

PRESS RELEASE

**With the new responsibility for waste regulation,
the Authority becomes ARERA,
Autorità di Regolazione per Energia Reti e Ambiente**
(The Italian Regulatory Authority for Energy, Networks and Environment)

Milan, 5th January 2018 – With the publication of Law no. 205 of 27th December 2017 in the “Gazzetta Ufficiale” of 29th December 2017, which assigned the Authority the additional task of regulating the waste sector, the Italian Regulatory Authority for Electricity Gas and Water (AEEGSI) becomes ARERA, the Italian Regulatory Authority for Energy, Networks and Environment.

In fact, the same Law has assigned the Authority the regulation of the waste sector, with specific tasks¹ to be performed with the same powers and principles applied up to now in the other sectors for which the Authority is already responsible (electricity, gas, integrated water system and district heating), as established by its own founding law, no. 481 of 1995, changing its name to ARERA.

The first resolution of the year, Resolution 1/2018/A, provided for the implementation of all the functional activities required for the initial operations under these new responsibilities, in terms of organisational and management changes, in addition to the implementation, subsequent to the organisational changes, of a preliminary survey of the factual state of the sector and the segmentation of the individual waste cycle activities.

In addition, from 1st January 2018, the Authority’s ‘Energy Consumer Help Desk’, set up in 2009 and managed using the Single Buyer pooling, extends its services to the water sector (Resolution 900/2017/E/idr), adopting the name ‘Energy and Environment Consumer Help Desk’. In particular, in this preliminary stage, water sector customers may refer to this Help Desk for information on the newly launched social water bonus only. The services provided will then be developed progressively, based on the model of those already provided for the electricity and gas sector.

See below for the new institutional logo of the Authority - ARERA.



¹ Article 1, Par. 527 of Law n. 205/2017 assigns the Authority the functions of regulating and controlling waste “for the purpose of improving the waste cycle regulation system, including recycling, urban waste and similar, in order to guarantee homogeneous accessibility, usability and distribution throughout the country, as well as adequate levels of quality in terms of efficiency and low costs of management, harmonising the economic/financial objectives with the general social and environmental objectives and those of the appropriate use of resources, in addition to guaranteeing the infrastructural compliance with European regulations, thus overcoming the infringement procedures already in motion, with consequent economic benefits for the local authorities affected by said procedures”.