guidelines, objectives and consequent processes and the sustainability reports submitted annually to the Board of Directors; and (v) the correct use of the standards adopted for the purposes of preparing non-financial reporting and the document to be submitted for the approval of the Board of Directors, including and in coordination with the Control and Risk and Related-Party Transactions Committee, the report on risks that may be important in terms of sustainability in the medium to long term;
- b) monitors the alignment of Snam's corporate governance system with national and international best practices, formulating proposals for the Board of Directors;
- c) monitors: (i) the Company's positioning in financial markets with regard to sustainability, with particular reference to the Company's positioning in ethical sustainability indices; (ii) international ESG initiatives and the Company's participation in these, aimed at strengthening its international reputation;
- d) draws up and proposes to the Board diversity policies within the meaning of letter (d- bis) of Article 123-bis of TUF;
- reviews the Company's profit and non-profit strategy and its gas advocacy initiatives;
- f) provides instructions on board review activities, making the relevant proposals to the Board of Directors;
- expresses, at the Board of Directors' request, opinions on other matters relating to sustainability;
- h) reports to the Board of Directors on activities carried out, at least every half-year and not beyond the deadline for approval of the financial statements and the half-year report, at the Board meeting indicated by the Chairman of the Board of Directors; in addition, after each of its own meetings, the Committee updates the Board of Directors at the next convenient meeting on the matters addressed and the observations, recommendations and opinions formulated.



# Board of Statutory Auditors: appointment and functions

#### 1. Meetings of the Board of Statutory Auditors

#### Overview

Pursuant to Article 20 of the Articles of Association, Snam's Board of Statutory Auditors is composed of three standing auditors and two alternates appointed by the Shareholders' Meeting for three financial years. They may be re-elected at the end of their term of office.

Statutory auditors are chosen from among persons who meet the professionalism and integrity requirements indicated in Ministry of Justice Decree No. 162 of 30 March 2000. For the purposes of the aforementioned decree, the subjects strictly related to the Company's activities are: commercial law, business economics, corporate finance. Likewise, the sector pertaining strictly to the Company's business is the engineering and geology sector.

Statutory auditors may not hold more than the maximum number of positions permitted by the applicable legislation. In any event, pursuant to Article 2, paragraph 2, letter c) of the DPCM 2012, as amended by the Prime Ministerial Decree of 15 November 2019, the statutory auditors may not be members of the administrative or control bodies, or hold senior management positions, at Eni S.p.A. and its subsidiaries, nor may they have any direct or indirect professional or financial relationship with said companies.

As per the provisions laid down for the Board of Directors and in accordance with the applicable provisions, the Articles of Association provide that the statutory auditors must be appointed by list voting, unless they are replaced during their term of office. Furthermore, in accordance with the provisions of Law No. 120 of 2011 (applicable at the time), Article 20 of the Articles of Association – as amended on 23 October 2019 – provides that one standing auditor and one alternate auditor shall belong to the less-represented gender.<sup>115</sup>

In the lists submitted by shareholders, the candidates must be listed by consecutive number and their number must not be greater than the number of members of the body to be elected. The rules for filing, submitting and publishing the lists are the same as for the election of directors (see Section III, Paragraph 2.1). Each shareholder may submit or be involved in submitting only one list and may vote on only one list, according to the terms laid down in the applicable legislative and regulatory provisions.

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Only shareholders that, alone or together with other shareholders, represent at least 0.5% of the share capital (the percentage set by Consob determination No. 28 of 30 January 2020) are entitled to submit lists. Each candidate may appear on only one list; otherwise their candidacy is declared void.

Lists are divided into two sections: the first for candidates for the office of standing auditor, and the second for candidates for the office of alternate auditor. At least the first candidate in each section must be included in the Register of Auditors and must have a minimum of three years' experience as an external auditor.

In order to comply with the applicable law on gender balance, lists with candidates for both sections which contain three or more candidates submitted for the appointment of the majority of the Board of Statutory Auditors' members must contain candidates of each gender in the section for the appointment of standing auditors, in accordance with the notice of meeting of the Shareholders' Meeting. Where the list contains only two candidates, one must be male and the other female.

