

## **Gas: Arera publishes the commodity price for the Vulnerability Protection Service for March 2026** (+19.2% compared with February)

Milan, 2 April 2026 – Arera publishes the **commodity price** for gas under the Vulnerability Protection Service for March 2026.

The gas price component covering procurement costs ( $C_{MEM,m}$ ), **applied only to customers under the vulnerability protection service**, is updated by ARERA as the monthly average of the price on the Italian wholesale market (the VTP day-ahead) and published within the first two working days of the month following the reference period.

Following the decline recorded in February, wholesale prices in March 2026 increased significantly compared with those recorded in the previous month, due to the conflict in the Middle East. Accordingly, for the approximately 2.3 million customers still served under the Vulnerability Protection Service, the price of the gas commodity component alone ( $C_{MEM,m}$ ) amounts to **52.12 €/MWh**.

### **$C_{MEM,m}$ values published today on [www.arera.it](http://www.arera.it)**

March 2026	Euro/GJ	Euro/Smc*	Euro/MWh
<b>Component <math>C_{MEM,m}</math></b>	14.478167	0.557699	52.1214

\*Refers to standard cubic metres of natural gas with a reference gross calorific value of 0.038520 GJ/Smc

All updated electricity and gas bill values are available on [www.arera.it](http://www.arera.it)

## UPDATE ON THE CONDITIONS OF THE GAS VULNERABILITY PROTECTION SERVICE FOR MARCH 2026

**NATURAL GAS** – For March 2026, the *reference gas price* for the new average customer <sup>1</sup> is 130.97 euro cents per cubic metre (+19.2% compared with February), broken down as follows:

### *Expenditure on the natural gas commodity:*

- 58.44 euro cents (equivalent to 44.62% of the total bill) for the supply of natural gas and related activities;
- 6.02 euro cents (4.60% of the total bill) for retail sale.

### *Costs for transport and meter management:*

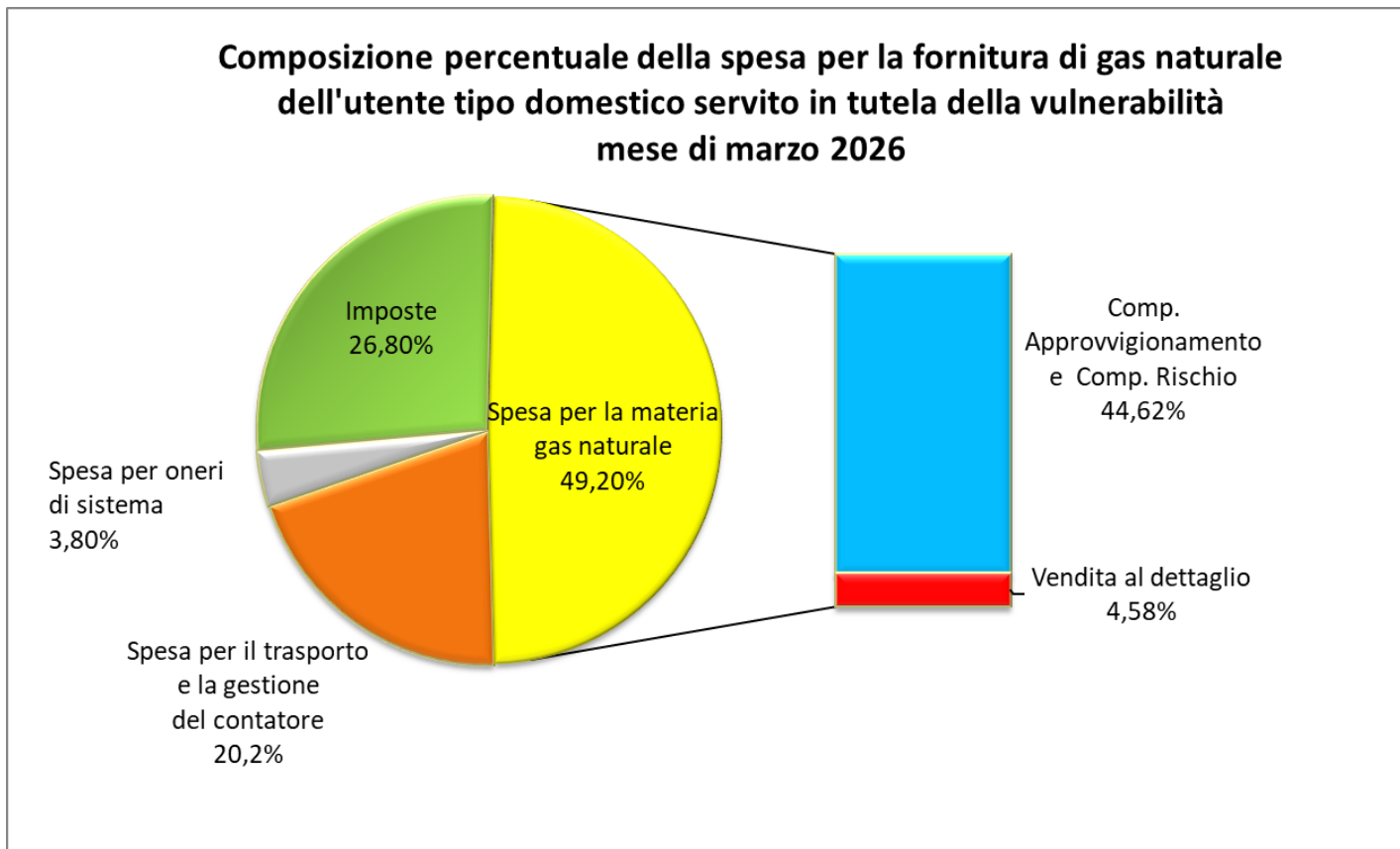
- 26.43 euro cents (20.18% of the total bill) for distribution, metering, transport, distribution equalisation, and quality services.

### *Expenditure on system charges:*

- 4.98 euro cents (3.8% of the total bill) for general charges.

### *Taxes:*

- 35.10 euro cents (26.80% of the total bill) for taxes.



<sup>1</sup> The average household has an annual gas consumption of 1,100 cubic metres.