

**Italgas is awarded the gas service concession in the "Valle D'Aosta" district**

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Aosta, 2 January 2020 - The Aosta contracting station has officially awarded Italgas the tender for the management of the natural gas distribution service in the "Valle d'Aosta" district for the next 12 years.

The area consists of 74 municipalities, 24 of which are currently supplied with natural gas (served by about 350 km of networks), for a total of 20 thousand end users and a RAB of over 40 million euros.

In the offer presented, Italgas has planned investments of approximately 100 million euro aimed at extending the networks to areas not yet reached by the service, upgrading and digitizing existing infrastructures, and further boosting the quality and safety of the service.

These investments will generate a strong stimulus for the local economy, with positive fall out also in terms of employment, and the extension of the service to new areas will also guarantee significant savings in bills and a significant reduction in polluting emissions.

Among the measures provided for in Italgas' plans:

- the construction of about 270 km of new networks and the methanization of 17 new municipalities, including the entire valley between Aosta and Courmayeur;
- the increase in the number of users served, from the current 20,000 to about 40,000 over the 12 years of the concession;
- the complete digitization of the network and plants, including the installation of smart meters on 100% of current and future users;
- energy efficiency interventions in over 70 regional and municipal public buildings.

Italgas' offer has enabled it to outperform the competition of two other operators in the sector, achieving a significant advantage in the overall score. With particular reference to the technical offer, an important contribution was provided by the important technological innovation

measures, in line with the development guidelines of the Group's Industrial Plan which has allowed Italgas to further consolidate its leadership in Italy and Europe.

*“After the Turin 2 Area - commented Italgas' CEO Paolo Gallo - we have further confirmation in a territory with strong and historical roots for Italgas such as the Aosta Valley. A result that testifies to the goodness of the work carried out and that allows us not only to give continuity to the management of the service in the territory, but also to carry out the important investment programs planned to develop the service also in those areas not yet reached by natural gas and the complete digitalization of the infrastructures for an increasingly efficient and safer service”.*