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ACEA PARTICIPATES IN THE G7 AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES MEETING IN SYRACUSE, SICILY

The Group showcases a dedicated water-themed stand at the "Divination – Expo 24" exhibition the island of Ortygia, part of the city of Syracuse in Sicily. ACEA has recently won the contract for managing the integrated water service in Syracuse and 19 other municipalities in the province.

Syracuse, September 22, 2024 - ACEA, a *leading* industrial group in the water sector and one of the top operators in energy and environmental services, is present with a stand at the "Divination – Expo 24" exhibition on the island of Ortygia from September 21 to 29, in the context of the international G7 event on Agriculture and Fisheries.

This event provides an opportunity to **emphasize the importance of water for the economic and social development of Italy, with a particular focus on the use of water resources in agriculture**. For ACEA, the country's leading water operator, sustainability is integrated into every aspect of its business, especially in the water sector, which is essential and strategic in the current historical context. **The company plans to invest €4.7 billion in the water sector by 2028.**

At the **Ortygia stand**, equipped with *LED walls*, ACEA representatives present thematic **corners showcasing** the Group's projects: from PNRR (National Recovery and Resilience Plan) works in the water sector to the application of artificial intelligence in managing increasingly *smart* infrastructures. Additionally, visitors can take a virtual tour of water treatment facilities and infrastructure through the use of VR headsets.

ACEA's presence at the G7 in Ortygia underscores the industrial strategy of the company, led by CEO Fabrizio Palermo, which has recently secured the contract for managing the integrated water service in Syracuse and 19 other municipalities in the province. ACEA will oversee over 2,000 kilometers of water network serving 166,000 users, along with 1,300 kilometers of sewer network serving 390,000 residents. The concession will last for 30 years.

The company is also committed to promoting a **new culture of water** that encourages greater awareness and responsibility in resource consumption.

Finally, ACEA has signed an agreement with Italian international banking group Intesa Sanpaolo to develop collaborations aimed at protecting and reusing

water resources, including in agricultural settings. This partnership involves investments in the reuse of treated water within so-called “water communities”, positively impacting the environment, local areas, and businesses by stabilizing their water supply. To this end, **Intesa Sanpaolo will allocate up to €20 billion** to support initiatives from companies and operators in the water supply chain, **while ACEA will leverage its expertise to identify new system-level initiatives, providing innovative solutions to promote efficient water use through technological advisory services.**

ACEA is one of the leading industrial groups in Italy. Listed on the stock exchange since 1999, it is active in managing and developing networks and services in the water, energy, and environmental sectors. ACEA Group is the largest national water operator, serving approximately 10 million residents in Lazio, Tuscany, Umbria, Molise, and Campania, with over 59,000 km of managed water networks. Always focused on water protection, the company engages in specific activities covering all stages of the supply chain, from safeguarding water sources to conducting analytical tests to monitor water quality. In the water sector, ACEA has adopted an innovative approach to management and organization aimed at preventing and mitigating the impacts of climate change, minimizing losses, and ensuring the resilience of water systems through predictive monitoring. This approach includes agreements and synergies with other operators for sharing technological know-how and promoting the digitalization of infrastructure.

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