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ARERA establishes the Permanent Regulatory Observatory

A permanent forum for dialogue with consumers, businesses, environmental associations and local authorities across all regulated sectors.
First meeting to be held by 30 November

Milan, 20 October 2026 – ARERA has established the Permanent Regulatory Observatory, a standing consultative forum bringing together stakeholders from all sectors regulated by the Authority. Resolution 368/2026/A thus implements one of the objectives set out in the 2026–2029 Strategic Framework, which was put out for consultation in July: strengthening structured dialogue with stakeholders and their involvement in the Authority's activities and decision-making processes.

Chaired by the President of the Authority or a designated representative, the Observatory comprises representatives of consumer and user associations, environmental associations and business associations, alongside ANCI (National Association of Italian Municipalities), ANEA, ANBI and sectoral consortia. Foundations, research institutions, universities and other stakeholders may also be invited to participate in discussions on specific topics. The Observatory will meet either in plenary sessions or in dedicated focus groups. Its first meeting is scheduled to take place by 30 November 2026.

The Observatory will complement the periodic hearings and public consultations, which remain the standard mechanisms for participation in the Authority's regulatory proceedings.

Resolution 368/2026/A is available on ARERA's website at www.arera.it.