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Strategic Plan 2022-2028

## CRAFTING THE ENERGY (R)EVOLUTION

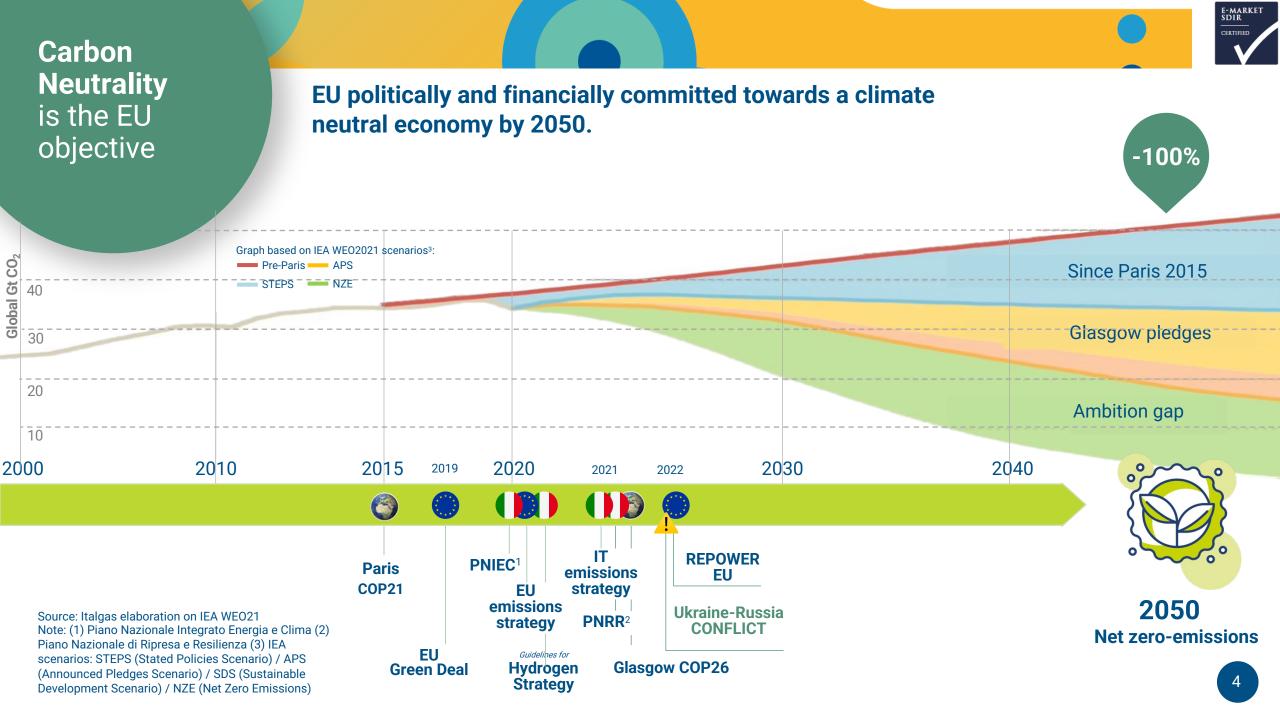
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**Italgas a Player** of the Energy Transition





Source: IEA – Gas Market and Russian Supply, Eurostat 2020 data, Snam gas balance 2021, MiTE Gas Balance 2021, Eurostat 2020 data, IEA - Reliance on Russian Fossil Fuels Data Explorer Note: (1) Gross available energy; (2) Data include UK

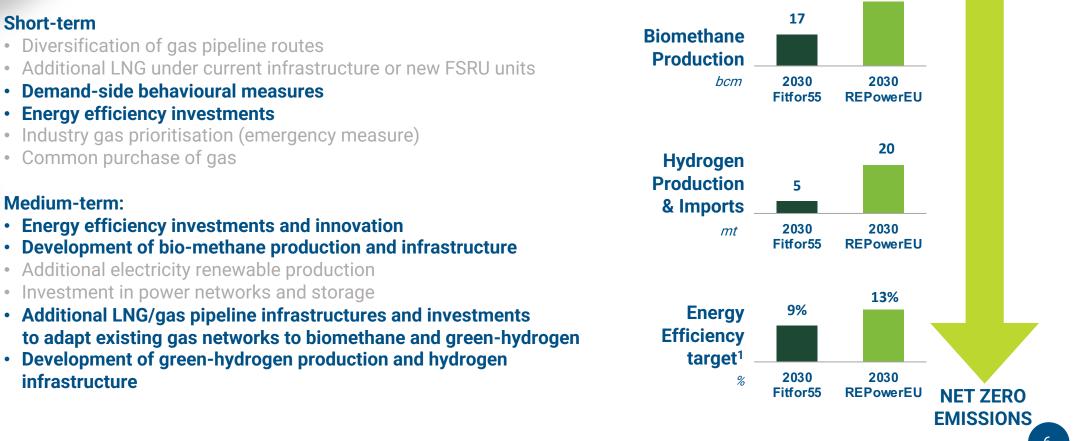
## **REPowerEU** a tipping point

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PATH

**MULTI-YEAR** 

The REPowerEU plan sets a new multi-year path, accelerates the energy transition, creates the basis for a proper Energy Union, increases security of supply and reduces dependence on Russia



Short-term

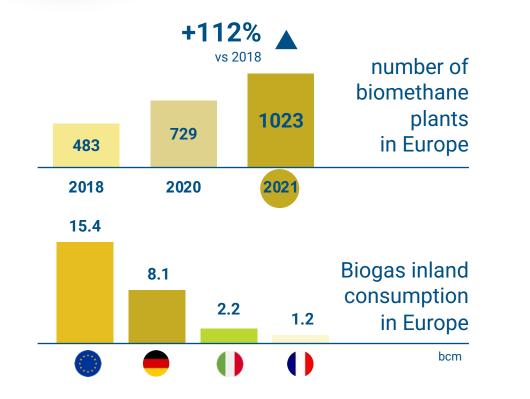
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## **Biomethane** growing appreciation

Biomethane accounts for 5% of EU gas demand. Offers significant advantages in terms of assets readiness. Still below potential, but part of REPowerEU plan.

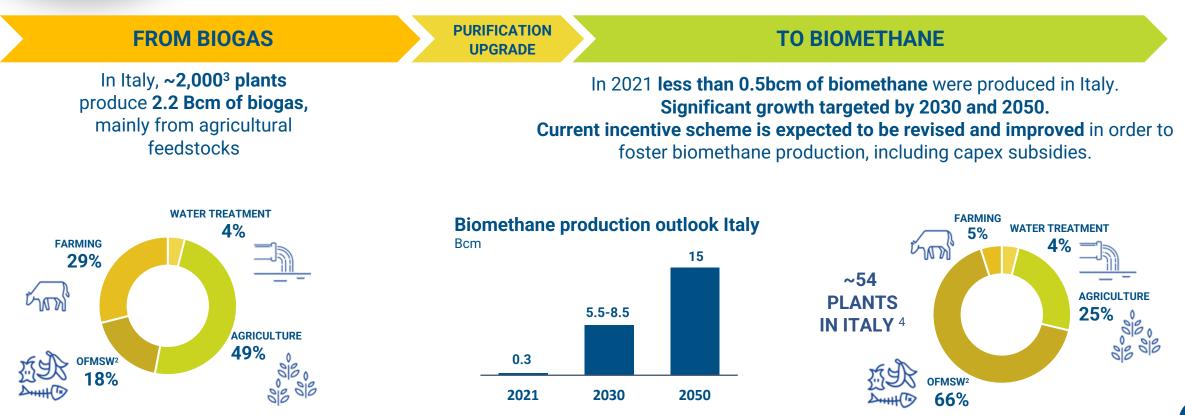




- Benefits of Biomethane
- Carbon neutral as CO<sub>2</sub> emitted equals that previously captured
  - Potential for becoming Carbon Negative if production integrated with CCS-CCUS units
  - High combustion quality
  - Technological readiness
  - Flexible and programmable resource (plan production and storage of energy)
  - Promotion of circular economy models

## **Biomethane** under-exploited opportunity

Italy is the world's fourth largest biogas producer<sup>1</sup> Biomethane production is expected to accelerate in the coming years supported by regulation



Source: elaboration on Eurostat 2020, Snam, GSE, Italian National Plan for Recovery and Resilience (PNRR)

Note: (1) After Germany, China and US. (2) OFMSW – Organic Fraction Municipal Solid Waste (3) % based on the total number of plants (4) 2021, 54 plants in operation and additional ~50 to be connected to the network

Source: ENTSO-G Hydrogen Projects Database, June 2022



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## Hydrogen momentum building, with Europe playing a leading role

Retrofitting/repurposing existing infrastructure

Integrated H2 project (production, transport, use)