Lists for appointing statutory auditors, together with information on the candidates and information on the identity of the share-holders submitting said lists and the percentage equity interest owned, must be made available to the public at the Company's registered office and at Borsa Italiana and posted on the Company's website in a timely manner, or within the time periods provided for by current regulations. Additional mandatory provisions of law, including regulatory provisions, shall remain applicable in any case.

#### List voting mechanism

The procedure for appointing the Board of Statutory Auditors by list voting mechanism, as provided for by Article 20 of the Articles of Association, is described below.

Two standing auditors and one alternate auditor are taken from the list that obtains the majority of the votes. The other standing auditor, who will assume the role of Chairman, and the other alternate auditor are appointed according to the methods laid down in Article 13.5, letter b) of the Articles of Association for the election of directors, which are to be applied separately to each of the sections into which the other lists are divided.



In the event that, mutatis mutandis, a situation analogous to that provided for in Article 13.5, letter b-bis) of the Articles of Association should arise, the procedures indicated in letter b- bis) shall apply, both for standing auditors and for alternate auditors, insofar as they are compatible with current legislation and with the provisions of the aforementioned Article 20 of the Articles of Association.

Where following the above procedure fails to ensure compliance with the criterion for gender balance for standing auditors provided in Article 20 of the Articles of Association, the quotient of votes to be attributed to each candidate taken from the standing auditor sections of the different lists shall be calculated by dividing the number of votes for each list by the order number of each of these candidates; the candidate of the more-represented gender with the lowest quotient among the candidates taken from all the lists shall be replaced by the candidate of the less-represented gender (with the highest consecutive number) from the same standing auditor section of the list of the replaced candidate, or, failing this, from the alternate auditor section of the same list as the replaced candidate (who, in this case, takes the place of the alternate auditor that he/she has just been replaced by). If this fails to ensure compliance with the law on gender balance, the candidate is replaced by the person appointed by statutory majority at the Shareholders' Meeting, in such a way as to ensure that the composition of the Board of Statutory Auditors complies with the law and the Articles of Association.

Where candidates from different lists have obtained the same quotient, the candidate from the list from which the greater number of statutory auditors has been taken shall be replaced, or, the candidate taken from the list with the fewest votes shall be replaced, or, if the number of votes is the same, the candidate who receives the fewest votes in a dedicated resolution by the Shareholders' Meeting shall be replaced.

In the event of the replacement of a statutory auditor from the list obtaining the majority of the votes, he/she is replaced by the alternate auditor from the same list; in the event of replacement of a statutory auditor from other lists, he/she is replaced by the alternate auditor from these lists.

#### 2. Functions

Pursuant to Article 149, paragraph 1, of TUF, the Board of Statutory Auditors oversees:

- compliance with the law and with the deed of incorporation;
- respect for the principles of proper administration;
- the adequacy of the Company's organisational structure in relation to its remit, the internal control system and the administrative and accounting systems, as well as the reliability of the latter in properly representing operational events;
- procedures for the implementation of the rules established by the Corporate Governance Code;
- the adequacy of the Company's instructions to its Subsidiaries pursuant to Article 114, paragraph 2, of TUF.

Pursuant to Article 19 of Legislative Decree No. 39 of 27 January 2010, as amended by Legislative Decree No. 135 of 17 July 2016, the Board of Statutory Auditors also performs supervisory functions in its capacity as the *Internal Control and Audit Committee*, overseeing in particular:

- the financial reporting process;
- the effectiveness of the internal control, internal audit and, if applicable, risk management systems;
- the independent audit of the annual financial statements and consolidated financial statements;
- the independence of the External Auditors, particularly with regard to the provision of non-audit services to the entity subject

Il Collegio Sindacale può, previa comunicazione al Presidente del Consiglio di Amministrazione, convocare l'Assemblea e il Consiglio di Amministrazione. Il potere di convocazione del Consiglio di Amministrazione può essere esercitato individualmente da ciascun membro del Collegio Sindacale; quello di convocazione dell'Assemblea da almeno due membri del Collegio Sindacale.

Il Collegio Sindacale è invitato ad assistere alle riunioni del Comitato Controllo e Rischi e Operazioni con Parti Correlate.











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