



ACEA STRENGTHENS ITS PRESENCE IN SOUTHERN ITALY: TENDER AWARDED FOR THE MANAGEMENT OF THE INTEGRATED WATER SERVICE IN THE SANNIO AREA UNTIL 2051

*Public-private partnership to serve **272,000 residents across 78 municipalities**, with an estimated value of over **€1 billion***

Rome, 19 June 2026 – Acea strengthens its leadership in the water sector by further expanding its presence across Italy. Following tender awards in several parts of the country (most recently in Liguria and Sicily), Acea enters the Sannio area through a major strategic initiative.

Acea Acqua Spa has been awarded the tender, with an estimated value of **more than €1 billion**, to manage the Integrated Water Service (SII) in the Sannio area. Acea Acqua will be the private partner in Sannio Acque Srl, a mixed public-private company owned **55% by public shareholders and 45% by Acea Acqua Spa**.

The concession, which **will run until 2051**, covers a highly significant service area comprising the municipality of **Benevento** and **77 other municipalities in the same province**, serving a total of **272,000 residents** across a total area of **2,088 km²**, with a water network spanning **5,544 km**.

With this tender award, Acea further strengthens its position as **Italy's leading operator in the water sector**, confirming its commitment to developing and efficiently managing strategic infrastructure for the country. In particular, Acea's presence in Campania, also through the assets of Gori Spa, a company in which Acea holds a stake and which manages the integrated water service in the Sarnese Vesuviano district, will cover a **total of 153 municipalities, 2,988 km² of service area and 13,697 km of water network serving 1,667,601 residents**.

"We are proud of this achievement, which once again confirms Acea's strength as Italy's leading water infrastructure operator and the value of the expertise we bring to the areas we serve," said **Fabrizio Palermo, Chief Executive Officer and General Manager of Acea**. "The expansion of our management activities in the Sannio area represents a strategic step for our company. We will provide the investments, industrial expertise and innovation needed to improve service



quality, support the modernisation of infrastructure and respond to the needs of local communities, contributing to the sustainable development of the area.”

Sannio Acque represents a virtuous model of public-private collaboration, aimed at ensuring efficient, resilient and future-oriented management of the water service, in line with national and international best practices in the sector.

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