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PALAZZO DELLA CANCELLERIA
CONVENTION CENTER LA NUVOLE

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PROGRAMME AT A GLANCE

Full details of each session are given in the following pages.

MONDAY 28 SEPTEMBER

PALAZZO DELLA CANCELLERIA

16.00 / 18.00

OPENING EVENT

Opening of the Festival dell'Acqua Rome 2026

TUESDAY 29 SEPTEMBER

ROMA CONVENTION CENTER LA NUVOLO

10.30 / 14.00

PLENARY SESSION

Future and Crisis Scenarios: Water Security in the Age of Artificial Intelligence

DANUBIO ROOM

15.00 / 18.30

PLENARY SESSION

One Health: Water Quality, Health and Emerging Contaminants

DANUBIO ROOM

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THURSDAY 1 • FRIDAY 2 OCTOBER

ROMA CONVENTION CENTER LA NUVOLO

Cultural and outreach events exploring water through books, first-hand accounts and debates at the Forum's Cultural Arena

MONDAY

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16.00 / 18.00

OPENING EVENT

Opening of the Festival dell'Acqua Rome 2026

The Festival dell'Acqua 2026 opens as a platform for dialogue and innovation dedicated to the sustainable management of water resources. The opening session will bring together institutions, decision-makers and experts to share visions, challenges and solutions for the future of water services. An opportunity to highlight the strategic role of water in the country's development and ecological transition.

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FUTURE AND CRISIS SCENARIOS: WATER SECURITY IN THE AGE OF ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE

DANUBIO ROOM

Roma Convention Center La Nuvola

The digital transition is transforming water services, providing new tools to enhance efficiency, security and operational capacity, including in response to global crises such as those driven by climate change. The panel will explore the role of data, artificial intelligence and digital infrastructure in network management and the protection of critical infrastructure, while also addressing emerging challenges such as the growing water consumption associated with data centres. Geopolitical instability, conflicts and climate change, while representing scenarios that should be prevented, highlight the multidimensional nature of water resilience and provide practical insights that can be shared across the sector. The experience of Ukraine, including through organisations such as EurEau and Aqua Publica Europea, as well as recent developments in the Middle East, shows how crises affect water both as a risk factor and as a source of political tension. The discussion will bring together institutions, experts and academia to examine how cybersecurity and data governance can help ensure service continuity, even in crisis scenarios.

MODERATOR

Alessandra Capozzi

Journalist, Il Sole 24 Ore Radiocor

INSTITUTIONAL WELCOME

Marco Rago

Special Envoy of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation for International Water Policy

OPENING REMARKS

Annamaria Barrile

Director General, Utilitalia

ROUND TABLE

Water Infrastructure in an Era of Instability: Security, Governance and Crisis Scenarios

Participants

Massimiliano Conti

Deputy Head of Cabinet, Ministry of the Environment and Energy Security

Francesco Mascolo

Vice President, Aqua Publica Europea

Martin Silič

Policy Advisor, EurEau

Yuri Santagostino

Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, Gruppo CAP

Luigi Decollanz

Chairman, Acque del Sud, and Chairman, Rete Sud

Luigi Patimo

Country Manager, Acciona Italia

FUTURE AND CRISIS SCENARIOS: WATER SECURITY IN THE AGE OF ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE

BLUE SPOTLIGHT TALK

One Integrated Platform, Endless Possibilities: WinCC OA and AI for the Future of Water Management

Lukas Schopp

CEO, ETM, Siemens AG

KEYNOTE SPEECH

Water in the Digital Age: Data and Innovation to Address the Challenges of the Future

Gianmarco Girardo

Head of Business Development for the Public Sector and Utilities, A2A Smart City

BLUE SPOTLIGHT TALK

From Citizens to the Network: The Digital Transformation of the Water Sector through Ecosystems, Data and Value Creation

Carol Leboffe

Energy & Utilities Industry Advisor, Salesforce

ROUND TABLE

Beyond Digitalisation: Artificial Intelligence and New Paradigms for Water Governance