H2 at end-user level

H2 production

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81

72

# Projects

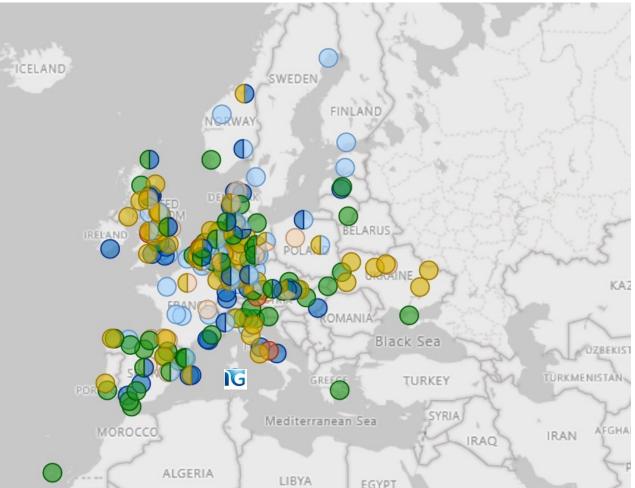
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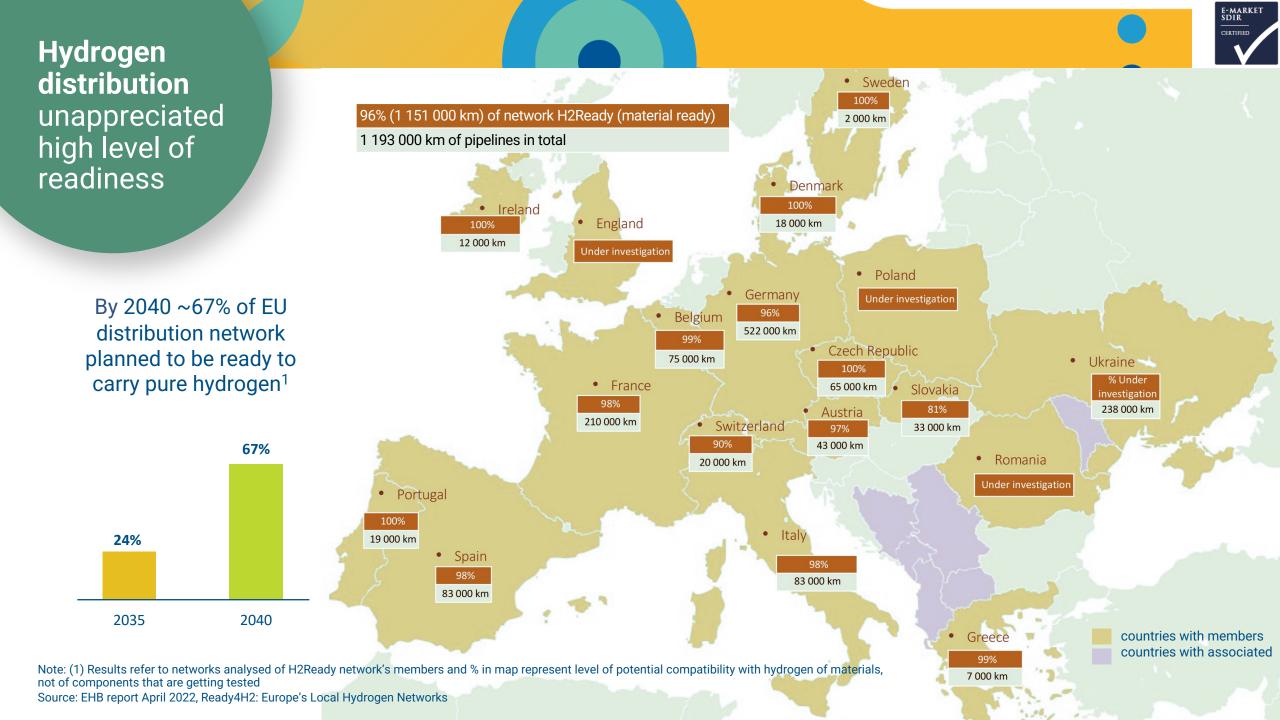
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H2 storage

New built H2 infrastructure More than 335 hydrogen projects in Europe with focus on infrastructure retrofitting (25%) and integrated projects (24%) Europe also at the forefront of regulation







## **REPowerEU** and ITALGAS' **STRATEGY**





Foster energy transition & contribute to security of supply Development, injection, widespread usage of green-gases in networks.



Repurposing of Italian gas network into a smart one Upgrade and repurposing to increase efficiencies and resilience, enable green-gases distribution, via digital transformation.



**Emission reduction and energy efficiency, also via ESCo business** Decarbonization of operations and full deployment of energy efficiency initiatives.



**External growth/ New opportunities** Acquisition, network development, tenders; growth in water and digital services.

Contribution to Italian and Greek energy transition and energy security over the long term

**Since 2017** 

Already aligned with **REPowerEU** 

new targets and

guidelines



Greece

Depa Infrastructure acquisition and development.

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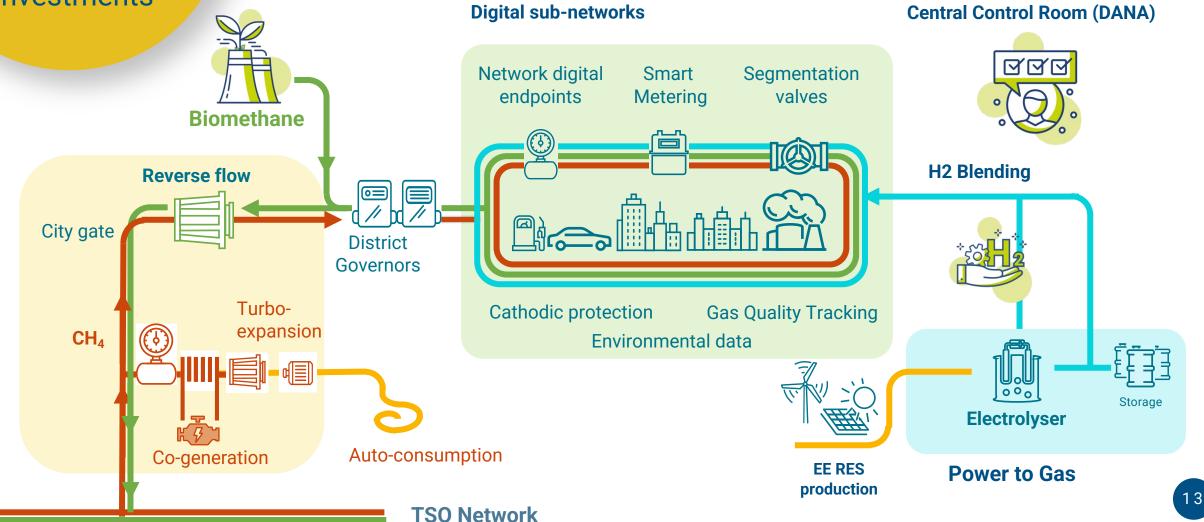
Setting the Network Of Tomorrow E-MARKET SDIR CERTIFIED

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#### Smart Gas Networks at the core of our investments

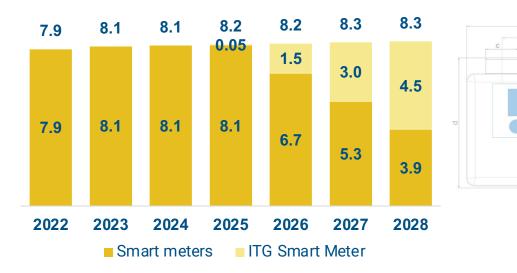
Italian network investment plan perfectly aligned with the long term objectives of the REPowerEU



#### Assets Digitization

#### SMART METERS<sup>1</sup>

Working to develop new in-house hydrogen ready smart meter. Progressive substitution of GPRS based meters also due to technology phase out by TELCOs

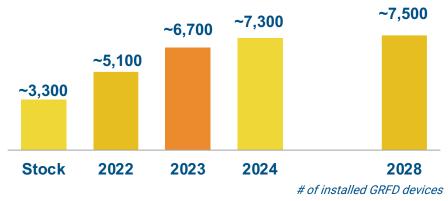


#### **Assets Digitization**



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- City gates upgrade, including remote control systems
- Biomethane connections & reverse flow connections at IPRM
- 3 District governors GRFD/GMPV replacement and upgrade



Gas distribution network upgrade, including THT and gas quality monitoring



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Central Control Room (Dana)

Other

Innovation multiple approaches nourishing the transformation

Innovation driven by a combination of internal R&D, open innovation and venture capital investing Leverage on internal and external capabilities





**Digital factory** the first accelerator of the digital transformation

Italgas lab revamping and new renewable gases testing centre in Sardinia

Design new Italgas smart meter

Power to gas project and biomethane connections International «open innovation» scouting in main ecosystems, leading to adoption and industrialization of new cutting edge technologies

**MAIN FOCUS** 

EUROPE UK

CANADA ISRAEL

+ Other countries

USA

Open

Innovation

Participation in **corporate venture capital initiatives** to get in contact with high potential SME / start-ups with positive impact for gas distribution sector

