

PRESS RELEASE

## **ARERA's 2019-2021 Strategic framework published, consultation now underway**

Milan, 10 April 2019 - Ensuring energy and environmental services that are accessible to all citizens, efficient, delivered with increasing and converging quality levels in the different areas of the country, as well as environmentally sustainable, integrated at European level and in line with the principles of the circular economy, while at the same time contributing to the competitiveness of the national system.

These are some of the principles underpinning **ARERA's 2019-2021 strategic framework, just published and now open to consultation with all stakeholders.**

A document that will act as a **guide for the activity of the Authority's Board over the next 3 years**, indicating the objectives and lines of action covering all areas of competence, in light of the evolution of the national and European reference context.

The structure and content of the strategic framework - divided into cross-cutting themes for all compartments and insights on individual sectors - are **articulated on two levels**: the strategic objectives and lines of action.

**The objectives** encompass the overall strategy based on the current and medium-term scenario, with reference to both cross-cutting topics for all sectors (the centrality of the consumer, system innovation, simplification, transparency and enforcement of the regulatory framework), and specific topics of the Environment and Energy area.

**The lines of action** succinctly describe the main measures and actions that the Authority intends to carry out to achieve each strategic objective.

The strategic framework will be subjected to a month of consultation with all the stakeholders who can send their comments and proposals to the Authority, to be sent digitally or even by presenting them at the dedicated hearings to be held in early May 2019. Having analysed all the contributions, the final version of the strategic framework will then be drawn up.

"The publication of the strategic framework gives continuity to one of the key moments in the accountability process that has always characterised the Authority's activity. Supporting the definition of regulatory priorities with the stakeholders, through a selective and shared approach, is in fact a qualifying element of the Authority's activity" says **ARERA President, Stefano Besseghini.**

**The document is available on the website [www.arera.it](http://www.arera.it).**

The Authority is a collegiate body made up of a President and four members. As per Presidential Decree of 9 August 2018 Stefano Besseghini was appointed as President, and Gianni Castelli, Andrea Guerrini, Clara Poletti and Stefano Saglia were appointed as members. The Board remains in office for seven years