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Milan, 4th November 2021 - Italgas has received the "Gold Standard" recognition in the first edition of the [International Methane Emissions Observatory \(IMEO\) Report](#) issued by the *United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP)* with the support of the European Commission.

Italgas was evaluated positively for having set important methane emission reduction targets and defined detailed plans for direct measurements. According to the report, the company's implementation plan presents substantial targets and credible timelines for their achievement.

Italgas's commitment is twofold: first of all, to reduce its direct emissions, it has implemented specific asset replacement and maintenance programmes to reduce the possibility of future emissions and it has introduced cutting-edge technological solutions, including a new network monitoring system based on Picarro's [CRDS](#) technology (Cavity Ring-Down Spectroscopy) which, in comparison with traditional technologies, offers significant advantages in terms of speed of execution, sensitivity of detection and coverage area. Secondly, Italgas joined the OGMP 2.0 initiative from the outset and is constantly working to ensure that other distribution operators also adopt proactive methane emission reduction behaviours.

The report, titled "[An Eye on Methane](#)", is based on data collected in the first year of implementation of OGMP 2.0, the new methane emissions reporting framework introduced by UNEP in 2020.