Venture

Capital

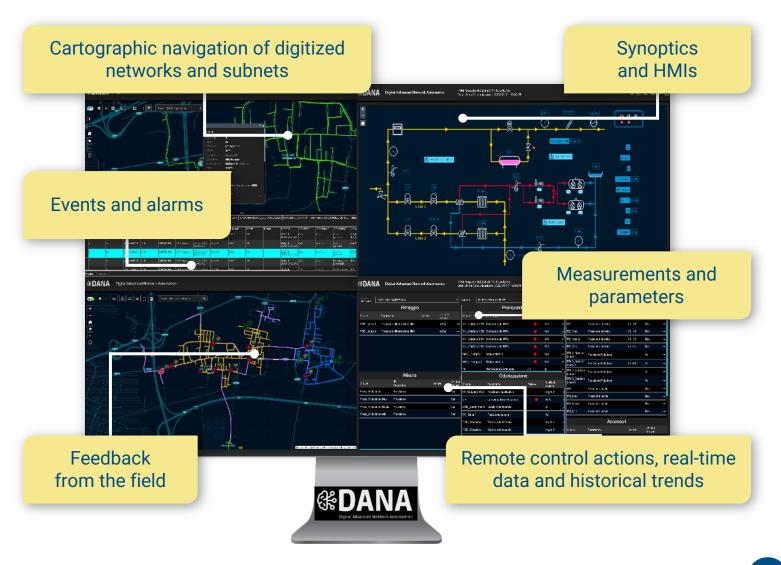
Investing

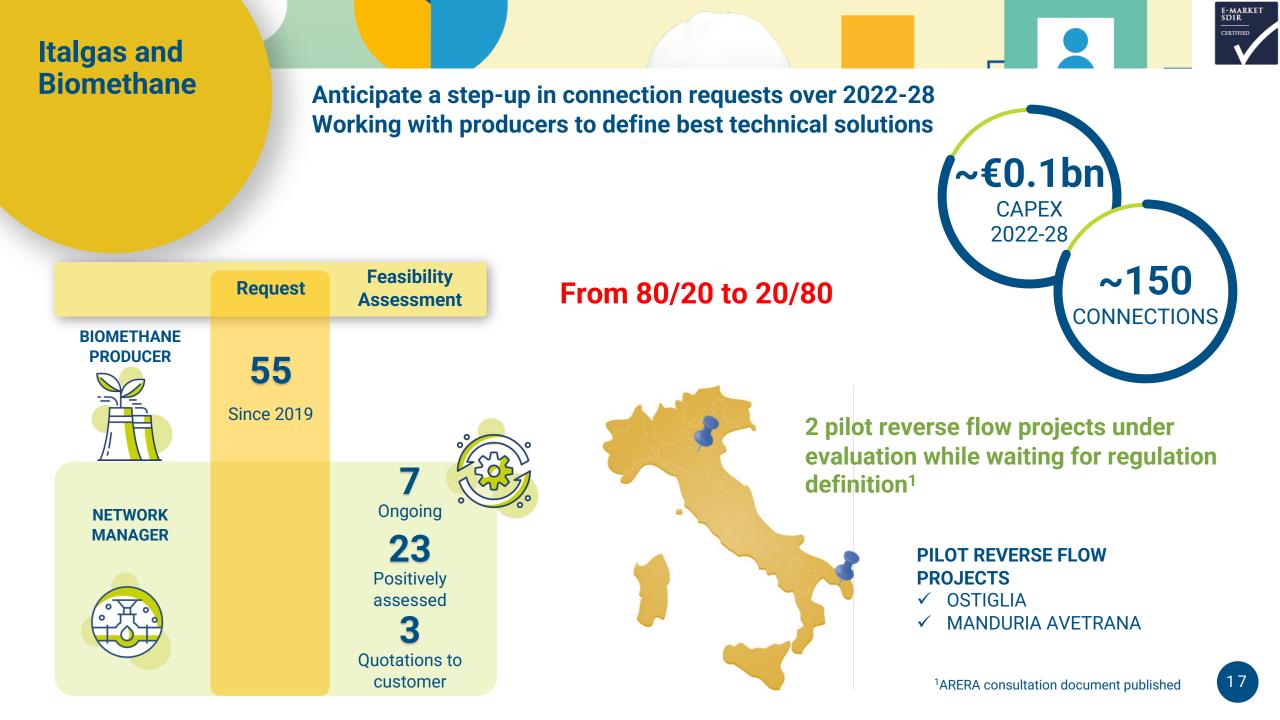
## DANA a comprehensive output of innovation

DANA, our *command-and-control system* revolutionising network supervision

#### **3 MAJOR BENEFITS**:

- Monitoring of a distributed system where physical variables are interdependent
- Remote management with commands on main network processes and plants and increased governed processes efficiency and flexibility
- Enabler of renewable gases management





## **Italgas and Hydrogen** pulling several levers



Ongoing assessment, upgrade and digitization of the network to allow distribution of green gases as well as to increase efficiency and reliability Design of new H2 ready smart meter

Several initiatives ongoing to ensure network readiness for hydrogen distribution and blending



Development and construction of a **P2G pilot project** in Sardinia to test the entire **green hydrogen value chain, including implications on equipment** 



**Hydrogen Lab** to be located next to ITG P2G plant in Sardinia to test boilers/ water heaters, gas metering and odorization, gas quality check equipment, piping and gas meters aging

**Buzzi** Unicem

MOU with **Buzzi Unicem** for the development of a feasibility study relating to the construction of **P2G plants in combination with Carbon Capture Systems** in Buzzi Unicem's production sites



International partnerships for knowledge sharing, like those with Jemena (Australia) and Marubeni (Japan)

#### Hydrogen Readiness equipment testing

#### Preliminary results of Italgas' network technical assessment has showed high levels of compatibility with hydrogen blends up to 10%

Distribution network compatibility to H2 under test

Ongoing evaluation of Italgas network compatibility in order to identify the investments necessary to upgrade the network

#### Phase 1

Analysis and preliminary assessment o. suitability to distribute a natural gas / hydrogen blends in networks and pressure reduction stations.

Phase 2

Identification of sample networks to test materials and equipment on site and in collaboration with internal R&D laboratories

#### Completed

## Hydrogen Readiness Italgas P2G project

**Owned RES Plant** 

Storage & blending

**Refuelling station** 

Electrolyser

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1 MW

0.5 MW

300 kg

300 kg/d

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• Electrical and control cabinet

Control

Equipment testing

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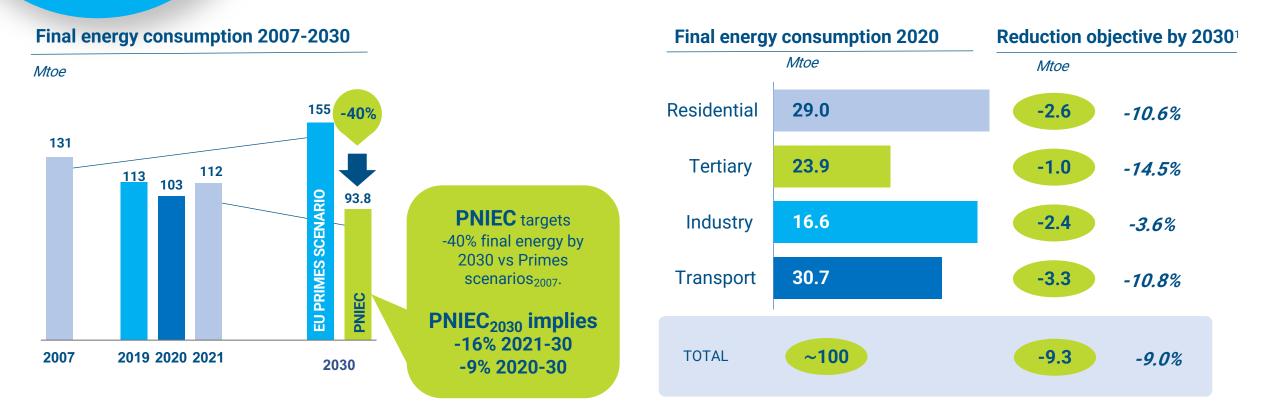
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Tier 1 Player in Energy Efficiency

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### **Energy Efficiency** a EU priority

**REPowerEU enhanced energy efficiency targets at EU wide levels Existing Italian targets already require additional efforts to 2030** 



Source: Final energy consumption Eurostat; target consumption from PNIEC

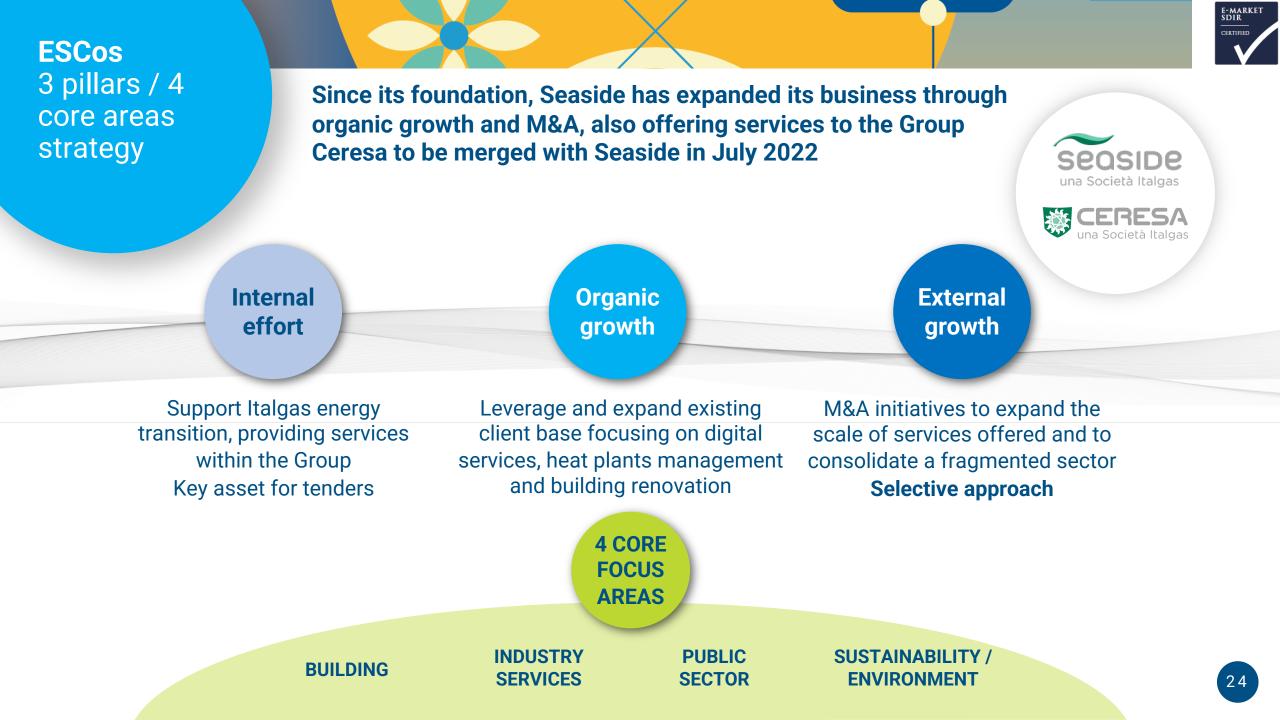
Note: (1) PNIEC defines savings expected over the period 2021-2030 based on the ~40% target vs PRIMES 2007 scenario

Energy Efficiency strong market outlook for ESCos

Meeting the targets implies a strong market outlook, while awareness of benefits increases Consolidation opportunity, given overly fragmented market



Source: McKinsey elaboration based on Digital Energy Efficiency Report 2021, Politecnico di Milano; Smart Building Report 2021, Politecnico di Milano;



## ESCos key targets





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Revenues

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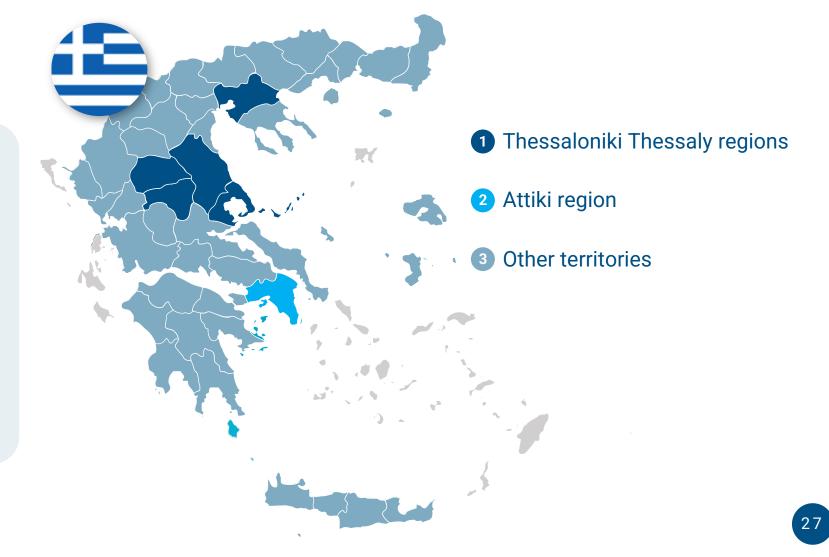
## **DEPA Infrastructure** in a nutshell

DEPA Infrastructure is the holding company which owns the three gas distribution operators EDA Thess<sup>1</sup>, EDA Attikis<sup>2</sup> and DEDA<sup>3</sup> in Greece

The three distribution network operators have **exclusive rights in their respective regions**. Combined, they cover the **quasi-entirety of the Greek market**.

