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ARERA Strategic Framework 2026-2029 open for consultation

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*Comments on the document outlining the objectives and regulatory policy guidelines
are due by 15 September*

Milan, 24 July 2026 – Arera has started the consultation process on the new Strategic Framework 2026-2029 (244/2026/A), the plan that sets out the objectives and regulatory policy guidelines for the first four years of the seven-year term of the new Board. To ensure broad stakeholder engagement, the document was preceded by an initial series of informal meetings with key stakeholders across the regulated sectors to gather input and identify shared priorities.

The document identifies **five cross-cutting areas** that will shape ARERA's regulatory priorities and will be open for public consultation until 15 September: infrastructure security and resilience; user and consumer protection and trust; efficient markets and high-quality services; effective institutional action, stakeholder participation and high-quality regulation; and enforcement, oversight and crisis management. The **25 strategic objectives** are grouped under three overarching themes that apply across all regulated sectors: consumer protection; the European and international dimension; administrative efficiency and transparency. They are complemented by sector-specific objectives for the Environment (water, waste and district heating) and the Energy area (electricity and gas). Finally, the **lines of action** set out the measures through which the Authority intends to pursue each strategic objective.

This context of dialogue with operators also includes the Authority's **regular hearings**, scheduled in Rome on **10 and 11 September**. The event is open to consumer and business associations, trade unions, universities, research centres and citizens, who will have the opportunity to present comments and proposals also with a view to final approval of the new Strategic Framework. To be able to participate, you must register by 2 September by completing the form on the ARERA website.

The document is available at www.arera.it.