

Acea Group Q1 2020 Results

Rome, 13 May 2020



Executive summary

Constant growth in the last three years

EBITDA (€m)
EFFICIENCY AND COMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

840 + \% 933 + \2% 1,042

2017 2018 2019

CAPEX (€m)
FOCUS ON INFRASTRUCTURE, INNOVATION AND SUSTAINABILITY



DPS (€)
CREATION OF SHAREHOLDER VALUE



SHARE PRICE AT ALL-TIME HIGH since 27 April 2017 (the date the new Board of Directors took office):

- > +38.6% between 27 April 2017 and 31 December 2019
- In early 2020, the significant market «volatility» caused by the «Covid-19 emergency» has influenced the performance of Acea's share price, pushing it downwards. At 12 May 2020, the price stood at €16.41 (+23.4% compared with 27 April 2017).

«WATER EMERGENCY» (Q3 2017) effectively dealt with, ensuring continuity of service (~2,300 interventions, with large reduction in network leaks)

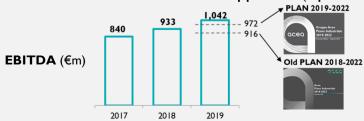
Agreement with Open Fiber (January 2018) for the rollout of an ultrafast broadband communications network in the city of Rome.

Evolving business mix: acquisitions in gas, environment and photovoltaic sectors, consolidation of Gori and Acquedotto del Fiora:

- > 51% of **Pescara Distribuzione Gas** entry into the gas distribution market (March 2019)
- > 90% of **Demap** the owner of a plastic treatment plant (July 2019)
- ➤ Photovoltaic plants with capacity of up to ~29MWp (between July 2019 and early 2020)
- > 60% of Berg a provider of liquid waste treatment services (October 2019)
- > Consolidation of the water companies, Gori (November 2018) and Acquedotto del Fiora (October 2019)
- > Other acquisitions in early 2020 (51% of Alto Sangro Distribuzione Gas; 60% of Ferrocart and Cavallari; 70% of Simam)

Bond issues totalling €2bn

New BUSINESS PLAN 2019-2022 approved (April 2019) bringing forward targets announced to market in November 2017 by over twelve months.



Targets in existing Plan:

- **EBITDA** in 2022: €1,270m (+36% versus 2018)
- RAB in 2022: €4.8bn (+28% versus 2018)
- Capex: €4bn (in the period 2018-2022)
- Dividends of €800m over life of the Plan

Executive summary

"Covid-19 emergency": the Acea Group's response



Establishment of a Committee for managing Covid-19 preventive measures



Reorganisation of work with **expanded use of digital tools** and the large-scale adoption of **smart working** arrangements (with over 85% of staff working from home)



Guranteed continuity and efficiency of all the services provided.



Ongoing «dialogue» with local communities and all the Group's stakeholders.



Introduction of special insurance cover for the Group's employees and their families.



Special attention paid to employees with underlying health issues.



Donations to the health service (the Lazzaro Spallanzani and Agostino Gemelli hospitals). 6,369 hours donated by the Group's employees to the Lazzaro Spallanzani hospital.



Launch of a progessive, phased **RECOVERY PLAN**.

Executive summary

Continued improvement in results and development of the Group's businesses

THE ACEA GROUP CONTINUED TO DELIVER GROWTH IN THE FIRST QUARTER OF 2020, DRIVEN BY OUR MAJOR INVESTMENT PROGRAMME

- **EBITDA** of €276m +12% versus Q1 2019
- **EBIT** of €137m +3% versus Q1 2019
- Capex of €190m +26% versus Q1 2019

KEY EVENTS DURING THE FIRST QUARTER OF 2020:

- Successful placement of a €500m bond issue, with a term of 9 years and paying interest of 0.50% (January 2020).
- Signature of an **agreement to acquire 51% of «Alto Sangro Distribuzione Gas»** (537 km of network, 34,000 redelivery points in the province of l'Aquila). The transaction is in line with the gas market growth strategy and strengthens Acea's presence in the sector in Abruzzo (March 2020).