Penetration rate is set to increase sharply to let Greece reach its decarbonization goals

(1) Thessaloniki – Thessalia Gas Distribution S.A.
(2) Attiki Natural Gas Distribution Single Member Company S.A.
(3) Public Gas Distribution Networks S.A.







- RAE approval pending for closing. Antitrust approval granted in March 2022
- Italgas to acquire DEPA Infrastructure through an Italian BidCo
- Consideration of €733<sup>1</sup> mn for 100% of the equity of DEPA Infrastructure<sup>2</sup>

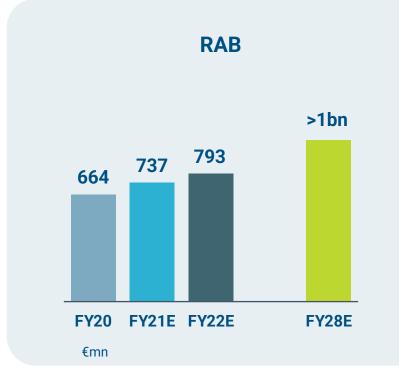


### **DEPA Infrastructure** key plan assumptions

Pending closing the plan incorporates preliminary projections provided by the targets

**REDELIVERY POINTS** 







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Other Opportunities

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## Water committed to scale up our presence

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Best practices in gas network management applied to water networks to make water distribution more sustainable and reduce losses Targeting selective acquisition



**Italgas Acqua** 

Serving 5 municipalities in the province of Caserta 100% of the network remotely controlled

Plan Period, digitization continues CEM technology<sup>1</sup> implementation NB-IoT smart meters roll-out

#### **Strategic Positioning**

- Deep understanding of the regulation and knowledge of the business
- Expertise in managing pipeline networks, improving their performance & solid partnerships with technical experts
- Opportunity to digitise new grids replicating what Italgas' model
- ★ Sustainability focus

Scouting for M&A opportunities



Note: (1) CEM Central Event Management; (2) Organic and M&A



Bludigit

#### Spun-off in July 2021

Brings together all the Information Technology (IT) activities and the Digital Factory

Fully owned by Italgas



**Business Goal Enablement:** develop digital services available to the business, improving resiliency and scalability



**Commercial service development:** open sales channels and new partnerships

#### **Objectives**

## Techno

**Technological Portfolio Optimisation:** ensure the constant update of technologies while optimizing costs

Bludigit pushing capex effectiveness with Capexforce

Capexforce is the further step in capex management effectiveness. Integrated with proprietary solutions, tailored for our core business.



#### **Advantages**



Increase capital productivity: roadblocks and downtimes removal through improved end-to-end visibility



**Push digital transformation:** simplification and automation of internal processes involved, i.e. Planning, Engineering, Permitting, Procurement, Deployment, Operations

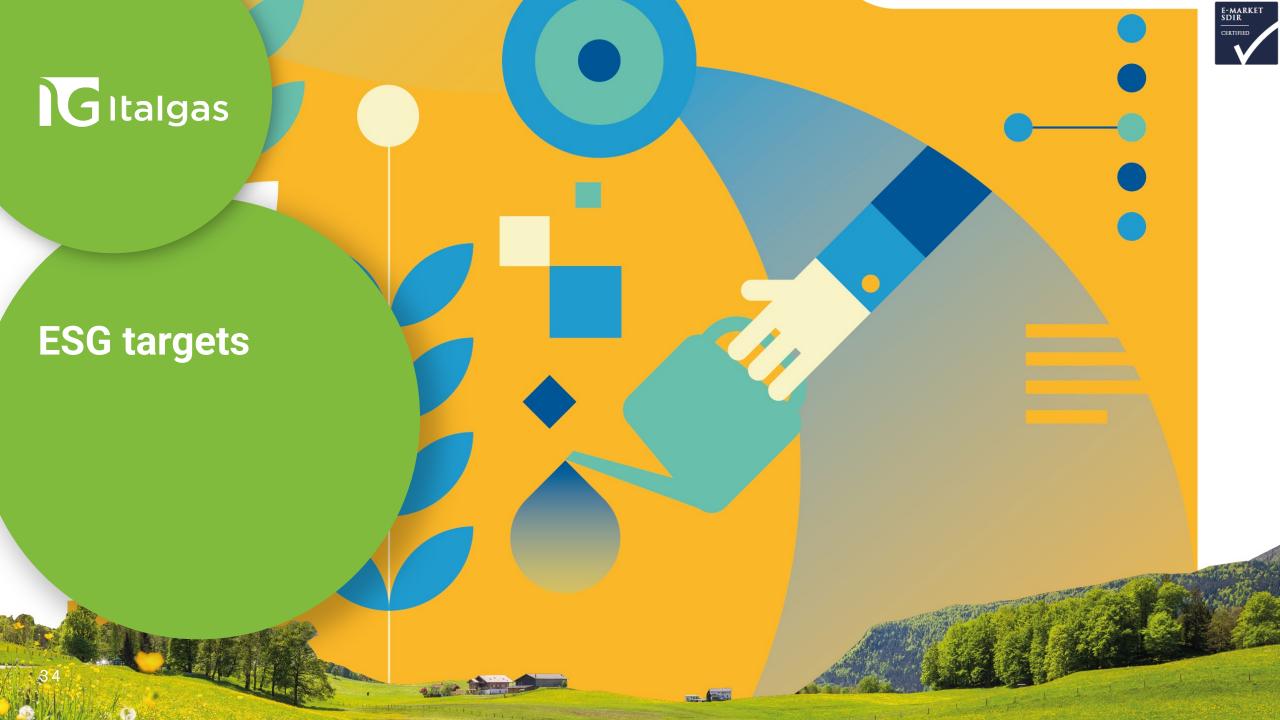


**New business opportunities:** proprietary solutions offered as license to energy and infrastructure operators

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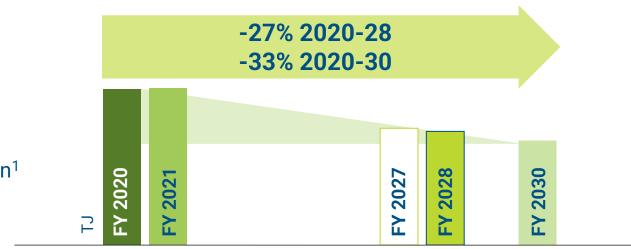
End-to-end digital solution, for the optimization of the capital investment cycle

Leverages on Salesforce technology and on an ecosystem of proprietary solutions (e.g. WorkOnSite, ShareView) to ensure on-quality and on-time deployment of capex



## **ESG** environmental targets enhanced

Net Energy Consumption<sup>1</sup>

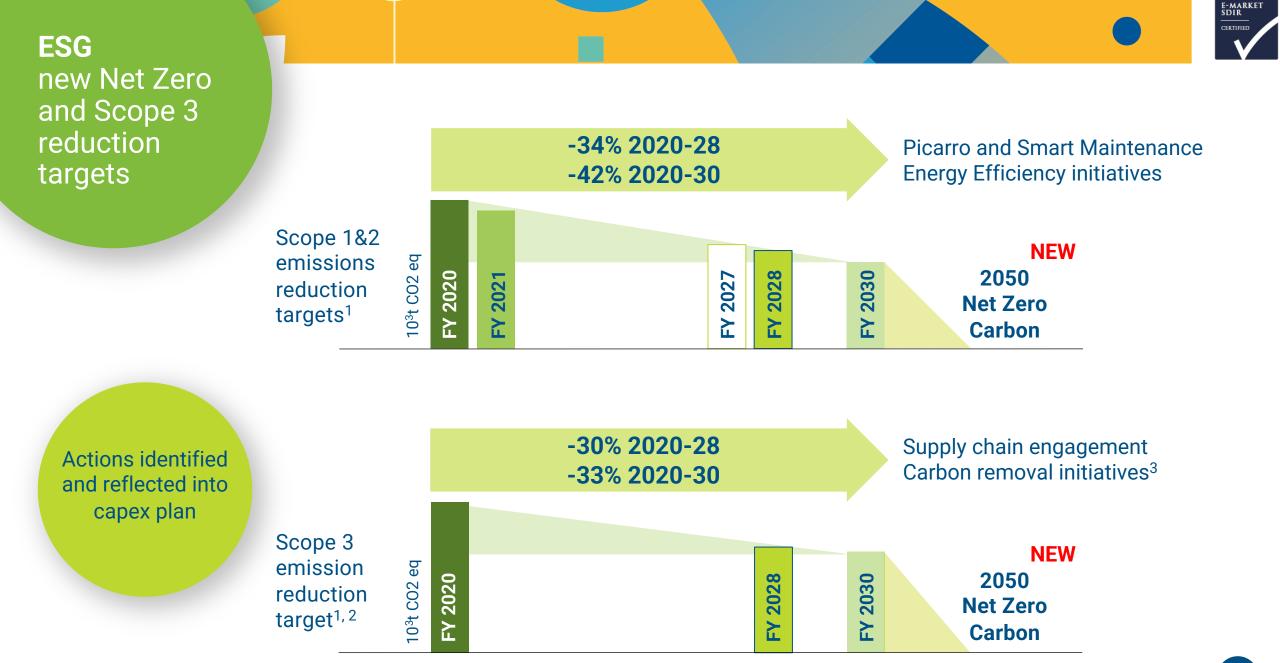


Actions identified and reflected into capex plan **Efficiency measures for industrial consumption**: preheating processes, onsite renewable energy production and auto-consumption, digitalization of monitoring and control systems of the plants