Introduction by

Tania Tellini

Director of Water Sector Policy and Regulation, Utilitalia

Participants

Dragan Savic

Global Water Research Advisor and Artificial Intelligence Strategist

Marco Lombardi

CEO, Nepta

Andrea Aliscioni

General Manager, Acea Ato 2

Marcello Di Vincenzo

Head of Digital and Strategic Partnerships, Xylem

BLUE SPOTLIGHT TALK

The Silent Water Revolution: Digitalisation for a Service Closer to Citizens

Armando Quazzo

Chief Executive Officer, SMAT

ROUND TABLE

Best Digital Water Solutions from Italian Water Utilities

Participants

Franco Masenello

Chief Executive Officer, Almaviva Bluebit

Giovanni Sciortino

Sole Director, AMAP Palermo

Donato Pasquale

Head of Water and Wastewater, Schneider

Giovanni Piccoli

Gruppo Hera Representative and Network Director, AcegasApsAmga

Giulia Giacometti

Head of Operations, Acea Acqua

h 15.00 / 18.30

ONE HEALTH: WATER QUALITY, HEALTH AND EMERGING CONTAMINANTS

DANUBIO ROOM

Roma Convention Center La Nuvola

The panel will examine the origins and spread of contaminants (e.g. PFAS and emerging pollutants), the European and national regulatory framework, and the implications for water service operators, considering recent European directives and their economic impacts on drinking-water and wastewater treatment systems. National and international institutions will provide insights into the latest scientific evidence on impacts on human health. A dedicated focus will follow on Water Safety Plans as a risk-governance tool - also highlighting the role of ARPA and supervisory authorities - and on extended producer responsibility. Institutions, researchers and academia will discuss monitoring, removal technologies, cost management and prevention at source, in synergy with MASE/JRC initiatives and national partners (ENEA, CNR, ISPRA, ISS, ARPA), with the aim of strengthening water safety, environmental protection and public trust.

MODERATOR

Daniele Barbone

Chief Executive Officer, Acqua Novara.VCO, and Coordinator, Utilitalia National Drinking Water Committee

INTRODUCTION

The One Health Paradigm: Risk and Prevention

Daniele Barbone

Chief Executive Officer, Acqua Novara.VCO, and Coordinator, Utilitalia National Drinking Water Committee

KEYNOTE SPEECH

Equitable Access to Water

Enrico Giovannini

Scientific Director, Italian Alliance for Sustainable Development (ASviS)

ROUND TABLE

Ensuring Equitable Access to Water and Sanitation: Selected Pilot Cases

Introduction by

Luca Lucentini

Director, National Centre for Water Safety, Italian National Institute of Health (ISS)

Participants

Gianna Rita Zagaria

Director of Reception and Inclusion, City of Rome

Gabriella Trani

Prevention, Food Safety and Veterinary Public Health Service, Central Directorate for Health, Social Policies and Disability, Autonomous Region of Friuli-Venezia Giulia

Stefano Tersigni

Research Director, Italian National Institute of Statistics (Istat)

Alberto Pirni

Coordinator, Ethics and Global Challenges Research Group, Sant'Anna School of Advanced Studies, Pisa

ONE HEALTH: WATER QUALITY, HEALTH AND EMERGING CONTAMINANTS

CONTINUED

Ensuring Equitable Access to Water and Sanitation: Selected Pilot Cases**Emilio Ciarlo**

Director, One Water Committee

ROUND TABLE**From Source to Consumer: Quality, Safety and Responsibility for the Future of Water**

Introduction by

Alessio Nardini

Director General, Directorate for Healthy Lifestyles and Ecosystem Relations, Ministry of Health

Participants

Claudia Brunori

Director, Sustainability Department, ENEA

Stefano Ciafani

President, Legambiente

Nicola Perini

President, Publiacqua

Daniela Crisante

CFO, Acea Acqua

Furio Truzzi

President, Consumers' Forum

MODERATOR**Paolo Romano**

Vice President, Utilitalia, and Coordinator, PFAS Working Group

ROUND TABLE**PFAS and Emerging Contaminants: Research Strategies and Removal Technologies**

Introduction by

Angiolo Martinelli

Director, Division V - Sustainable Use of Water Resources and Development of Global Water Initiatives, Ministry of the Environment and Energy Security

Participants

Francesca Russo

Director of Prevention, Food Safety and Veterinary Services, Veneto Region

Angelo Robotto

Director of the Regional Executive Directorate and Acting Director of the Environment, Energy and Territory Directorate, Piedmont Region

Sara Pasini

Officer, Eastern Alps River Basin District Authority

Giuseppe Mascolo

Director, Water Research Institute (IRSA), National Research Council (CNR)

