

2014-2018 business plan

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A further step above



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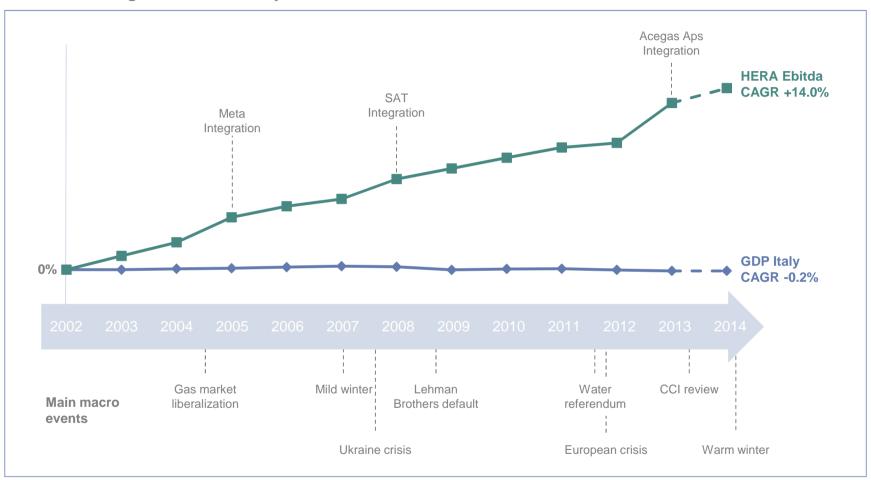


Hera Group's Strategy



Hera's model effectively tackling a turbulent environment

Hera cumulated growth vs. GDP Italy



Hera shows a constant growth despite everything



Lead sector consolidation process exploiting industry momentum and following a "multi-utility" strategy. In addition expand in liberalised markets (eg. Waste and Energy supply)

Exploit our key distinctive strengths to grow profitability

Plan to reach a scale overcoming 1 billion Ebitda in next 5Y

Leading industry change to become the first Italian multi-utility

Business plan embeds a few concrete M&A targets out of 5x bigger opportunities

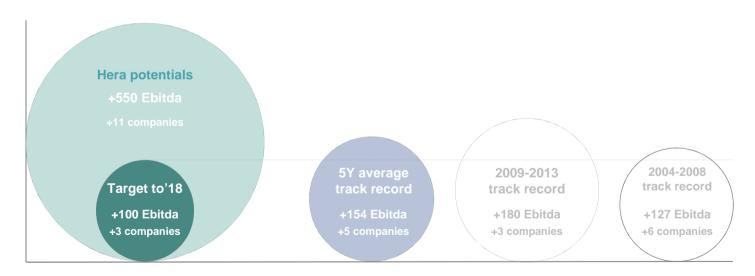
Italian Government discussing to introduce incentives that might reshaped the industry

Italian Government pushing for consolidation

Incentives for public shareholders to divest from local utilities

Impact for listed companies: preferred vehicle for municipalities owning local utilities

M&A business plan target vs. opportunities and track records $(m \in n. target)$



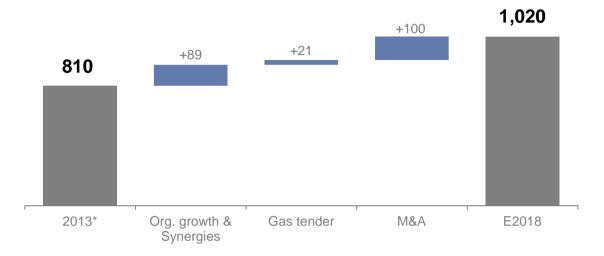
Disciplined selection of several potential targets



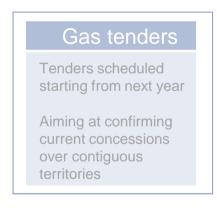
Promptly seize opportunities to further enhance Group's value

Target to go beyond 1 billion Euro Ebitda

Ebitda growth target



Organic Growth	Merger synergies
Waste	AcegasAps
+56m€	+23m€
Networks	Amga Udine
+47m€	+5m€
Energy (42m€)	