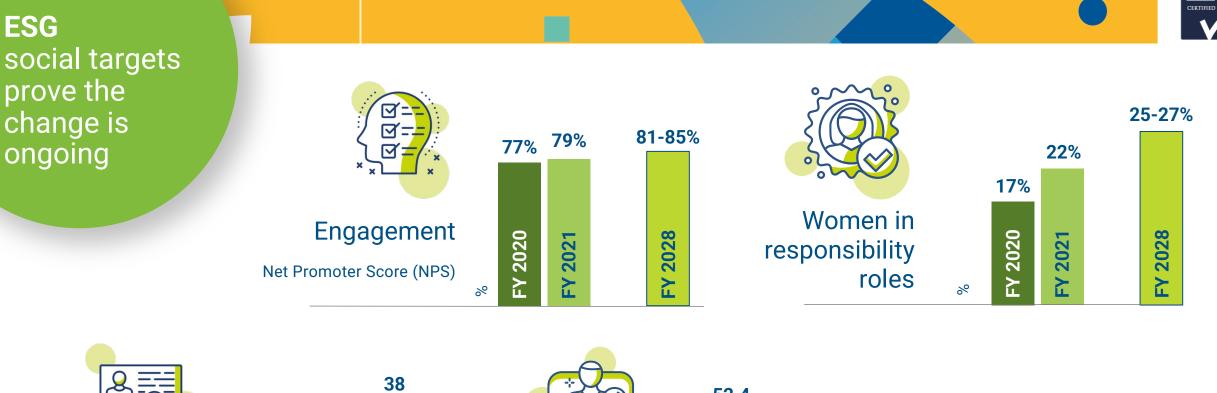
**Office management and buildings renovation** effort together with constant process of optimisation, renewal, **digitalization of monitoring and control systems** of the buildings

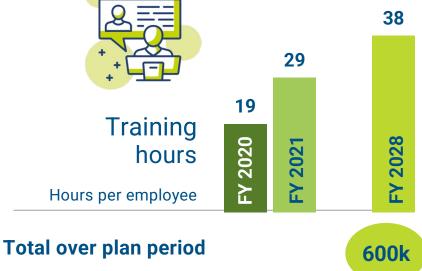
Optimisation and renewal of the car fleet

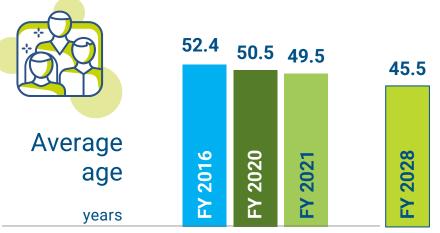




Note: (1) unchanged perimeter, ie excluding M&A, DEPA Infrastructure and tenders (market based scope 2), targets aligned with SBTi in terms of linear annual reduction and in absence of SBTI methodology for gas distribution; (2) baseline recalculated taking into account specific suppliers' emission factors; (3) post 2030;



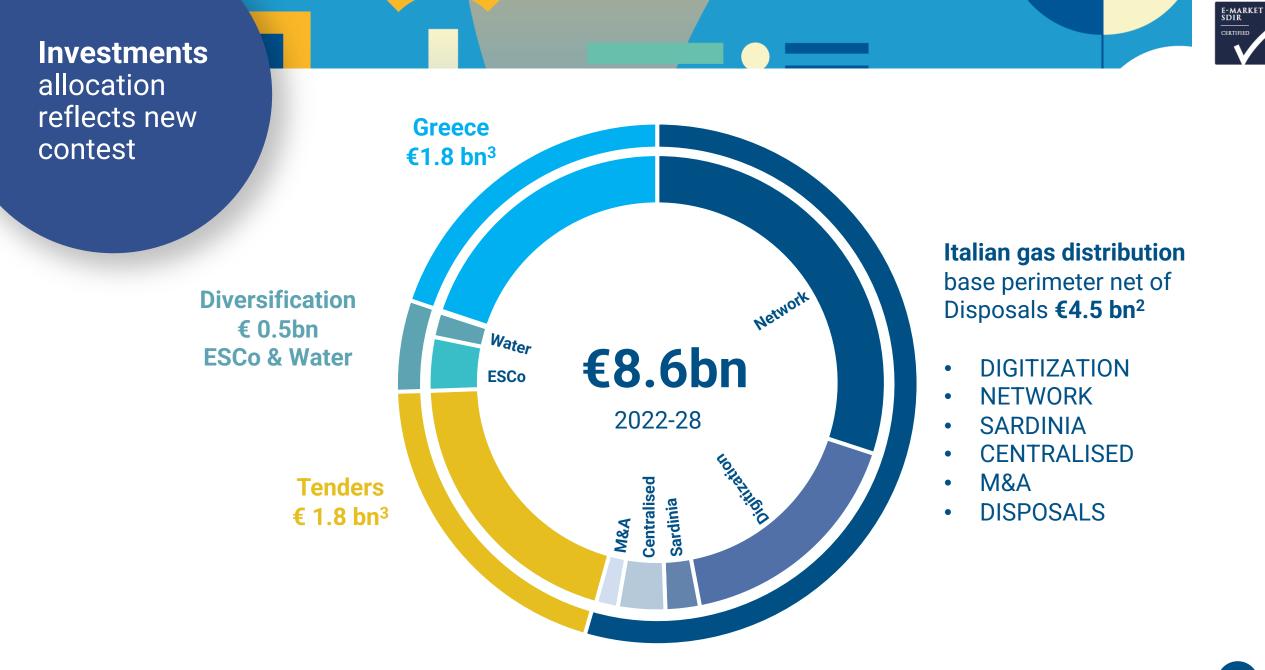


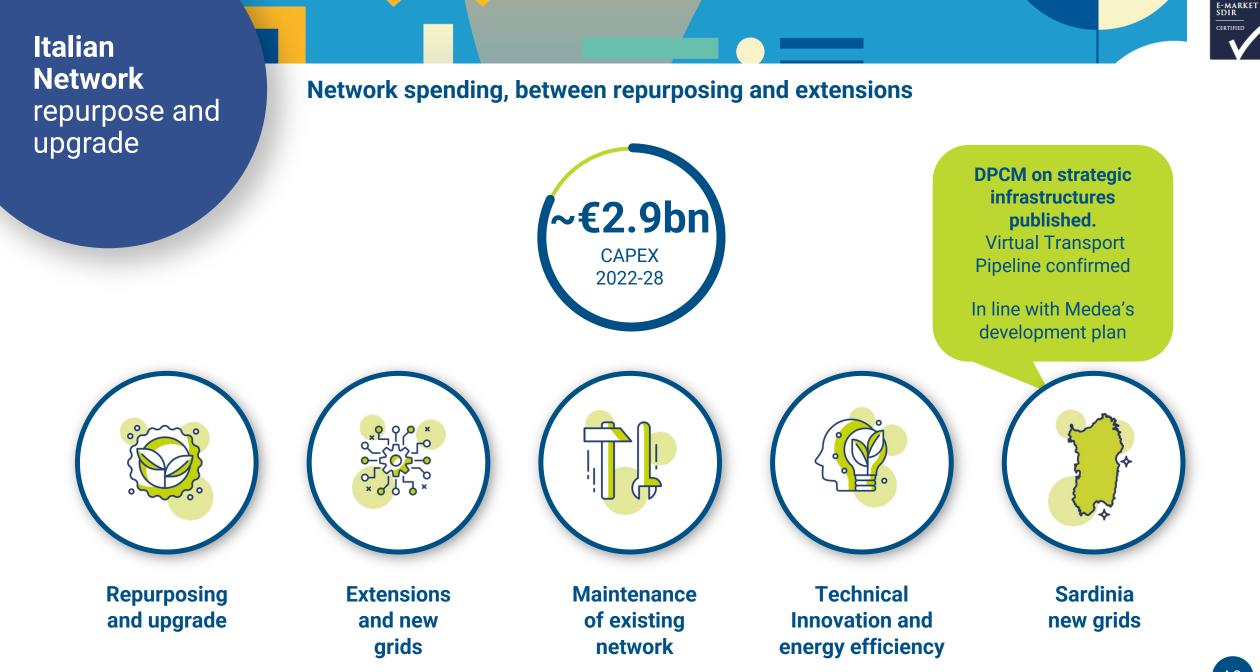


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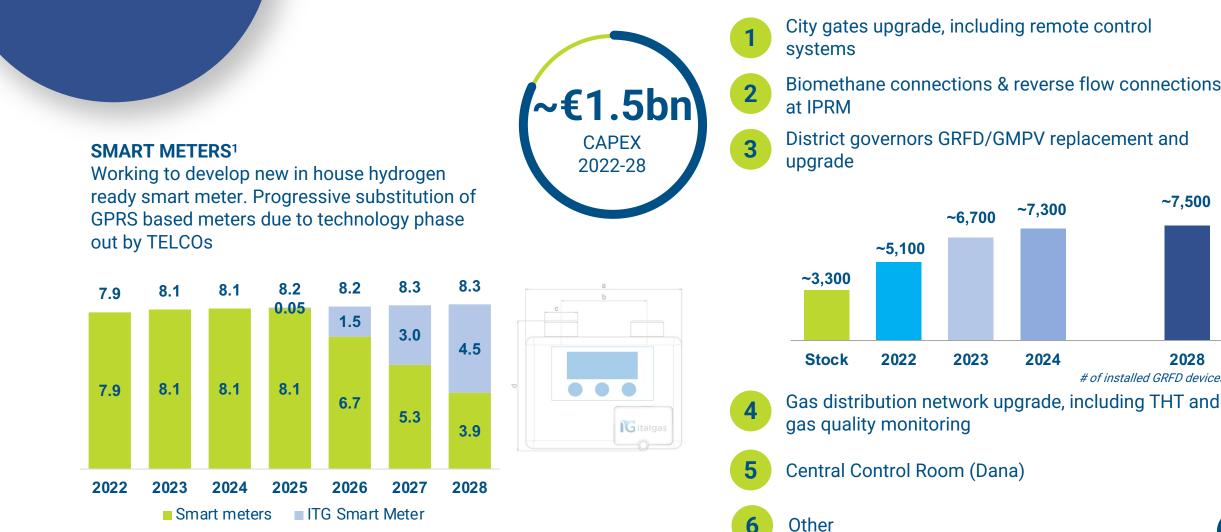




