

PRESS RELEASE

**President of the Republic, Sergio Mattarella,
receives the ARERA Board**

Meeting held at the Quirinale this morning. Dell'Acqua: "Effective regulation must result in concrete benefits for local communities".

Rome, 26 February 2026 – The President of the Italian Republic, Sergio Mattarella, received this morning at the Quirinale the President of ARERA, Nicola Dell'Acqua, together with Board Members Alessandro Bratti, Lorena De Marco, Livio de Santoli and Francesca Salvemini.

During the meeting, President Dell'Acqua recalled the Head of State's high institutional role as "Guarantor of the Constitution", emphasising that constitutional principles constitute an essential point of reference for the Authority's action as well.

ARERA's central role in the regulation and control of essential public services was reiterated, recognising their direct and daily impact on citizens' quality of life and on community development. In this context, the President emphasised that the Authority operates not only as a technical regulatory body but also as a "pillar of fairness, protection and social cohesion".

President Dell'Acqua further stressed the commitment to working "collectively, with mutual respect, with humility in tackling complex issues and with firmness in defending the values that inspire us, supported by the outstanding expertise of ARERA's personnel".

"The independence of this Authority is not a privilege, but a responsibility. We will uphold it with transparency, method and courage," Dell'Acqua concluded.