Desdemona Oliva

Head of Laboratories and Research, Acea Infrastructure



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h 9.00 / 13.00

A NEW WATER BALANCE IN THE AGE OF CLIMATE CHANGE

DANUBIO ROOM

Roma Convention Center La Nuvola

The panel will examine the impacts of climate change on the water system — from resource availability to hydropower generation — through the integration of climate scenarios, seasonal forecasts and innovative technologies such as AI and satellite remote sensing. Experiences of water crises in Sicily, Calabria and Basilicata, enriched by contributions from the DPC and Fondazione CIMA, will provide insights into integrating emergency measures with long-term adaptation strategies. The discussion among institutions, the scientific community and water operators will provide an opportunity to address water resource planning, Water Security Plans and solutions to strengthen the resilience of local areas.

MODERATOR

Andrea Di Piazza

Sector Activities and Studies Manager, Utilitalia

KEYNOTE SPEECH

Presentation of the IT-WATER Project Results**Luca Ferraris**

President, Fondazione CIMA

Edoardo Cremonese

Head of Drought and Water Resources Cima Foundation

ROUND TABLE

Climate Scenarios and Resource Availability: Towards New Water Balances

Participants

Stefano Mariani

Head of the Weather-Hydrological Analysis and Forecasting and Water Resources Section, Italian Institute for Environmental Protection and Research (ISPRA)

Gianmaria Sannino

Head of the Models, Observations and Scenarios for Climate Change and Air Quality Division, ENEA

Paola Mercogliano

Principal Researcher, Euro-Mediterranean Center on Climate Change Foundation (CMCC), and President, Italian Society of Climatology (SISC)

KEYNOTE SPEECH

The New Drought: What Is Happening in Northern Italy**Alessandro Delpiano**

Secretary General, Po River District Basin Authority

ROUND TABLE

Extreme Events: Water's New Normal

Participants

Marco Borgia

Professor of Agricultural Hydraulics and Hydraulic-Forestry Engineering, University of Padua

A NEW WATER BALANCE IN THE AGE OF CLIMATE CHANGE

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Extreme Events: Water's New Normal

Paolo Ruggieri

Professor of Climate Physics, University of Bologna

Emanuela Piervitali

Head of the Operational Climatology Section, Italian Institute for Environmental Protection and Research (ISPRA)

KEYNOTE SPEECH

Water Resources in Italy: Inter-Institutional Synergies to Support Governance

Fabrizio Penna

Director General, Italian Institute for Environmental Protection and Research (ISPRA)

Michele Camisasca

Director General, Italian National Institute of Statistics (Istat)

ROUND TABLE

Local Strategies for Water Management in River Basin Districts

Participants

Marco Casini

Secretary General, Central Apennines District Basin Authority

Vera Corbelli

Secretary General, Southern Apennines District Authority

Costantino Azzena

Secretary General, Sardinia Basin Authority

Luigi Decollanz

Coordinator, Utilitalia Southern Network, and President, Acque del Sud

Alberto Trotta

Head of Water Resource Protection, Acea Ato 2 and Acea Ato 5

KEYNOTE SPEECH

National Policies and Forecasting and Management Systems (SIM)

Laura D'Aprile

Head of the Department for Sustainable Development (DiSS), Ministry of the Environment and Energy Security

ROUND TABLE

Tools, Actions and Measures to Govern the Water Transition

Participants

Luca Mascolo

President, National Association of Governing Bodies for Water and Waste Services (Anea)

Andrea Duro

Officer, Civil Protection Department

Emanuele Romano

Senior Researcher, Water Research Institute of the National Research Council (CNR-IRSA)

Paola Faggian

Senior Climatologist, Energy System Research (RSE)

PARALLEL SESSION

h 9.00 / 13.00

THE VALUE OF WATER: REGULATION AND ECONOMIC SUSTAINABILITY

Conference organised in collaboration with the Associazione Idrotecnica Italiana


BOSFORO ROOM

Roma Convention Center La Nuvola

The panel will explore the role of regulation, tariffs and financial instruments - including tax incentives, public funding and public-private partnerships - in supporting the development and modernisation of water infrastructure, including during the transition to a post-NRRP framework. Issues relating to the regulation of the integrated water service will be addressed, highlighting positive externalities for renewable energy, pumping facilities and water resilience, from a perspective that extends beyond civil uses to include infrastructure and system-wide considerations. The discussion will include economic assessments of upgrades to wastewater collection and treatment infrastructure in line with EU Directive 2024/3019, as well as the harmonisation of measurement indicators to enable international comparison of systems. A dialogue among institutions, regulatory authorities, operators and the financial community will focus on strengthening sector governance, underscoring the need to consolidate non-industrial management entities to facilitate major investments and economies of scale and attract the capital required to meet future challenges.