Note: of which Sardina Capex €0.2bn, does not include Centralised capex for €0.3bn

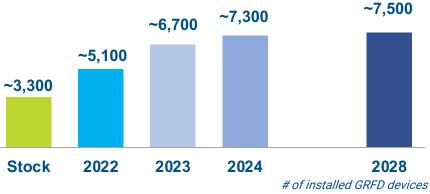
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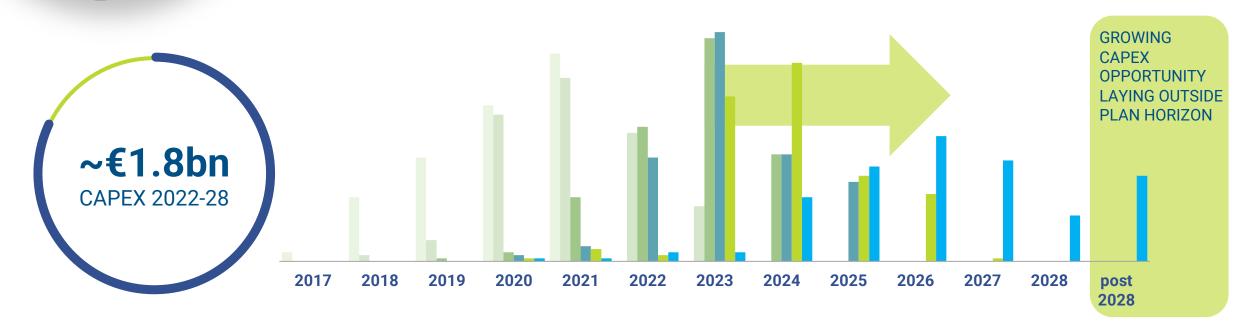


Note: (1) meters gross of disposals



**Tenders** new timeline reflects more cautious approach

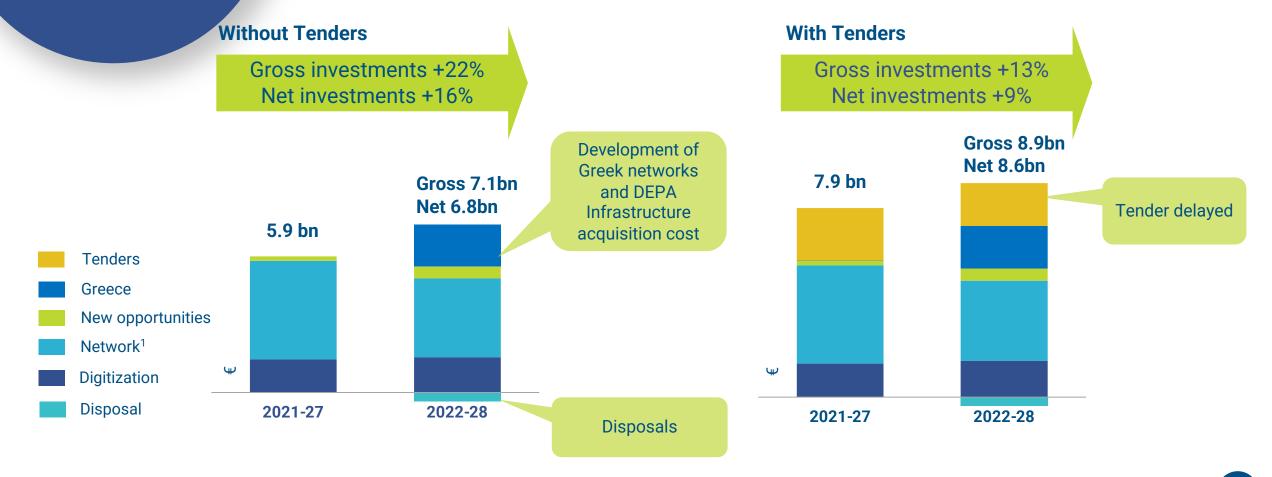
Visibility on timing is low, peak moved to 2026 and tenders to complete beyond plan period Capex opportunity laying outside plan horizon growing



■ 2017-23 Plan ■ 2018-24 Plan ■ 2019-25 Plan ■ 2020-26 Plan ■ 2021-27 Plan ■ 2022-28 Plan

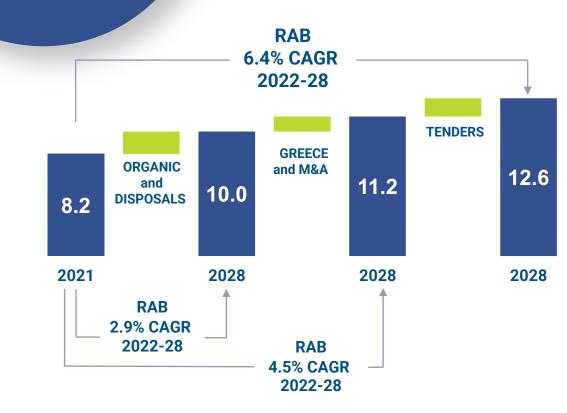
# **Investments** still growing

Investment plan reflects Greek acquisition and repositioning of capex to maximise returns as well as selective disposals





Growth in RAB and redelivery points driven by organic investments, M&A and tenders



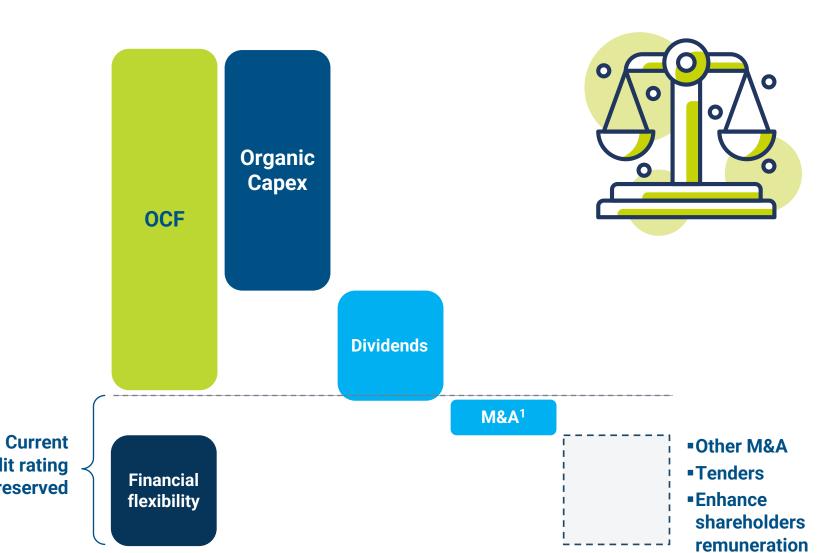




Balanced **Financial** Structure through plan period

> To ensure value creation, support growth opportunities, guarantee a robust shareholder's return

> > credit rating preserved



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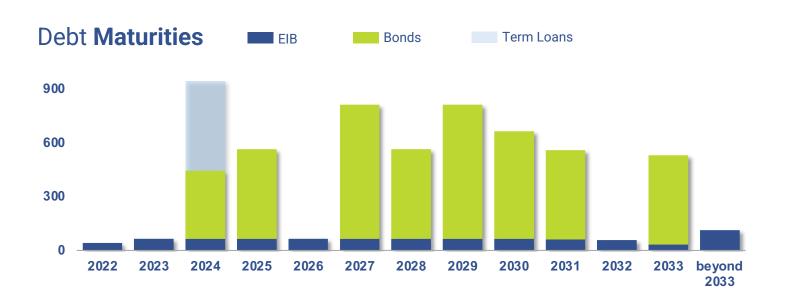
DEBT STRUCTURE a key source of value creation

**No major refinancing needs** until 2024

Liquidity currently >1.2bn to cover short term outflows and to keep an adequate buffer going forward

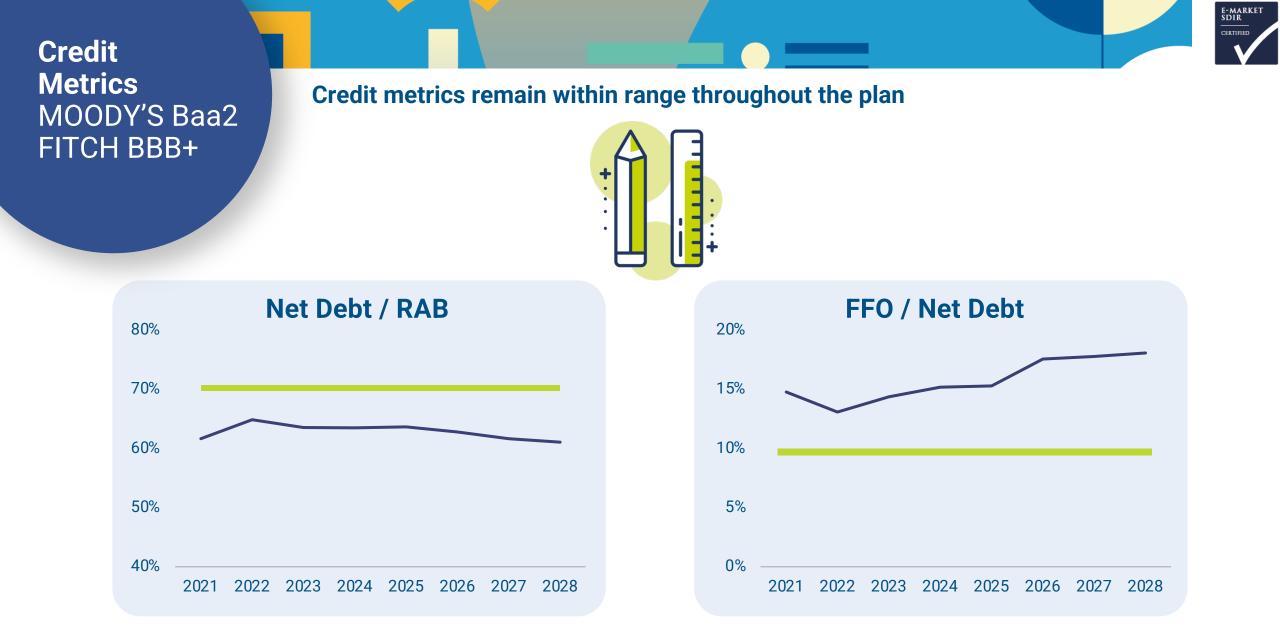
Current debt structure allows to **keep an average cost of debt** <1.2% over plan period