All visible levers to replicate growth in line with track record

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Business plan to 2018



Next future combines opportunities and challenges



Water tariff system full deployment

Industry fragmentation/M&A opportunities

Long and liquid commodity markets

Shortage in waste treatment capacity

Higher perception on sustainable issues



Macro-economic scenario

Increased market competition

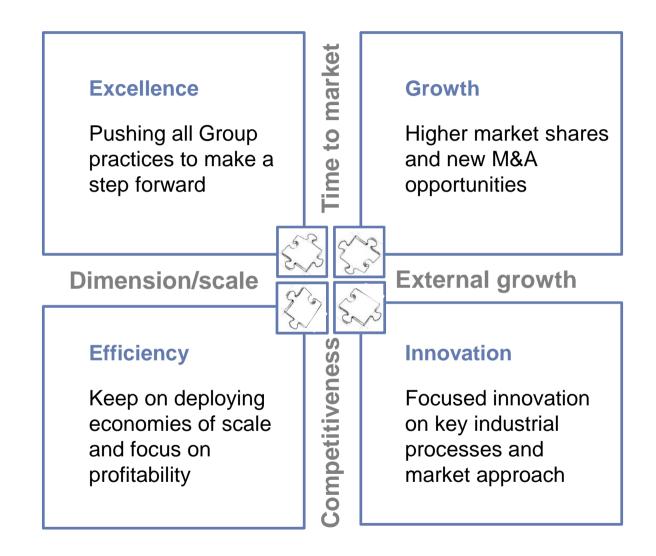
Competitive tender in regulated businesses

Increasing capex requirements

Higher efficiency std request from Authorities

Fast moving, competitiveness, and scale become crucial

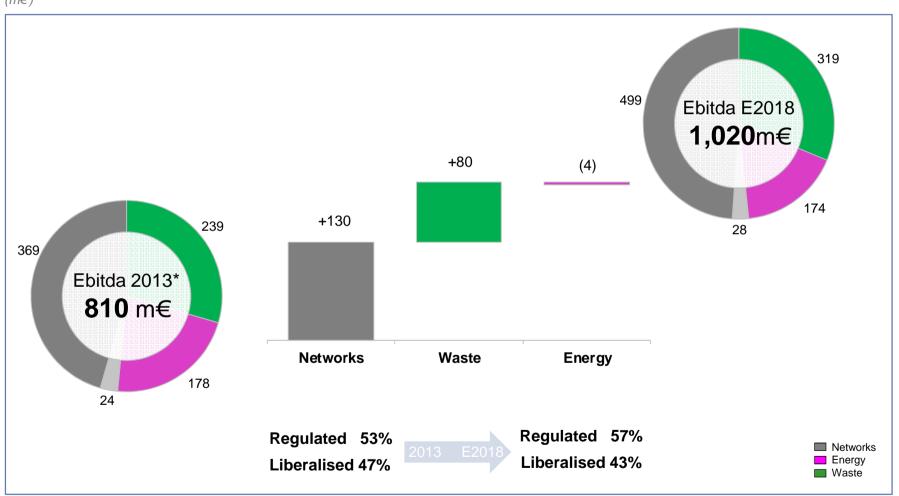
Our 4 strategic priorities



To keep on moving a further step on creating value

Above 1 Billion Ebitda growth comes from all top ranked businesses

Ebitda by strategy area (*m*€)



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NETWORKS: step change in management approach to create value

Strategic pillars



EXCELLENCE

Outperform regulatory quality standards Strengthen commercial culture in all "regulated" activities



GROWTH

Confirm Hera concessions Improve margins on services/works for customers

Exploit opportunities in water tariff evolution



EFFICIENCY

Increase cost-efficient management Reduce leakages Spread out "real-time" WFM



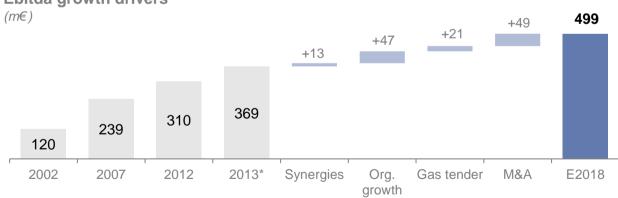
INNOVATION

Smart metering

Technological evolution applied in water management activities

Become an enabler for "Smart" cities

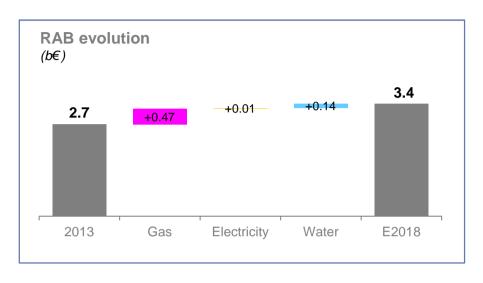
Ebitda growth drivers

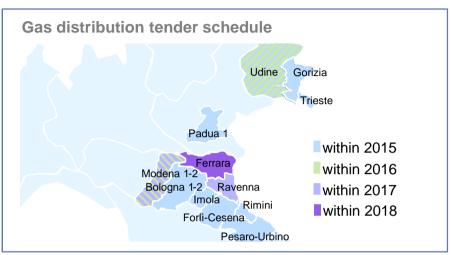


Developing our "safety box"