3 CPD credits requested for engineers*

MODERATOR
Barbara Marinali

Executive Vice President Utilitalia

KEYNOTE SPEECH
Water Service Regulation: Sustainability, Investment and Consumer Protection
Massimo Ricci

Director, Environment Division, Italian Regulatory Authority for Energy, Networks and Environment (ARERA)

ROUND TABLE
Comparing Models: Water Service Regulation and Governance in Europe

Introduced and moderated by

Gaia Rodriquez

Water Regulation Manager, Utilitalia

Participants

Andrea Guerrini

Professor of Business Administration, University of Verona

Benedetta Sala

Member of the Steering Committee, IWA Young Water Professionals Italy

THE VALUE OF WATER: REGULATION AND ECONOMIC SUSTAINABILITY

KEYNOTE SPEECH

Financing Water: Instruments, Capital and New Investment Opportunities

Daria Perrotta

State Accountant General

ROUND TABLE

The Italian Water Sector in the Post-NRRP Era: Outlook, Future Strategies and Impact Credits in Local Governance

Introduced and moderated by

Massimiliano Ghizzi

Coordinator, Lombardy Observatory on Innovation and Digital Transition, Confservizi Lombardia

Participants

Giuseppe Magro

Global Co-Chair, Governance and Implementation Systems Section, IAIA

Milena Messori

Head of Office, EIB Group Italy

Elena Gallo

Deputy Director, Investment and Environmental Sustainability Directorate, Italian Regulatory Authority for Energy, Networks and Environment (ARERA)

Simona Camerano

Head of Sector Strategies, Cassa Depositi e Prestiti (CDP)

Roberto Venneri

President and General Manager, Acquedotto Pugliese

Mario Rosario Mazzola

President, Fondazione Utilitatis

Renato Giacon

Director, Public Finance, Acea

MODERATOR

Tania Tellini

Director, Water Policy and Regulation Department, Utilitalia

KEYNOTE SPEECH

The Impact of European Directives on the Italian Water System

Angiolo Martinelli

Director, Division V – Sustainable Use of Water Resources and Development of Global Water Initiatives, Ministry of the Environment and Energy Security

ROUND TABLE

Complying with the Directives: Costs, Responsibilities and Sector Transformation

Participants

Alessandro Mazzei

General Manager, National Association of Water and Waste Regulatory Authorities (ANEA)

Francesca Malpei

Professor of Environmental and Sanitary Engineering, Politecnico di Milano

Luis Gonzalez

General Manager, Acea Acqua

BLUE SPOTLIGHT TALK

From Customer to Field: Integrated, Data-Driven Processes that Turn Operating Costs into Strategic Investments and Simplify Even the Most Complex Scenarios

Giulia Guerrini

Product Manager Terranova

THE VALUE OF WATER: REGULATION AND ECONOMIC SUSTAINABILITY

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From Customer to Field: Integrated, Data-Driven Processes that Turn Operating Costs into Strategic Investments and Simplify Even the Most Complex Scenarios

Daniele Ciolfi

Product Line Manager Terranova

KEYNOTE SPEECH

Measuring Water: The Data that Make the Difference

Simona Ramberti

Senior Technologist, Italian National Institute of Statistics (Istat)