Recourse to **sustainable finance sources** 



### 31/03/2022 Gross Debt Structure<sup>1</sup>





# Guidance With Tenders



€ mn	2022		2025	2028
<b>Revenues adjusted</b>	>1.4bn	Revenues	~2.0bn	>2.6bn
EBITDA adjusted	1.00-1.03bn	EBITDA	~1.45bn	>1.8bn
EBIT adjusted	570-590	EBIT/RAB <sup>2</sup>	~7.9%	~8.8%
Technical Capex	700-750	Consolidated RAB	11.0bn	12.6bn
<b>Net Debt</b> with IFRS 16 <sup>1</sup>	~5.9bn	FFO / RAB	10%	11%
Leverage <sup>1</sup>	64.9%	Leverage	<64%	~61%

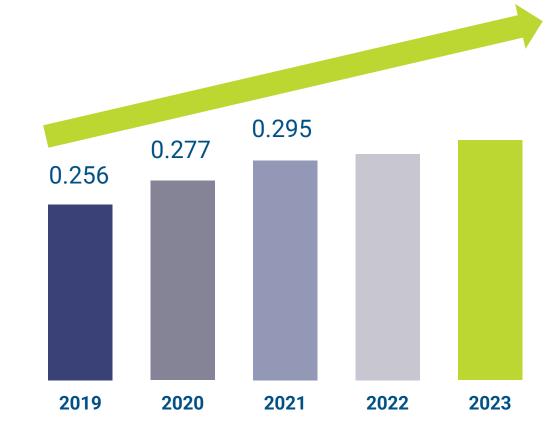
Current Dividend Policy to 2023

Solid and visible return, while allowing investors to benefit from growth

### **DPS equal to**

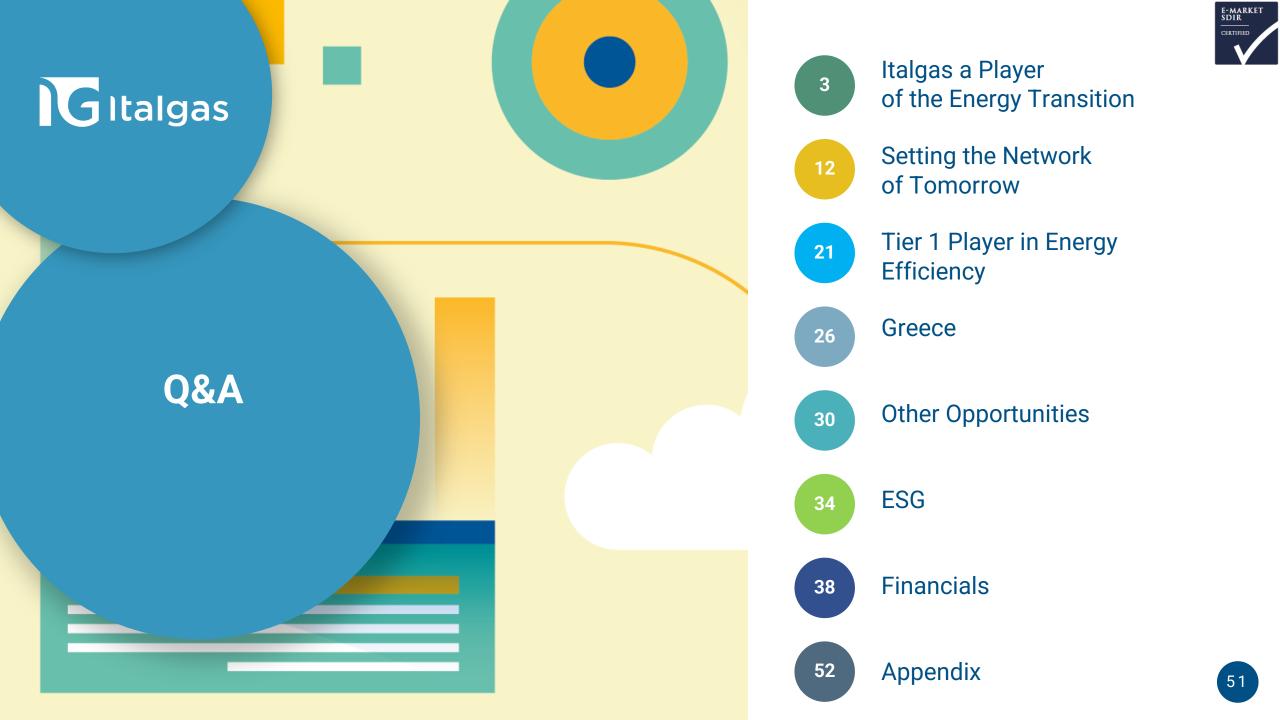
- 65% payout on Adjusted Net Income
- DPS 2019 +4% per annum





#### Dividend per share (€)

Illustrative chart, DPS paid in the following year





# ESG people to support the growth

3 pillars HRO strategy defined in 2021 confirmed and improved. Strategy designed to sustain people development and well-being as a tool to achieve industrial growth

# ENGAGEMENT & CHANGE MANAGEMENT

Change passes through people, their engagement. Integration between core and new businesses, safeguarding the unique Italgas' culture



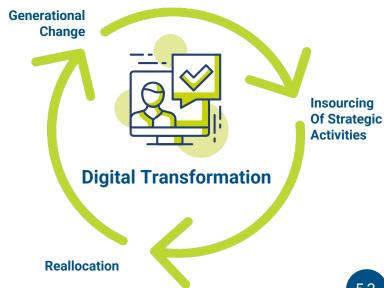
#### SUSTAINABILITY, DIVERSITY & INCLUSION

Improve business sustainability, diversity, inclusion and gender equality

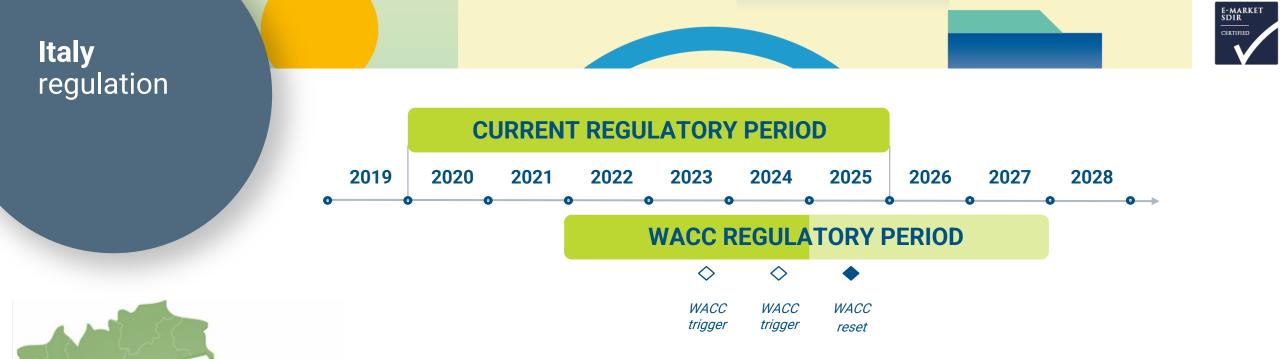
Launch and set up of a number of new initiatives to support well-being, safety, working instruments and patterns, inclusion and diversity, learning opportunities.

### OPERATIONAL EFFICIENCIES

# Operational excellence leveraging on digitization



<b>Energy</b> <b>Policy</b> REPower EU and national policies	EUROPE	ITALY	GREECE	E-M SDI Cert
GREEN GASES	Accelerated green gases development vs Fitx55 (biomethane & hydrogen)	Development of biomethane to reach 2.5 Bcm by 2026		
NATIONAL ENERGY PRODUCTION	Nuclear and coal potential phase-out delay	Increase of national gas production to 5 Bcm (+50%)	Lignite power plants phase out delay to 2028, +50% increase in lignite mining	
INFRASTRUCTURES DEVELOPMENT	Increase supply from non-Russian routes, new interconnections and maximisation of LNG import capacity	New agreements with exporting countries (Algeria, Azerbaijan, Egypt, Qatar, USA) + new FSRU/LNG	New pipeline (IGB) + TAP expansion + new FSRU units	
STORAGE	Set up of minimum storage requirement targets by end of summer		Strategic storage– exploring option of strategic storage in Italy	
GAS and ENERGY PRICES	Allow actions to mitigate commodity prices impact on end users – discussion on European gas price	Actions to mitigate commodity prices impact on end users		
ENERGY EFFICIENCY	Push for energy efficiency to 13% vs 2020 (from 9%)	Incentives for buildings renovations (superbonus, ecobonus) and temperatures control		
FER ACCELERATION	Renewables acceleration to 45% (from 40%) of final energy consumption led by solar			5