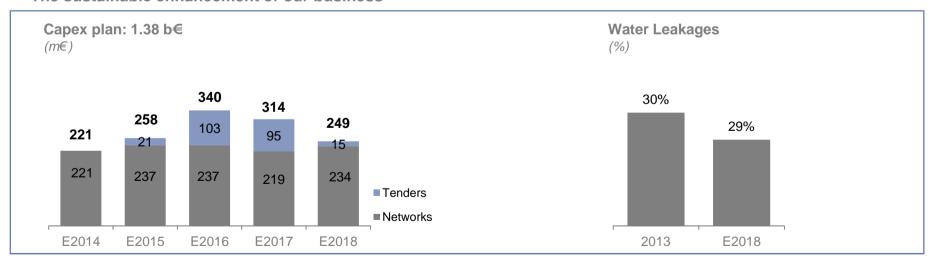
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NETWORKS: developing our "safety box"





The sustainable enhancement of our business



WASTE: a further step up

Strategic pillars



EXCELLENCE

Further enhance quality of customer service with a "one stop shop" proposal Target maximum exploitation of value contained into the waste



GROWTH

Complete set of treatment techn./plants Fine tune effective marketing tools Confirm Hera concessions in collection Further evolve collection management



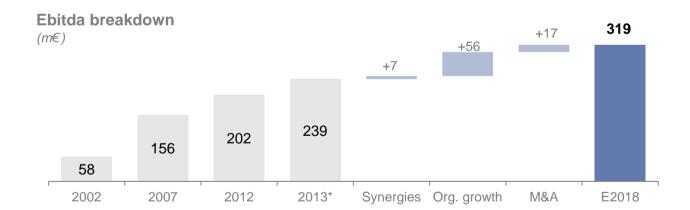
EFFICIENCY

Target higher urban sorted collection std enhancing recycling/reducing disposals Streamline procedure/organization. Further rationalize of group structure Plant optimization



INNOVATION

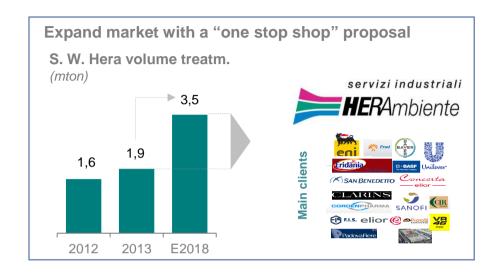
Exploit new technologies in biogas Enhance energy efficiency in all plants Increase recycling quality/profitability Fully deploy benefit of WFM tech

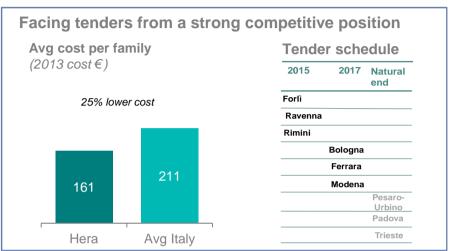


Replicating fast growth track records

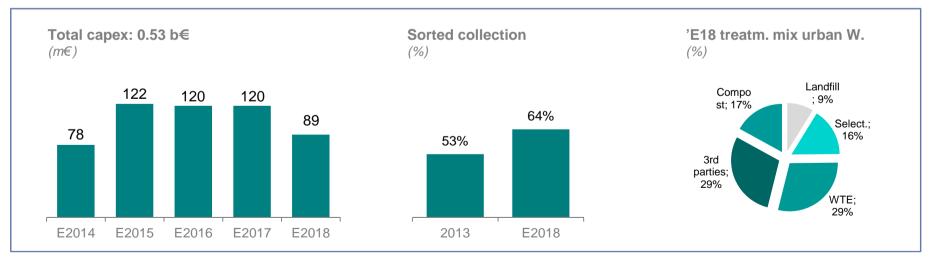
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WASTE: exploit our unique expertise