ROUND TABLE

From Measurement to Decision-Making: Using Data to Improve the System

Introduction by

Gaia Rodriquez

Water Regulation Manager, Utilitalia

Participants

Maurizio Giugni

President, Italian Hydrotechnical Association

Alberto Pistocchi

Scientific Officer, Joint Research Centre (JRC), European Commission

Giorgio Bertanza

Professor of Environmental and Sanitary Engineering, University of Brescia

Maria Teresa Coviello

Representative, Governing Authority of ATO 2 Lazio Centrale Roma

Francesca Mazzarella

Director of Fondazione Utilitatis

Michele Giglioni

Head of Control Room, Acea Ato 2

**For participation in conferences held as part of the same event, a maximum of 3 CPD credits per day will be awarded.*

PARALLEL SESSION

h 14.00 / 18.00

CIRCULARITY IN WATER RESOURCES
MANAGEMENT

Conference organised in collaboration with the Associazione Idrotecnica Italiana



BOSFORO ROOM Roma Convention Center La Nuvola

The panel will explore the concept of circular water management, highlighting how wastewater treatment, reuse and integrated water-cycle management can reduce waste and strengthen system resilience. Discussions will address innovative technologies, advanced treatment, industrial and agricultural water reuse, and sustainable sewage-sludge management — including regulatory, technological and economic considerations — as well as the policies and strategies needed to promote circular management of water resources, thereby contributing to the ecological transition and water security across local areas.

3 CPD credits requested for engineers*

MODERATOR

Monica Manto

Utilitalia Water Executive Council Coordinator

INTRODUCTION

Monica Manto

Utilitalia Water Executive Council Coordinator

INSTITUTIONAL OPENING

Regulation and Circularity in the Water Sector: Perspectives and Priorities

Alessandro Bratti

Board Member, Italian Regulatory Authority for Energy, Networks and Environment (ARERA)

KEYNOTE SPEECH

From the Existing City to the Circular City: The Case of Rome

Ornella Segnalini

Councillor for Public Works and Infrastructure, Roma Capitale

ROUND TABLE

Water as a Pillar of the Circular Economy

Participants

Valeria Frittelloni

Adviser on Environmental Affairs, Italian Regulatory Authority for Energy, Networks and Environment (ARERA)

Gaia Checcucci

Secretary General, Northern Apennines District Basin Authority

Roberta Maffettone

Scientific Project Officer, Joint Research Centre (JRC), European Commission

Susanna Murtas

Researcher, Water Quality and Health Unit, Department of Environment and Health, Italian National Institute of Health (ISS)

CIRCULARITY IN WATER RESOURCES MANAGEMENT

KEYNOTE SPEECH

From Wastewater Treatment Plant to Resource: The Mancasale Case and Circularity in the Water Sector

Marco Fiorini

Water Service Director, Ireti S.p.A.

ROUND TABLE

Tools, Actions and Strategies for Efficiency and Reuse: Digital Transition, Challenges and Integration

Introduction by

Fabio Fatuzzo

Sole Extraordinary Commissioner for Wastewater Treatment and Reuse

Participants

Camilla Di Marcantonio

Officer, Division V – Sustainable Use of Water Resources and Development of Global Water Initiatives, Ministry of the Environment and Energy Security

Francesco Fatone

Professor of Chemical and Environmental Engineering, Imperial College London

Orazio Giustolisi

Professor of Hydraulic Engineering, Polytechnic University of Bari

Daniela Grassi

Director of Commercial Proposals, SUEZ

Mauro Olivieri

Executive, Acea Acqua

Ada Polizzi

Wastewater Coordinator, Utilitalia

KEYNOTE SPEECH

From Sludge to Resource: Recovering Materials and Energy in the Water Cycle

Michele Falcone

General Manager, Gruppo CAP

ROUND TABLE

Solutions and Opportunities for Sustainable Sludge Management

Participants

Vito Belladonna

Director, Emilia-Romagna Territorial Agency for Water and Waste Services (ATERSIR)

Tullio Montagnoli

Chief Executive Officer, A2A Ciclo Idrico

Marco Salis

Chairman, ACEA Ato 2

Annalisa Berni

Operations Director, Alfambiente, Alfa Varese

Laura Mira Bonomi

Delegate, European Federation for Agricultural Recycling (EFAR), Climate, Circular Economy and Ecological Transition Observatory, Lombardy Region

Alessandro Spagni

ENEA Laboratory for Technologies for the Circular Management of Water and Wastewater

Camilla Braguglia

Senior Researcher, Water Research Institute, National Research Council (CNR-IRSA)

KEYNOTE SPEECH**Urban Flooding and Stormwater Management: A Challenge to Be Addressed****Marina Colaizzi**

Secretary General, Eastern Alps District Basin Authority

ROUND TABLE**New Solutions for Stormwater Management**

Participants

Marco Maglionico

Professor of Hydraulic and Maritime Engineering and Hydrology, University of Bologna

