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RENEWABLE TECHNOLOGIES AND LANDSCAPE: A POSSIBLE COMBINATION OF DESIGN, FUNCTIONALITY AND RESPECT FOR THE ENVIRONMENT

Energy transition and Genoa's urban regeneration projects at the heart of the round table organised by ERG this afternoon at the Radura della Memoria

Genoa, 8 Oct. - A round table on 'Renewable technologies and landscape in the challenge of energy transition' was held today at the Radura della Memoria, the new public area under Genoa's San Giorgio Bridge, the first piece of the future Polcevera Park.

The meeting, moderated by Luca Bragoli, ERG's Chief Regulatory & Public Affairs Officer, was attended by Genoa Mayor Marco Bucci, Councillor for Urban Planning Simonetta Cenci, ERG Chairman Edoardo Garrone, Marco Fossa Professor of Technical Physics and Professor of Renewable Energy at the University of Genoa, and Laura Gatti, landscape agronomist and member of the Parco del Ponte team.

The discussion aimed to raise awareness that it is possible to combine developing renewable energies and protecting the environment with respect for the local area and the countryside and, above all, that it is essential for the energy transition towards a decarbonised economy.

The participants reported their experiences as stakeholders in the energy and ecological transition, the development of renewables and their incorporation in the local areas and countryside. They emphasised what each stakeholder can do to contribute to this crucial path in the fight against climate change.

"There is no future without sustainability. Today, research, innovation, and technology offer us real solutions against climate change and the loss of biodiversity, while it is our duty to promote sustainable and circular use of resources," said Genoa Mayor **Marco Bucci**. He continued: "Genoa is also playing its part in this paradigm shift from many points of view: transport, infrastructure, urban regeneration, and digital infrastructure. The four-axis local public transport project, which envisages a full electric vehicle fleet by 2025; the redevelopment of the Polcevera Park, creating new areas to serve the city; the Caruggi plan for the historic centre; investments into the port and the arrival in Genoa of the 240 terabyte-per-second BlueMed cable. These are just some of the projects we are investing in and which are part of a single vision, oriented towards a more economically and environmentally sustainable city."

"The renewable energy sector is actively involved in major urban regeneration processes," **said urban planning councillor Simonetta Cenci**. She continued: "I want to take this opportunity to recall the major contribution made by ERG, one of the largest international energy companies, in getting the Radura project off the ground in 2018. This project will give further impetus to the many redevelopment projects we are carrying out in the city, starting with the underbridge area, where today we held this important opportunity for



discussion on the crucial issue of energy transition. The public-private partnership is a winning model that will help us build a more sustainable and environmentally efficient Genoa".

ERG Chairman **Edoardo Garrone** explained: "The Round Table, in one of the city's 'iconic' locations, aims to bring the discussion on renewable technologies, the energy transition and countryside to the Valpolcevera community, which is so important for Genoa and the history of our Group: issues to be addressed with the support of the local areas and young people. We at Erg will be there. Indeed, today, after our business transformation from an oil company to a leading independent renewable energy producer, we are actively engaged in the fight against climate change and in achieving decarbonisation targets. We base our activities on a constant dialogue with the institutions and local areas in which we operate. We are proud to have contributed to creating the Radura Project and the Parco della Memoria (Park of Remembrance), a lively meeting place of great public interest."

Marco Fossa, professor of technical physics and lecturer in renewable energies at the University of Genoa, added: "The University of Genoa strongly believes in and has been committed for years to improving the impact of its facilities on the environment, promoting good practices, educational courses aimed at the sustainable and carbon-free use of energy, and building highly efficient energy infrastructures strongly characterised by renewable energies, such as the Smart Polygeneration Microgrid at Unige's Savona Campus and the SEB Zero Energy Building."

Landscape agronomist **Laura Gatti**, concluded: "Genoa, perhaps more than other cities, is daily put to the ultimate test of development focused on satisfying human needs, and on more than one occasion, it has paid a very high price. However, Genoa won't back down and has taken up the challenge of a visionary project to restore balance to the Polcevera Valley. It was here, over the decades, that the energy that created the city's development and prosperity was produced, radically transforming a landscape unchanged for centuries. This could be the starting point for a trend reversal, demonstrating that we can combine generating energy with beauty, environmental protection and social equity."

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