The sustainable enhancement of our business



ENERGY: expanding market presence through all levers

Strategic pillars



EXCELLENCE

Further "tailored" commercial offering Customer care beyond bench mark



GROWTH

Develop markets and reduce churn Confirm at least 50% of current "safeguarded" customers served Further exploit benefit from energy savings incentives



EFFICIENCY

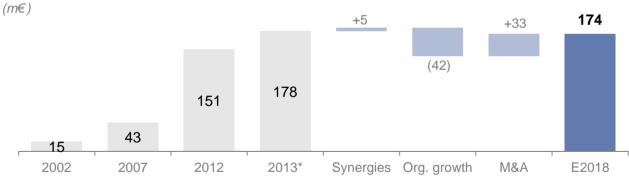
Keep on serving with high quality and low cost to serve Optimize procurement/plant mgmt Minimize power generation cost



INNOVATION

Create new marketing proposals Promote partnership with clients in micro-cogen. and energy mgmt

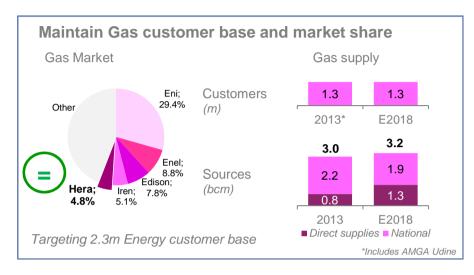
Ebitda growth drivers

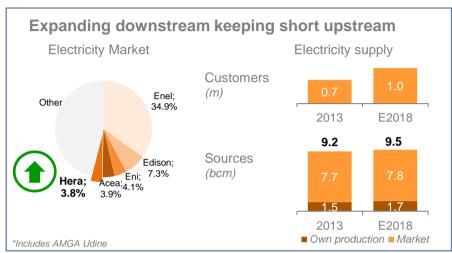


...to tackle margin normalization

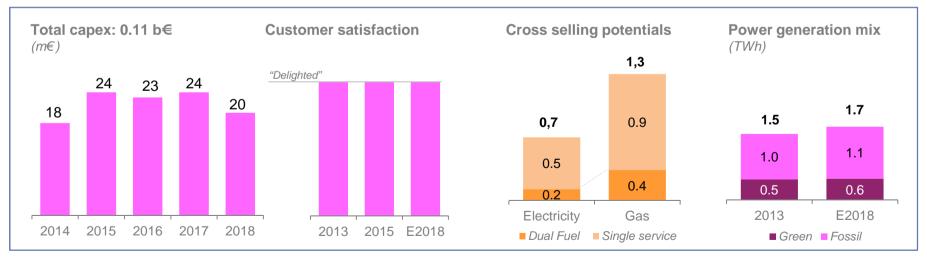
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ENERGY: enlarging customer base to offset lower consumptions/margins



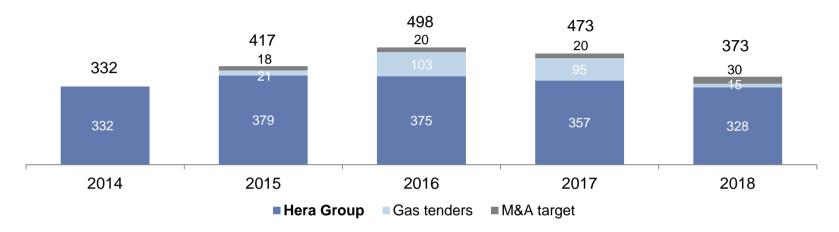


The sustainable enhancement of our business

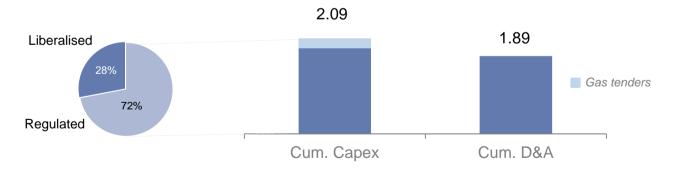


Capex plan: 2.1 b€ to sustain low risk growth and efficiency gains

2.1 b€ Capex breakdown by legal entity (*m*€)