KEY EVENTS AFTER 31 MARCH 2020:

- Signature of an **agreement for the acquisition of 60% of «Ferrocart» and «Cavallari»** (which owns 100% of Multigreen) 4 waste storage, treatment and sorting plants, handling 145 thousand tonnes per year (April 2020).
- Signature of an **agreement for the acquisition of 70% of Simam,** a leader in the design, construction and operation of liquid waste treatment plants and in the delivery of environmental and remediation projects, offering integrated high-tech solutions (May 2020)



Covid-19

Initial assessment of potential impact of "Covid-19 emergency" on Acea Group

The impact of the «Covid-19 emergency» on the operating results for the first quarter of 2020 is negligible thanks to the Acea Group's resilience, reflecting the fact that we primarily operate regulated businesses (contributing approximately 85% of consolidated EBITDA).

In the last few days of the first quarter, we saw a slowdown in cash generated by sales, the impact of which will be offset over the coming months.

The Group also has **significant cash reserves**: approximately €800m at 31 March 2020, in addition to approximately €600m in new loans and committed credit facilities in the process of being finalised. **This** liquidity will enable us to meet our obligations and service debt through to 2024 and beyond.

In terms of the **potential outlook for the impact of the «Covid-19 emergency**» on the Acea Group's financial performance, we do not expect – based on the current situation – that there will be a significant effect on the results for the current year.

THE PREVIOUSLY ANNOUNCED GUIDANCE FOR 2020 IS CONFIRMED:

(assuming a full return to normal business activity from 1 July 2020)

- **EBITDA** +6%/+8% versus 2019 (€1,042m)
- **CAPEX** broadly in line with 2019 (€793m)
- > **NET DEBT** €3.45-3.55bn

Q1 2020 financial highlights

(€m)	QI 2020 (a)	QI 2019 (b)	% change (a/b)
Consolidated revenue	833.5	823.3	+1.2%
EBITDA	276.4	247.9	+11.5%
EBIT	136.8	132.8	+3.0%
Group net profit	70.6	75.5	-6.5%

Contribution to EBITDA of consolidation of Acquedotto del Fiora and new acquisitions

(€m)	Q1 2020	Q1 2019
Acquedotto del Fiora	15.1	1.4°
Pescara Distribuzione Gas	0.5	-
Demap	1.2	-
Berg	0.6	-
Photovoltaic	2.3	-

Capex	190.0	151.2	+25.7%
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31 Mar 2020 31 Dec 2019 31 Mar 2019 % change % change (€m) (a/b) (a/c) (a) (c) Net debt 3,184.4 3,062.8 2,675.7 +4.0% +19.0%

Average Group workforce

Q1 2020	QI 2019	Change
7,706	6,608	+1,098*

[°] Contribution from consolidation of equity-accounted investments

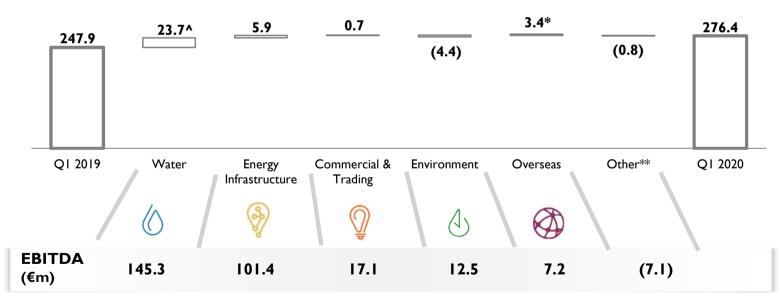
^{*} The increase in the workforce is primarily due to changes in scope (Acquedotto del Fiora +399; Pescara Distribuzione Gas +13; Acea Perù +499; Consorcio Agua Azul +32; Demap +15; Berg +18)



EBITDA QI 2020







[^] Line-by-line consolidation of Acquedotto del Fiora

^{*} Line-by-line consolidation of Consorzio Agua Azul, following the increase in the interest to 44%

^{**} Engineering & Services, Corporate

EBITDA and quantitative data Q1 2020 financial highlights



Water

Including gas distribution

KEY HIGHLIGHTS

- Line-by-line consolidation of Acquedotto del Fiora
- Acquisition of Pescara Distribuzione Gas

EBITDA GROWTH

- EBITDA main drivers
- Application of Tariff Regime for third regulatory period 2020-2023 (Arera Resolution 580/2019):
 - √ effect of investment in growth
 - √ recognition of new cost components
 - √ no award of bonus for commercial quality
- Line-by-ine consolidation of Acquedotto del Fiora (from October 2019): +€13.7m
- Acquisition of Pescara Distribuzione Gas (March 2019): +€0.5m

