



**press release**

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## **Hera Luce, € 21 million from the Cassa Depositi e Prestiti for investments in public lighting**

*The deal will guarantee significant benefits for Municipalities served by Hera Luce, estimated at savings for at least 60% in costs for electricity consumed and similar reductions in CO2 emissions.*

Savings are soon to come for Municipalities served for public lighting by Hera Luce. The Hera Group company and the Cassa Depositi e Prestiti have in fact signed a long-term financing deal for approximately € 21 million, destined for energy efficiency investments in public lighting in these Municipalities.

The financing consists in two credit lines: the first is intended for concessions that have already been signed, and the second is available for investments involved in new concessions that are expected to be signed within 2016. The two lines will expire respectively in December 2032 and December 2033

This initiative will allow Municipalities to benefit from significant savings, estimated at 60% of electricity consumption at least, and a similar percentage of CO2 emission reductions

The operation bears witness to the significance that energy efficiency has for Cassa Depositi e Prestiti, whose new Business Plan foresees constant attention towards initiatives in this sector in favour of Public Administrations. For the Hera Group, this project is part of a constant commitment towards energy efficiency and innovation across the entire area served.

Today, Hera Luce is the second largest public lighting server in Italy. The company projects, creates, maintains and manages public lighting and traffic light facilities in roughly seventy Municipalities in the following regions: Emilia-Romagna, Marche, Umbria, Tuscany, Lombardy and Lazio, in which it manages approximately 300,000 lighting points.

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