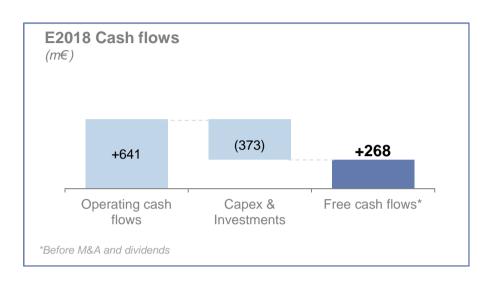


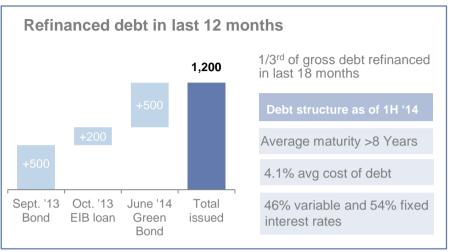
Development/Maintenance & Regulated/liberalised $(b \in)$



Enhancing return on invested capital by ~100 basis points

Cumulating financial "firepower" to face future challenges...







and grow safe and sound



Hera aims at **leading industry transformation** moving from a **solid** position thanks to the **distinctive advantages** built through a consistent strategy over the past years.

Business plan aims at reaching a scale of above 1 billion Ebitda factoring in only visible drivers balancing well known Organic and M&A drivers in line with track record. Ebitda growth transferred down to bottom line (EPS expected to grow at +5% cagr).

Business mix and proven strategy underpin plan reliability.

Financial soundness targeted to enhance solidity and to create room for further potential growth opportunities beyond planned targets.

Dividend policy confirmed at a floor of 9c€ DPS per annum up to 2018.

Ready to lead the industry change and create further value



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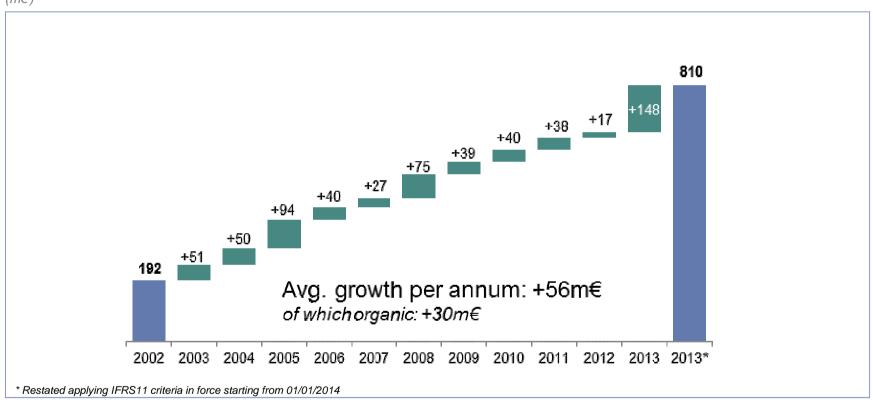


Assumptions

	2013	E2015	E2018
Brent (Dollar/Barrel)	108	103	105
Exchange ratio €/\$	1.33	1.30	1.30
PUN (€/MWh)	63.0	60.5	67.7
Inflation (5Y moving average)	1.9%	1.5%	1.5%
Italian GDP trend (%CAGR)		+1.1%	
Green certificate (€/MWh)	89	91	85
White certificates (€/TEP)	76	119	122
CO ₂ certificates (€/ton)	4	8	10

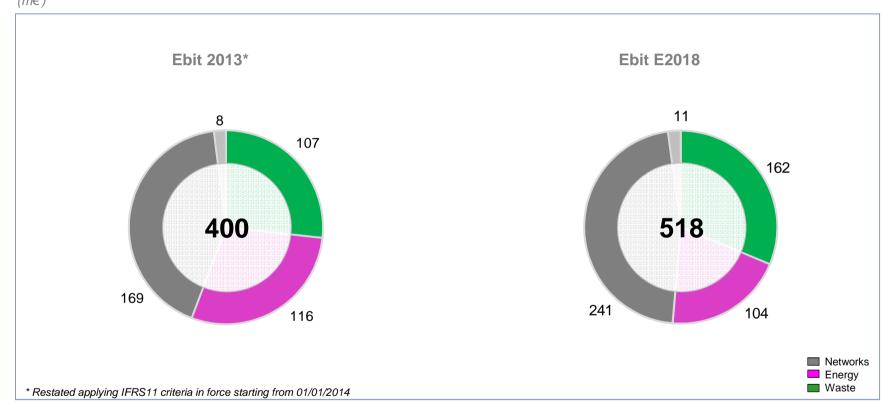
Consolidated Group Ebitda growth track record

Ebitda growth track record (*m*€)