New regulatory period for allowed return started in January 2022

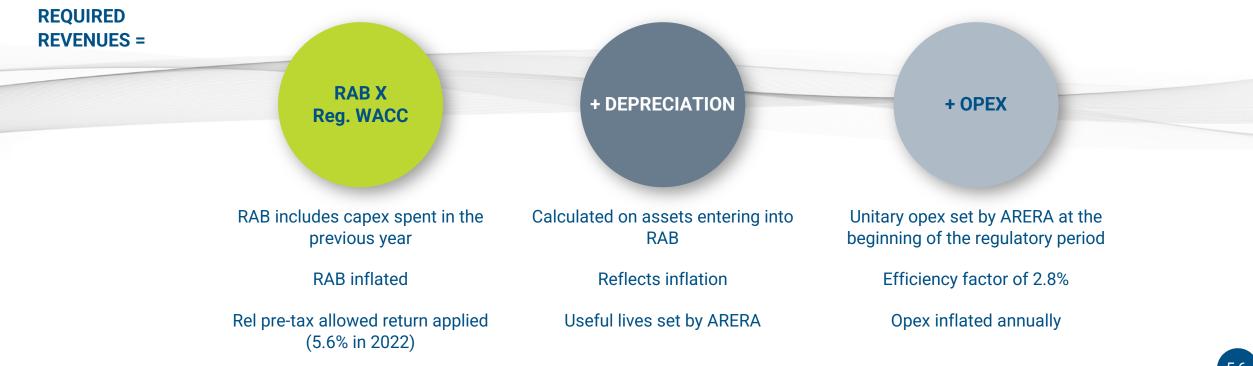
#### Key features of Italian regulation

- RAB-based framework set and regulated by ARERA
- · Tariffs ensure return on assets
- No volume risks, temporary tariffs mismatch impact working capital
- Different regulatory period for WACC and other tariff components
- Majority of capex recognized at cost
- 5.6% real allowed return for 2022, trigger mechanism for 2023-24 and rest in 2025 with pre-established rules
- Inflation protection

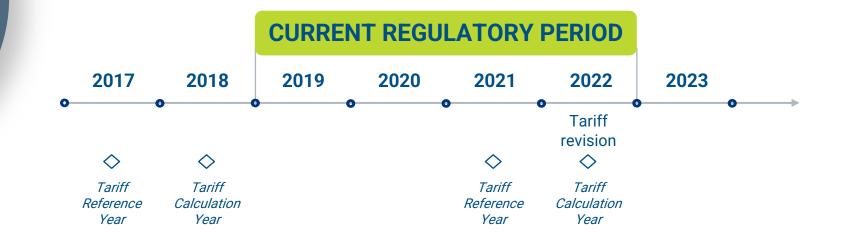
# **Italy** regulated reveneus scheme



Unitary tariffs are **set for the regulatory period** for each distribution area: Achieved revenues reflect return on asset base. Working capital temporarily impacted by volumes fluctuations.



# Greece regulation



Transparent regulatory framework

with numerous

similarities to the

Italian system



allowing to implement Italgas' long-term strategic vision through compensation mechanism for under-recoveries

Downside

protection

### Key features of Greek regulation

- RAB-based framework regulated by the Regulatory Authority for Energy
- Tariffs reflect business plans presented by the company, including investments agreed with RAE
- Regulatory periods last 4 years
- 7.03% nominal return in 2021-22E, with an implied tax rate of 24%
- 1.5% additional return for investments meeting certain criteria
- Mechanism in place to compensate of any under / over recovery of required revenues

# Greece regulated revenues scheme



<sup>1</sup> Actual revenues are the revenues collected by the company based on the application of the distribution tariffs to the redelivery points served

### **Key features**

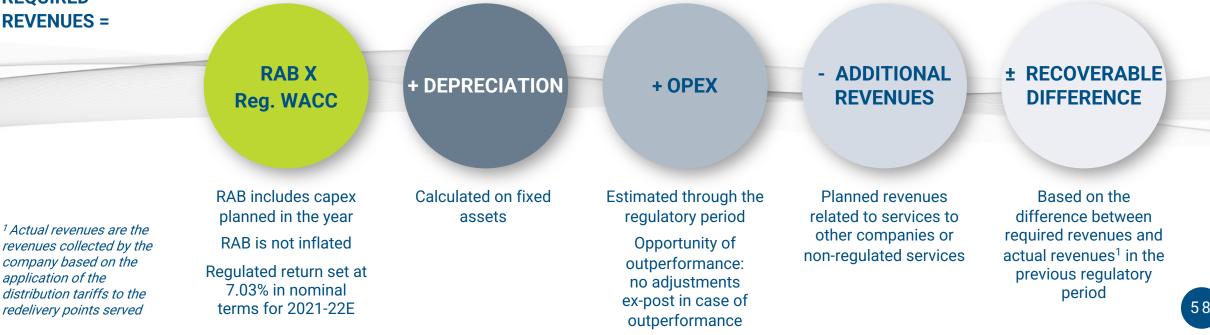
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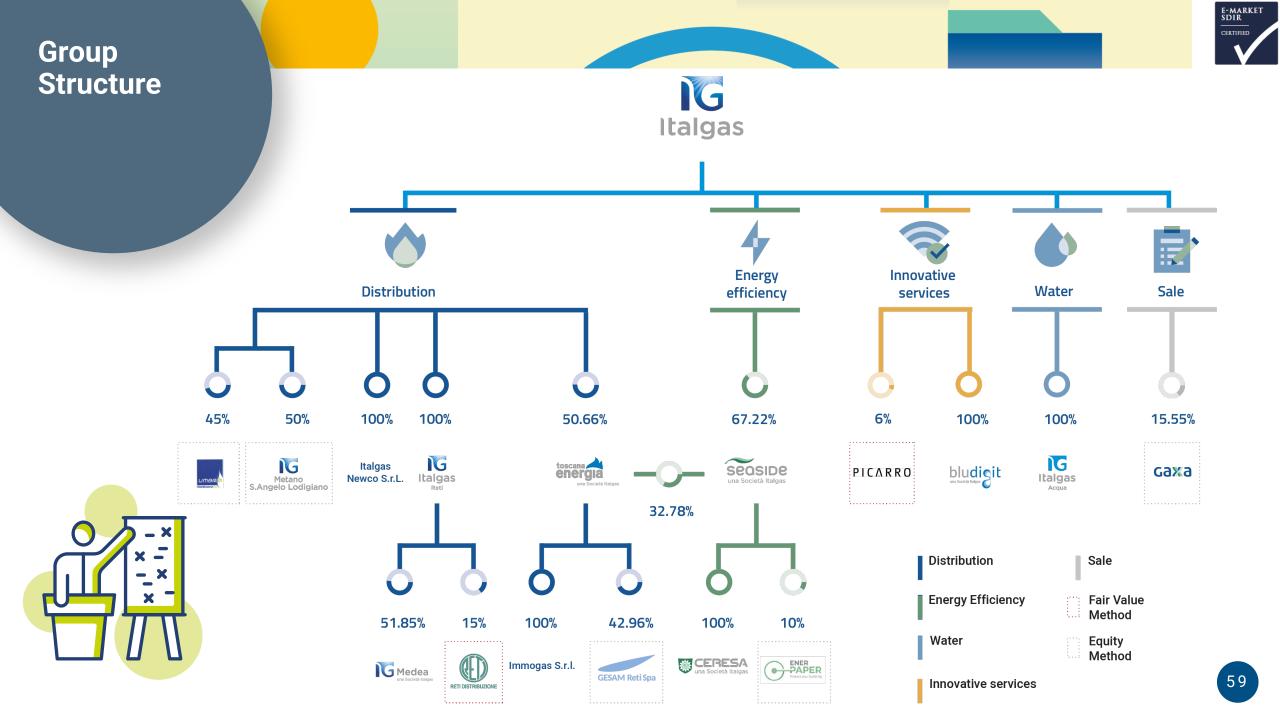
Based on the approved business plans and allowed returns, and inflated annually: • the DSO is entitled to collect (required) revenues based on all investments and operational costs

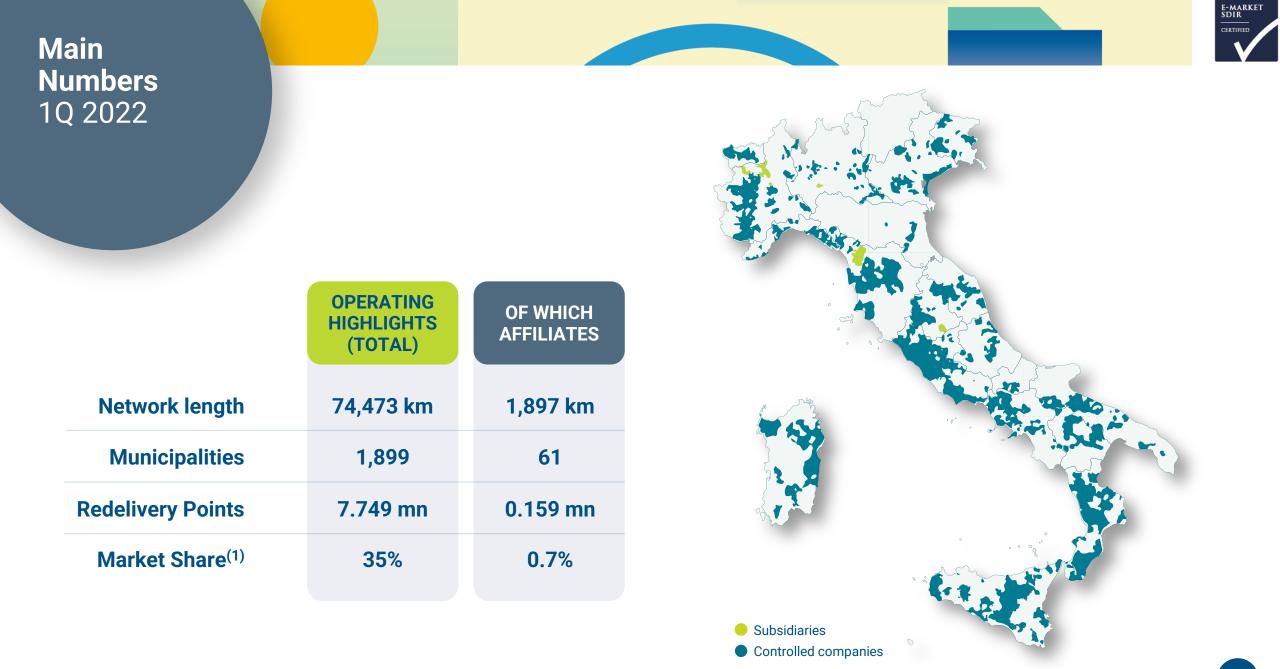
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Taking into consideration estimated growth in redelivery points and volumes distributed

Achieved revenues are based on actual bills collection but there is a recoverable difference mechanism in place







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