

Italgas: the Italian Prime Minister visits the Milan headquarters and the Digital Factory

Milan, 14 October 2018 - The Italian Prime Minister, Giuseppe Conte, has visited today the Italgas headquarters in Milan together with the Company's Chief Executive Officer, Paolo Gallo.

The meeting was also attended by the President of the Lombardy Region, Attilio Fontana, the State Under Secretary for Regional Affairs, Stefano Buffagni, and the Chairman of Cassa Depositi e Prestiti, Massimo Tononi.

The visit was an opportunity to illustrate to the Prime Minister the characteristics of gas distribution sector, its development perspectives, the challenges of innovation and the strategies of Italgas.

Paolo Gallo has retraced the main pillars of Italgas 2018-2024 Strategic Plan, which provides for investments of 5.6 billion euros; a plan that has among its main targets the consolidation of the sector, in which today there are more than 200 operators, mostly small and very small, which will see Italgas as a leading actor

In addition, the other major challenge of the Strategic Plan is the technological innovation to which Italgas has allocated 800 million euros for the digitization of the network and processes; a project that will produce major improvements in terms of infrastructure management, efficiency and quality of service.

The Prime Minister has visited the new spaces dedicated to technological innovation ("Digital Factory") where multifunctional teams will develop new IT solutions in Agile and Time-Boxed mode aimed at transforming business processes. This new workplace will involve Italgas staff and will give hospitality and opportunities to the ecosystem of small and medium-sized companies that want to develop, with the support of the company, highly innovative technologies and tools. Italgas confirms its position as a leading company in the European scenario of gas distributors and as a reference model also in the field of innovation.

«In the last two years – said Paolo Gallo - Italgas is going through an extraordinary change: since its return to the Stock Exchange it has been able to initiate major organizational, technological and cultural transformations. We are investing in people and innovation and today's visit by the Prime Minister is not only an honour, but for me and the 4,000 people of Italgas it is also a significant demonstration of trust and a confirmation of the merit of the work we are carrying out».