

## Press Release

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### **Emergencies, Hera signs with Lepida for the use of the ERretre mobile radio network**

*A strategic collaboration that aims to increase the resilience of the regional territory in the field of civil protection: the multi-utility, in fact, will be able to use the ERretre regional mobile radio network to support its emergency services, making three of its sites already available to Lepida for the implementation of other radio installations, to further consolidate the existing network. Among these is the piezometric tank of San Lazzaro di Savena in Bologna.*

In case of emergency, the last thing you need is an emergency logic. This is why the Hera Group, with Acantho - Digital Company of the Group, and Lepida have decided to carry on, by signing an important strategic collaboration agreement in the field of civil protection which contributes to improving the safety of the reference territories.

Following a memorandum of understanding previously signed by the Region and the multi-utility, the agreement concerns the strengthening of the Regional Radiomobile Network (ERretre), the digital cellular network based on the European TETRA standard that supports all emergency services, guaranteeing efficiency and security of communications, from which the safeguard of the territory and the security of the local communities depend.

Thanks to the agreement, Hera will initially make three of its sites available to Lepida, with which additional radio equipment will be installed that can increase the ERretre network and improve its efficiency. In particular, the sites identified are three piezometric reservoirs located in San Lazzaro di Savena in Bologna, and in Alfonsine and Cervia in the Ravenna area. In turn, the multi-utility can use the ERretre network to support its emergency services, improving the flow of communications to the Civil Protection and other bodies. In this way it will be possible to increase the overall level of functional integration among all the players who are in charge of various critical situations in the area.

A key role was played by Acantho, Digital Company of the Hera Group, which has worked to set the scene for the signing of the agreement and will supply the TETRA standard radio terminals necessary to use the ERretre network.

The Hera Group has always been committed to collaborating with the relevant public bodies, thus confirming its historic vocation to continuously improve its work. The agreement with Lepida, more precisely, is fully inscribed within the framework of a medium and long-term planning thanks to which the multi-utility, also in the face of particularly critical situations such as the drought events of 2017 or the bad weather in the Apennines of the winter just ended, aims to guarantee quality and continuity of the services provided, in the interests of the environment and local communities.

"In emergencies - says Salvatore Molè, Hera Group Central Innovation Director - the joint mobilization of different subjects is today fundamental to team up and consolidate the resilience of territorial systems. The effects of climate change and those of seismic events teach us that emergencies cannot be addressed in random order and in an episodic way and that the guarantee of communication systems is fundamental. On these issues - concludes Molè - the Hera Group is committed at all levels with investments and innovation, constantly seeking opportunities and synergies that find an excellent example in this agreement. "

"After having built a large part of the Lepida network together with Hera - affirms Gianluca Mazzini General Manager of Lepida - we are embraced in the management of emergencies by making available to us the ERretre network, on which there are currently 6900 active terminals that allow emergency communications to the staff of the Health System 118, of the Civil Protection and of the Local and Provincial Police, and they the piezometric towers with the same purpose of safeguarding the territory".