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ACEA AND POLITECNICO DI MILANO SIGN AN AGREEMENT TO PROMOTE RESEARCH, TRAINING AND INNOVATION IN THE INFRASTRUCTURE SECTORS

A strategic collaboration to develop joint research projects, support advanced training programmes and facilitate the transfer of innovation to the industry

Rome, 9 September 2026 – ACEA and Politecnico di Milano have signed a three-year framework agreement aimed at promoting joint activities in training, research and innovation in the sectors of energy, water systems and the circular economy.

The agreement stems from a shared commitment to strengthen collaboration between academia and industry, leveraging complementary expertise and creating new opportunities for scientific and technological development. Through this agreement, the two organisations intend to design, develop and implement joint initiatives capable of generating knowledge, innovation and a tangible impact in the key areas of the sustainable transition.

As an industrial partner, ACEA will make available its expertise in the areas of energy production, distribution and management, integrated water service management and environmental services, sharing research topics of strategic relevance.

Specifically, the agreement covers several areas of strategic collaboration, including the development of research projects in the fields of water and energy systems, the funding of PhD programmes, and the promotion of initiatives dedicated to career guidance, professional integration and talent development through the activities of the Politecnico di Milano's Career Service.

The collaboration will also promote technology transfer and foster the development of new skills, helping to prepare professionals and researchers capable of tackling the challenges of digital transformation and sustainability.

*"The start of our collaboration with Politecnico di Milano" – said **Marco Pastorello, Chief Transformation Officer of Acea** – "represents an important opportunity to strengthen our commitment to applied research and training in the infrastructure sectors. Through this agreement, we want to bring together ACEA's industrial expertise and Politecnico di Milano's academic excellence to contribute directly to building increasingly sustainable, resilient and future-oriented infrastructure and services".*

*"Collaboration between universities and industry is essential for transforming research and expertise into innovation capable of making tangible difference to the major challenges of the sustainable and digital transition" – said **Daniele Rocchi, Vice-Rector for Technology Transfer and Corporate Relations at Politecnico di Milano** – "The agreement stems from shared values and key objectives for the Politecnico di Milano and ACEA: investing in knowledge, developing new skills and creating innovative solutions capable of generating a positive impact on society. The excellence of academic research, combined with experience from the industrial world, creates new opportunities for growth and contributes to the country's sustainable development".*