



## Sustainability Award

Gold Class 2022

**S&P Global**

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## Hera wins 2022 sustainability gold medal from S&P Global

*For the second time in a row, Hera has been awarded the S&P Global Gold Class Sustainability Award. This is the highest recognition reserved for listed companies included in the Dow Jones Sustainability Index, one of the most authoritative international indices for assessing ESG factors, in which the Group had also confirmed its ranking as sector leader last year*

The Hera Group is once again a global gold medal winner for sustainability, for the second consecutive year. The S&P Global 2022 Gold Class award was announced today, together with the publication of the 2022 Sustainability Yearbook, the report containing the analyses carried in order to be included in the latest edition of the Dow Jones Sustainability Index (DJSI). This document highlights the results achieved by Hera, a leader in all three aspects evaluated in its area (Environment, Economic & Governance and Social), for its ability to efficiently manage resources, seize market opportunities and ensure stakeholder involvement.

In the Dow Jones Sustainability Index (DJSI), the authoritative international stock exchange index which evaluates listed companies based on ESG aspects, Hera was confirmed as the international leader in its sector (Multi-Utilities & Water), reaching a score of 90/100, compared to an average of 39/100.

The 2022 Gold Class offers further recognition for the Hera Group's strategy, in which business activities and attention to ESG factors have always gone hand in hand. The Business Plan to 2025 itself, presented last week, consolidates the Group's commitment to a balanced and sustainable development, in order to continue creating value for shareholders, local areas and the communities served. This new five-year strategic document foresees concrete and innovative projects for the energy transition, the circular economy and technological evolution, thanks to a strong rise in investments, most of which meet the criteria with which the European Taxonomy identifies opportunities that contribute to reaching environmental policy objectives.

The Group's commitment, made explicit in its Plan to 2025, translates into industrial objectives consistent with European policies and the UN Agenda for Sustainable Development. This includes a series of targets for 2030, among which a 37% reduction in greenhouse gas emissions compared to 2019 and a 150% increase in the amount of recycled plastic compared to 2017.

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