(€m)	QI 2020 (a)	QI 2019 (b)	% change (a/b)
EBITDA	145.3	121.6	+19.5%
Acea ATO2	99.4	89.5	+11.1%
Acea ATO5	5.4	6.6	-18.2%
Gori	17.0	17.9	-5.0%
Acquedotto del Fiora	15.1	1.4	n/s
Equity-accounted water companies	6.9	5.5	+25.5%
Other consolidated water companies	1.0	0.7	+42.9%
Pescara Distribuzione Gas	0.5	-	n/s
Capex	104.0	73.1	+42.3%

%change

(a/b)

+6.2%

+11.2%

-26.2%

n/s

+3.9%

EBITDA and quantitative data Q1 2020 financial highlights



KEY HIGHLIGHTS

 Acquisition of new photovoltaic plants, increasing total capacity to ~29MWp

EBITDA GROWTH

Distribution: +€9.2m

Public lighting: +€0.6m (new lighting points)

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- Hydroelectric production -€3.0m (sharp reduction in market prices, partly due to the "Covid-19 emergency")
- photovoltaic +€2.3m
- Recognition in Q1 2019 of non-recurring components ~€3m

Total electricity distributed (GWh)						
2,454 2,308						
Q1 2019 Q1 2020						



(€m)

EBITDA

Capex

- Distribution

- Generation

- Public lighting

OI 2020

(a)

101.4

91.0

11.0

(0.6)

66.2

OI 2019

(b)

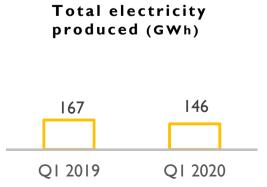
95.5

81.8

14.9

(1.2)

63.7



EBITDA main drivers



EBITDA and quantitative data Q1 2020 financial highlights



Commercial & Trading

KEY HIGHLIGHTS

Increased customer base

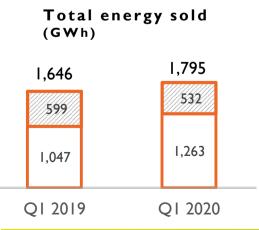
EBITDA main drivers

EBITDA

- Increased margin on free market: greater number of mass market customers
- Reduction in margin on enhanced protection market: revised mechanism for compensating for delinquent accounts (ARERA Resolution 100/2020)
- Reduction in business customers' consumption in March due to "Covid-19 emergency"

(€m)	QI 2020 (a)	QI 2019 (b)	%change (a/b)
EBITDA	17.1	16.4	+4.3%
Сарех	9.0	6.1	+47.5%











Number of gas

EBITDA and quantitative data Q1 2020 financial highlights



Environment

KEY HIGHLIGHTS Q1 2020

- Acquisition of 90% of Demap (plastic treatment)
- Acquisition of 60% of Berg (liquid waste treatment)

EVENTS AFTER 31 MARCH 2020

 Agreement for acquisition of 60% of «Ferrocart» and «Cavallari» (waste storage, treatment and sorting)

(€m)	Q1 2020 (a)	QI 2019 (b)	% change (a/b)
EBITDA	12.5	16.9	-26.0%
of which: Demap	1.2	-	n/s
Berg	0.6		n/s
Capex	3.9	3.1	+25.8%

EBITDA



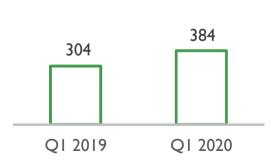


Acquisition of Demap (July 2019): +€1.2m

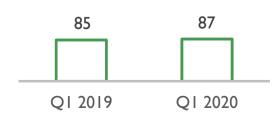
Acquisition of Berg (October 2019): +€0.6m

End of CIP6 incentives from 1 August 2019 (-€6.6m)



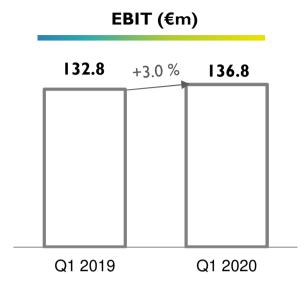


Electricity sold (GWh)

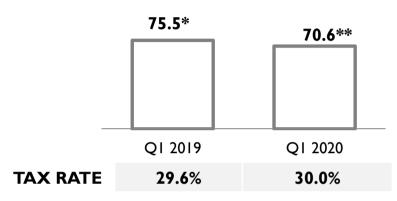


^{*} Includes ash disposed of

EBIT and net profit



NET PROFIT (€m)



