

**UN Environment Programme: Italgas confirmed "Gold Standard" for the third consecutive year by the International Methane Emissions Observatory**

Milan, December 1, 2023 – Italgas has, for the third consecutive year, achieved the prestigious "Gold Standard" recognition within the report of the International Methane Emissions Observatory (IMEO), published by the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) with the support of the European Commission. The report, presented today in Dubai during COP28, provides a detailed analysis of methane emissions data provided by companies under OGMP2.0, evaluating progress towards reducing these emissions.

The recognition was granted due to Italgas' continued commitment to monitor and reduce methane emissions, highlighting the considerable expertise gained in their measurement, especially through the adoption of innovative technologies. Moreover, the report emphasized how Italgas has presented one of the most ambitious implementation plans in the distribution sector.

Italgas has demonstrated commitment to reducing methane emissions through the implementation of cutting-edge solutions, such as Picarro's CRDS (Cavity Ring-Down Spectroscopy) technology. This technology offers significant advantages in terms of speed, sensitivity, and comprehensiveness of control compared to traditional methodologies.

Furthermore, the report acknowledges Italgas's leadership role in the sector, promoting proactive behaviors aimed at reducing emissions, not only within its own company but also among other sector operators.

The "An Eye on Methane" report is based on data collected in the third year of implementation of the OGMP 2.0 initiative, the framework introduced by UNEP in 2020 for monitoring and reporting methane emissions.