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## **PRESS RELEASE**

### **ACEA ANNOUNCES LAUNCH OF ITS FIRST *GREEN BOND* WORTH €800M**

### **GROUP FURTHER STRENGTHENS ITS COMMITMENT TO SUSTAINABILITY**

**Rome, 21 January 2021** - ACEA SpA (the "**Company**") announces that, pursuant to the Board of Directors' resolution of 16 December 2020, it has launched its first Green Bond issuance, for a total amount of €800m. The Bonds, to be issued in two tranches, are covered by the recently published Green Financing Framework and form part of the €4,000,000,000 Euro Medium Term Notes (EMTN) programme (the "**Bonds**"). The Bonds were issued under the Base Prospectus updated on 24 July 2020 and subsequently supplemented on 15 January 2021. The first tranche, expected to be worth approximately €300m, will mature on September 2025, whilst the second tranche, expected to amount to approximately €500m, will mature on July 2030.

The Bonds are restricted solely to Italian and international institutional investors (excluding investors located in the United States of America or who are "U.S. persons", as defined in the U.S. Securities Act of 1933, as amended).

The Bonds will be listed on the Luxembourg Stock Exchange's regulated market and the final conditions applicable to the offer of the two series, to be established following completion of the bookbuilding process, will be announced by the Company as soon as they are available.

The proceeds from the issue will be used to finance the sustainability projects included in the 2020-2024 Business Plan. These include projects relating to the protection of water resources, the resilience of the electricity distribution system, energy efficiency, e-mobility, development of the circular economy and increased production of renewable energy.

Placement of the Bonds will be managed by Barclays, BBVA, BNP Paribas, Credit Agricole CIB, Citi, Credit Suisse, IMI-Intesa Sanpaolo, MPS Capital Services, Natixis, Société Générale and UniCredit.

Moody's Investors Service and Fitch Ratings have assigned the Company long-term debt ratings of Baa2 (Stable outlook) and BBB+ (Stable outlook), respectively.

The ACEA Group's Green Financing Framework was assessed by ISS ESG, which issued the Second Party Opinion.

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