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**Water: Guerrini appointed president of Wareg,
the European Association of Water Regulators**

Milan, 26 September 2018 - Andrea Guerrini, member of the ARERA Board, was appointed President of WAREG, the European Association of Water Regulators, at the 16th General Assembly of the Association, held today in Budva (Montenegro). The appointment confirms the important role of ARERA in the regulation of water services in Europe.

During the meeting - hosted by REGAGEN, the regulatory authority in Montenegro with responsibilities in the water and energy sectors - the common position of WAREG was approved with respect to the proposal by the European Commission to revise the Drinking Water Directive. In particular, the fundamental role of the economic regulation on water services in ensuring adequate transparency and reliability of information to protect consumers was highlighted. In addition, the central role of independent regulators in ensuring adequate cost sustainability and the greater efficiency of water systems was emphasised.

The WAREG Assembly was also an opportunity to launch the discussion on the 2019-2021 three-year action plan, which will be approved by the end of this year. One of the main issues that will be addressed is the analysis of the different tariff systems in place in Europe. At the end of the Assembly, WAREG signed a memorandum of understanding with ABAR, the Brazilian association of utility regulators.