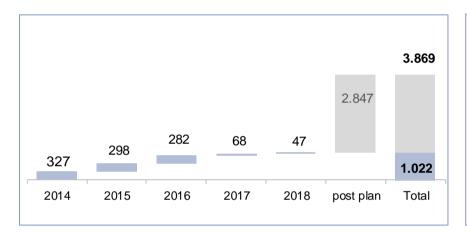
Consolidated Group Ebit target

Ebit by strategic area (*m*€)

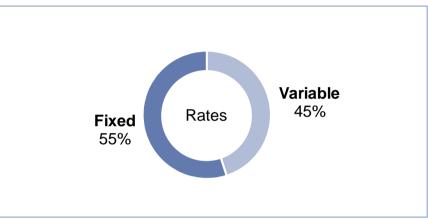


Financial Strategy

Refinancing needs to 2018 $(m \in)$



Pursuing balanced interest nature (%)

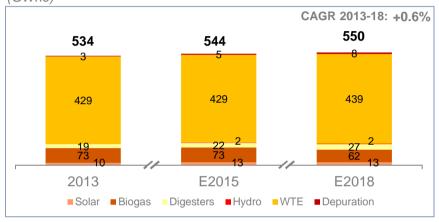


Hera Group financial strategy

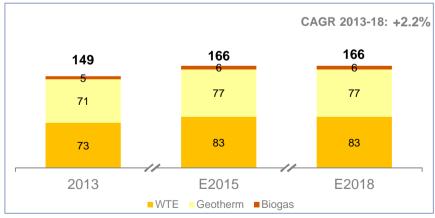
- Maintain financial liabilities homogeneous with investment time horizons
- Non speculative financing
- Optimize mix variable/fixed to stabilise related cash flows

Sustainable development

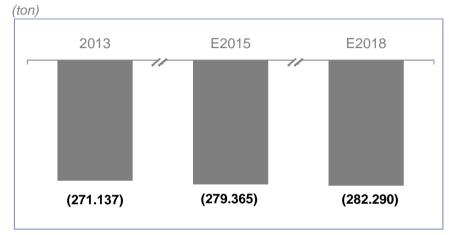
Electricity production – renewable (GWhe)



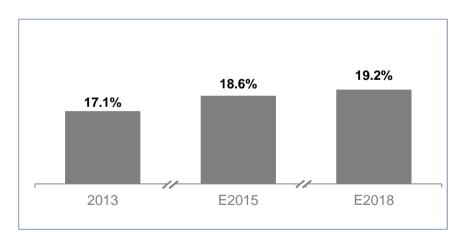
Thermal energy production – renewable (GWht)



CO2 emission avoided



Low emission vehicles



Waste to Energy plants as of today

Market leader by volume treated from third parties (about 4 million ton in 2013. In 1H 2014 market expansion progressed). Special waste volume treated signed +25% Y/Y.

Fully integrated and diversified asset base allows to offer 360 degree services to industrial customers.

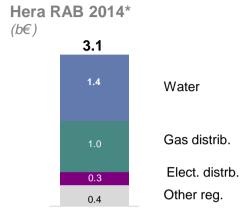
10 WTE and other treatment plants produce energy from waste (about 1 TWh produced in '13 of which 86% generated by WTEs).

"	Waste To Energy Pla	ants (in 2013)
L	Installed capacity	
	(MWh)	(GWh)

	Installed capacity (MWh)	E.E. produced (GWh)	Waste treated (kton.)
Ferrara	13.1	69.8	129.9
Ravenna	6.2	30.2	47.8
Ravenna F3	4.2	22.5	38.3
Forlì	10.9	66.7	119.9
Rimini	10.9	82.2	139.8
Modena	24.8	123.2	190.8
Bologna	22.0	149.3	199.1
Isernia	13.4	98.2	93.5
Padova	24.2	220.7	245.2
Trieste	31.3	220.7	345.3
Total	136.8	862.8	1,304.4

Wasta tracted

Regulated infrastructures



*include Amga Udine RAB consolidated since 07/01/2014

Hera returns on RAB

Breakdown by business	Reg. period	Concession length	Allowed returns
Water	'14-'15	~'24	6.8%
Gas distribution	'14-'19	'14-'18	6.9%
Electricity distribution	'12-'15	'30	6.4%

Water development capex driven by new regulation framework (2nd national player).

Gas and Electricity distribution:

well proven regulation supervised by AEEGSI.

Regulatory framework **protects returns** from volume fluctuation risk.

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