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Press Release

ANCI, GME and AEEG for energy savings

A press conference was held today at the headquarters of ANCI (National Association of Italian Municipalities) to announce an energy-saving awareness campaign that ANCI planned jointly with AEEG (Electricity & Gas Regulator) and GME (Gestore del Mercato Elettrico). "This campaign - said ANCI's President Leonardo Domenici - is aimed at promoting energy efficiency through energy-saving measures in urban areas, by actively involving the production system and local institutions. The campaign will also demonstrate to individual citizens how they can save energy without giving up the comforts offered by technology, i.e. by using high energy-efficient systems; performance remaining equal, these systems can save more energy". Environment and Land Protection Deputy Minister Gianni Piatti presented ANCI's initiative as a project of significant interest, fully endorsing ANCI's campaign and defining energy savings as a new development policy.

GME's Chairman Salvatore Zecchini stated that "with this initiative, Municipalities can give a good example, by putting in place energy-saving policies in various fields, from transportation to utilities. Municipalities have the capability of implementing energy-saving projects in their activities, of entering into agreements with distributors or of operating as ESCOs through controlled or subsidiary companies, as well as of putting distributors in contact with ESCOs so as to complete the energy-saving system. GME's Energy Efficiency Certificates trading platform has given a major contribution to the energy rationalisation system. Four months after the opening of the market - he concluded - the response has been remarkable: the amount of savings largely exceeded the targets set for 2005. Hence, the mechanism that has been triggered will allow us to further expand energy-saving targets. The good performance of the Energy Efficiency Certificates system and of the related trading venue is testified by the large participation that

we have recorded so far. A true market sentiment is developing, with the participation not only of parties liable to the energy-saving obligation, but also of distributors not liable to the obligation, of traders and ESCOs". FEDERESCO's President Fabrizio Dall'Aria stressed that "Municipalities may play a crucial role in the dissemination of energy savings among local communities and businesses, not only by building awareness of wise energy use, waste reduction and adoption of high energy efficiency technologies in industrial processes, but also by taking an active part in the system".

AEEG's President Alessandro Ortis pointed out that "Municipalities may participate in the energy efficiency certificates system as users, by making agreements - on advantageous terms - with local gas and electricity distributors, by liaising between the local population and distributors and, finally, by promoting companies operating as ESCOs". At the end of the conference, ANCI's President put forward a proposal: "we might envisage a national energy-saving recognition to reward the most virtuous Municipalities. The initiative might be launched on the occasion of the General Assembly of ANCI, to be held in Bastia Umbra and, in the 2007 Assembly, we might take stock of the energy-saving projects initiated by Municipalities".

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