Patrizia Piro

Professor of Hydraulic and Maritime Engineering and Hydrology, University of Calabria

Massimiliano Sgroi

Professor of Environmental and Sanitary Engineering, Marche Polytechnic University

Cinzia Davoli

Head of Sustainable Development and Decision Support Systems Service, Metropolitan City of Milan

PARALLEL SESSION

h 14.00 / 18.00

WATER DRIVING THE ECONOMY AND PRODUCTIVE SECTORS

DANUBIO ROOM

Roma Convention Center La Nuvola

The panel will explore the role of efficient water resource management, with particular attention to productive uses and water withdrawals in the manufacturing and thermoelectric power generation sectors—areas traditionally given less consideration in overall water balances—as well as the water-energy nexus, through territorial analyses of demand and the integration of water storage and energy production. The discussion among experts, businesses and institutions will address sustainable production cycles and innovative technologies to reduce waste and optimise consumption, while also drawing on new ISTAT data on productive water uses. The session will also focus on the sector's professional dimension, with particular attention to skills and diversity across water-related professions.

MODERATOR

Stefano Cetti

Chief Executive Officer, Acinque

KEYNOTE SPEECH

Water Use in Productive Activities in Italy**Michele Camisasca**

Director General, Italian National Institute of Statistics (ISTAT)

ROUND TABLE

The Importance of Water in Productive Sectors

Participants

Raffaele Borriello

Head of Cabinet, Ministry of Agriculture, Food Sovereignty and Forestry

Paolo Quercia

Director, Studies and Analysis Division, Ministry of Enterprises and Made in Italy

Attilio Toscano

Expert, Technical Mission Unit, Ministry of Infrastructure and Transport

KEYNOTE SPEECH

Water Between Market and System: Rules for Sustainable Productive Uses**Massimo Ricci**

Director, Environment Division, Italian Regulatory Authority for Energy, Networks and Environment (ARERA)

ROUND TABLE

Water and Energy: Integrated Systems for the Transition

Participants

Grzegorz Starybrat

CEO Apator Powogaz

Francesco Tornatore

Head of Water Resources Management, Po River District Basin Authority

Maria Vittoria Pisante

Coordinator, Energy Efficiency Commission, Utilitalia

WATER DRIVING THE ECONOMY AND PRODUCTIVE SECTORS

KEYNOTE SPEECH

Self-Generation and Sustainability: Decarbonising Electricity Consumption by Water Utilities**Antonella Molinari**

Head of Public Administration Energy Efficiency, A2A Calore & Servizi

ROUND TABLE

Technologies and Incentives to Accelerate Water-Use Efficiency

Participants

Gennaro Niglio

Director of Energy Efficiency, Gestore dei Servizi Energetici (GSE)

Marco Ravazzolo

Director of Environment, Energy and Mobility Policies, Confindustria

Marianna Ferrigno

Head of the CREA-DANIA Database [Council for Agricultural Research and Economics – National Database of Investments for Irrigation and the Environment]

KEYNOTE SPEECH

Human Capital and Water: Building Skills for Future Challenges**Carmen Aina**

Professor of Economic Policy and Rector's Delegate for Sustainability and Relations with the Italian Network of Universities for Sustainable Development (RUS), University of Eastern Piedmont

ROUND TABLE

The Human Side of Water

Participants

Annamaria Barrile

Director General, Utilitalia

Chiara Bellon

Human Resources Director, Veritas Group, and Coordinator of the Viveracqua HR Working Group

Caterina Cacciatori

Project Officer, Joint Research Centre (JRC), European Commission

Fabrizio Pancino

Head of Industrial Relations and Regulated Activities, Hera Group



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THURSDAY

FRIDAY

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OCTOBER 2026

ROMA CONVENTION CENTER LA NUVOLA

On 1 and 2 October the Festival turns to culture and public outreach. The Cultural Arena of La Nuvola will host book presentations, meetings with authors, first-hand accounts and debates exploring the major challenges of water and sustainability. Alongside, the Utilitalia stand will host discussions with companies from the sector and Claudio Koporossy's photography exhibition, whose images tell the story of the deep bond between water, people and places. A programme designed to foster dialogue among experts, institutions, operators and citizens.

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Francesco Tornatore

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Basin Authority

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Pasquale Cocco

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District Basin Authority

Gaia Checcucci

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Marina Colaizzi

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