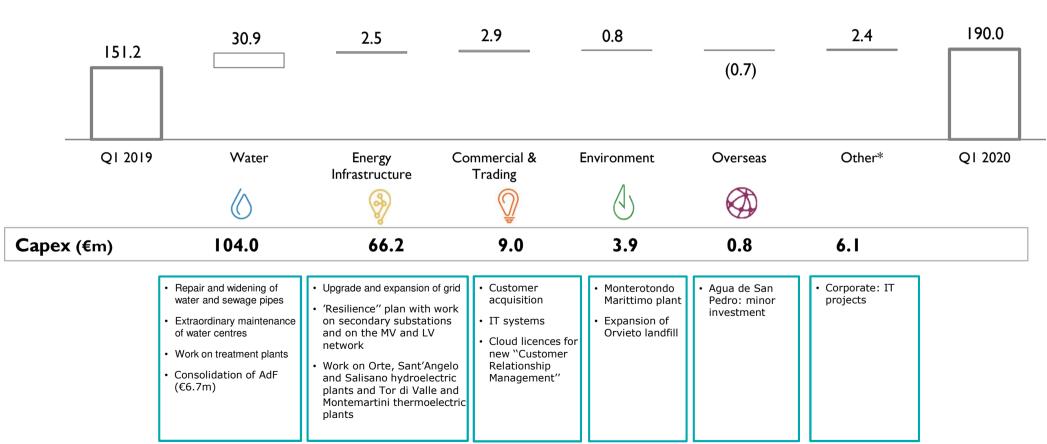
- * Net profit Q1 2019:
 - ✓ Recognition of non-recurring item (€1.5m) relating to Agua Azul Bogotà
 - ✓ Presence of CIP6 incentives (Environment segment), ended 1 August 2019 (€5m)
- ** Net profit Q1 2020:
 - ✓ Impact of consolidation of Acquedotto del Fiora fully offset by at the level of net profit by effect of profit attributable to non-controlling interests

(€m)	Q1 2020	QI 2019	% change
Depreciation	117.1	95.2	+23.0%
Write-downs	19.9	18.6	+7.0%
Provisions	2.6	1.4	+85.7%
Total	139.6	115.2	+21.2%



Capex growth continues across all areas of business, with focus on regulated activities





^{*} Engineering & Services, Corporate

Cash flow

Continued focus on reducing working capital

	Q1 2020	QI 2019
EBITDA	276	248
Change in working capital	(146)	(88)
Capex	(190)	(151)
FREE CASH FLOW	(60)	9
Net finance income/(costs)	(22)	(20)
Change in provisions	(23)	(22)
Income tax paid	(4)	-
Dividends	<u> </u>	-
Other	(7)	(8)
M&A	(4)	(12)
IFRS 16	(2)	(55)
TOTAL CASH FLOW	(122)	(108)

- Net working capital requirements in Q1 2020 due to:
 - ✓ Seasonal effects (also present in Q1 2019)
 - ✓ Delay in collections by Acea Energia and water companies due to «Covid-19 emergency» (~€40/50m)

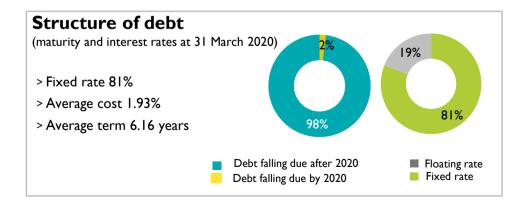
EBITDA Q1 2020 276	Change in working capital	Capex	Finance costs	Change in provisions	Income tax paid	Other	M&A	IFRS 16	Total cash flow
	(146)								
		(190)	(22)	(23)	(4)	(7)	(4)	(2)	(122)

Net debt

(€m)	31 Mar 2020 (a)	31 Dec 2019 (b)	31 Mar 2019 (c)	Change (a-b)	Change (a-c)
Net debt	3,184.4	3,062.8	2,675.7	121.6	508.7
Medium/long-term	4,026.5	3,523.3	2,979.6	503.2	1,046.9
Short-term	(842.1)	(460.5)	(303.9)	(381.6)	(538.2)

NET DEBT/ EBITDA LTM	NET DEBT/ EQUITY	
31 MARCH 2020	31 MARCH 2020	
3.0x	I.4x	

29 January 2020 – Issue of bonds worth €500m under EMTN. Bonds have a 9-year term and pay a fixed rate of 0.50%





Affirmed on 12 May 2020 despite the recent downgrading of Italy's sovereign debt rating

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Q&A Session

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