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Acea enters Calabria by acquiring 80% of Kratos

The Group expands its presence in the water services sector, bringing the number of Italian regions in which it operates to nine

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Rome, 6 October 2026 – Acea Acqua is expanding its presence in the Italian water sector by completing the acquisition of 80% of Kratos S.c.a r.l., the concessionaire for collection and purification in the Cosenza-Rende homogeneous area under a concession awarded by Consorzio Valle Crati. Geko S.p.A. will retain a 20% stake in the company.

The transaction marks the Acea Group's entry into Calabria and covers an area comprising 25 municipalities, with around 200,000 residents, approximately 300,000 population equivalents and more than 119 kilometres of sewerage and collection networks.

*"Acea's entry into Calabria represents an important step in the Group's growth and consolidation in the water sector," said **Enrico Pezzoli, Chief Executive Officer of Acea Acqua**. "With the acquisition of Kratos, we are bringing our expertise, know-how and an industrial model focused on efficiency, service quality and sustainability to Calabria. Our goal is to make a tangible contribution to the development of the area by making investments, technologies and management capabilities available to strengthen water infrastructure and improve the service for the benefit of communities and citizens."*

Acea Acqua will support the implementation of the investment programme set out in the concession and the enhancement of the area's collection and purification infrastructure.

The initiative reaffirms the Group's strategy to support the consolidation of the national water sector and promote management models capable of generating value for the areas served.

Acea is already present in the water sector in eight Italian regions: Lazio, Umbria, Tuscany, Molise, Campania, Valle d'Aosta, Liguria and Sicily, serving around 11 million people. Acea's presence in the water sector currently includes: **Lazio** – Rome and its province through Acea Ato 2, and Frosinone and its province through Acea Ato 5; **Umbria** – through companies such as Umbra Acque, Umbriadue Servizi Idrici and SII Terni; **Tuscany** – with stakes in several water utility operators, including Acque, Nuove Acque, Publiacqua, GEAL and Acquedotto del Fiora; **Campania** – through Gori and Gesesa, as well as the recent award of the management of the integrated water service in the Sannio area to Sannio Acque; **Molise** – through Acea Molise; **Liguria** – through Rivieracqua; **Sicily** – through Aretusacqua; **Valle d'Aosta** – through ISECO; **Calabria** – since 1 October 2026, through its 80% stake in Kratos, with Geko S.p.A.