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SUSTAINABLE LOCAL DEVELOPMENT: ACEA ATO 5, UNINDUSTRIA AND THE UNIVERSITY OF CASSINO AND SOUTHERN LAZIO SIGN AN AGREEMENT

Cassino, 29 October 2026 – Today, at the Rectorate of the University of Cassino and Southern Lazio, **Acea Ato 5, UNICAS and Unindustria signed an agreement** aimed at **fostering sustained, structured collaboration between academia, the integrated water service operator and the local production system.**

The agreement aims to leverage the parties' respective expertise and potential in scientific research, education, technological innovation and the circular economy, fostering integration and coordination of their activities to support sustainable development in the local area.

Specifically, the agreement provides for **applied research activities, pilot projects and innovative initiatives** in local and production-related contexts, with the aim of translating research results into practical, replicable solutions, such as the **reuse of treated wastewater**, thereby turning a currently untapped resource into a tangible opportunity for businesses and contributing to sustainable development in the local area.

"By signing this framework agreement", said **Claudio Cosentino, President of Acea Ato 5**, "*we are putting water at the heart of sustainable local development as a tangible driving force. The real challenge is to move beyond simply using water as a resource and embrace a circular model in which it can be recovered, reused and returned to the local area in the form of new opportunities. This is precisely the ambition behind the collaboration between Acea Ato 5, the University and the local production system: to bring together research, industrial expertise and operational capabilities to develop innovative solutions that can be put into practice. The reuse of treated wastewater can play an important role in this process, benefiting the environment, businesses and the competitiveness of our local economy.*"

"The signing of this agreement demonstrates the University's commitment to promoting technology transfer within the local area. We are harnessing our scientific research to drive innovation and environmental sustainability, working closely with a key water service operator such as Acea ATO 5 and the business community represented by Unindustria. This is how we intend to help create tangible value for our students, businesses and the local area," said **Marco dell'Isola, Rector of the University of Cassino.**

"The initiative marks the first step in a broader effort that we intend to pursue across the province of Frosinone, in collaboration with ATO 5, the water service operator," ***stated Corrado Savoriti, President of Unindustria Frosinone****. "Our aim is to make the most of every opportunity to reduce water consumption wherever technically feasible, while promoting a model increasingly aligned with circular economy principles. Our local area needs infrastructure innovation, and expanding these initiatives can contribute to more efficient management of water resources and water networks, delivering both environmental and economic benefits for businesses."*

Vittorio Celletti, President of Unindustria Cassino, commented: *"Today's initiative puts the spotlight back on the Cassino area's industrial capacity and ability to innovate and, in particular, on the commitment of businesses, operators and the University to sustainability and to water as an increasingly strategic resource. This institutional collaboration, under the auspices of the University, can deliver significant environmental and social benefits. It can also serve as a concrete example of innovative technologies being put into practice, as one of the first experiences of its kind in Italy."*