

# A2A 2020 Investor Guidebook









# Welcome to A2A Investor Guidebook, prepared for investors and financial analysts to get a thorough insight into the A2A Group





We have divided the Guidebook into the **four main sections** listed aside, where A2A equity story is unfolded.



The Guidebook has a spreadsheet back up - the **Databook**, to download for modelling purposes.



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#### **Resources:**

Databook in excel:

this file is part of the Guidebook kit and contains annual and quarterly economic, financial and operational Company data as of 2008.

Additional information on A2A is available at <a href="www.a2a.eu">www.a2a.eu</a>. Share price information, Annual Reports and Interim
Accounts, press releases and other relevant information can be found in the "Investors" section.

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## LEGENDA



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A2A public documents used as sources: A2A Strategic Plan, 2019 Results & Business Plan Update; Company Annual Reports, AGM documents, Report on Corporate Governance, Report on Remuneration, Integrated Report



## 01 About A2A

### A2A GROUP

Growth oriented multi-utility

A2A Uniqueness - Integrated and balanced business mix

A2A focussed geographical presence

### ASSETS AND ACTIVITIES

A2A asset portfolio:

Regulatory framework

### BENCHMARKING

A2A well positioned in its main businesses



More in-depth, updates and documents available in the following website sections:

#### A2A Group:

www.a2a.eu/en/group/mission-values

#### **Assets and Activities:**

https://www.a2a.eu/en/group/our-plants www.a2a.eu/en/services

#### **Major Transactions:**

www.a2a.eu/en/investors/strategy

#### **Strategic Plan:**

www.a2a.eu/en/investors/presentationsconference







### **Growth oriented multi-utility**



#### **A2A Group Highlights** 2019 2018 (million euros) 2017 2016 2015 7,324 6,494 5,796 5,093 Revenues 4,921 1,234 1,231 1,199 1,048 Reported EBITDA 1,231 Ordinary EBITDA 1,192 1,192 1,135 1,103 1,022 **D&A** and Provisions -483 -455 -474 -474 -538 -9 Write-Downs -160 -34 -245 -359 687 588 215 **EBIT** 710 512 Net Financial Expenses -114-116 -139 -158 -134Associates & JV 4 4 5 -3 -4 **FBT** 581 490 576 403 76 Taxes -189 -157-192 -122 -133 Minorities -4 -10 -6 1 130 Group net income 389 344 293 232 73 Ordinary Group Net income 378 438 413 377 278 Distributed Dividend (accrual basis) 241 218 180 153 126 0.0775 0.07 0.0578 0.0492 0.041 DPS (€) Dividend Yield (%) 4.8% 4.6% 4.1% 4.2% 3.8% Total Assets 10,725 10,333 9,949 10,387 9,801 7,074 6,810 6,522 Total Liabilities 6,936 7,101 **Net Equity** 3,523 3,651 3,013 3,271 3,259 Net Fixed Capital 6,470 6,131 5,780 6,136 5,829 Net Capital Employed 6,805 6,545 6,239 6,415 6,156 Net Financial Position -3,154-3,022-3,226-3,136-2,897 Cash flow from operating activities 932 866 827 896 1,023 Consolidated Capex 500 349 627 450 317 Net Free cash flow - Change in NFP -132 204 -90 -239 466 13,494 Manpower (units) 12,186 12,080 11,436 12,083 - of which relative to EPCG Group 2,301 2,393

#### **BUSINESS UNIT HIGHLIGHTS**

#### GENERATION

2 GW hydro installed capacity

Ongoing M&A activities in

Ongoing M&A activities in PV Renewables

#### **WASTE**

1st energy producer from WTE plants

Ongoing developments in capex for treatment plants

#### **MARKET**

Leader for quality and customer satisfaction

Further expansion of the free market customer base

#### **NETWORKS**

Incumbent in the key areas

2.0 Smart meter plan launched

#### A2A KEEPS CONSOLIDATING NEW TERRITORIES: NEW AGGREGATION IN 2020 – AEB-GELSIA









## **A2A** Uniqueness - Integrated and balanced business mix

TO INVOLVE CUSTOMERS



**MORE RELIABLE** 

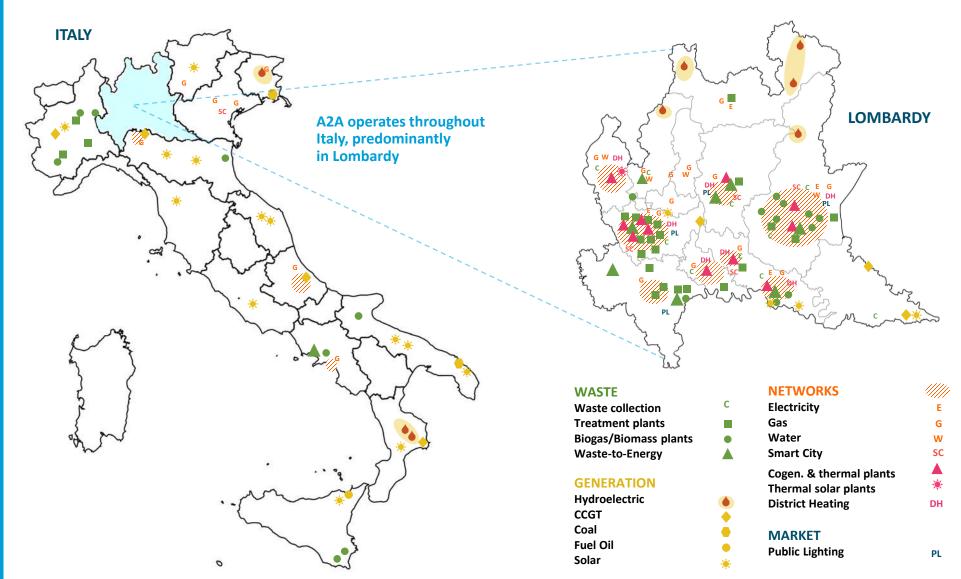
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BU Risk Profile	Merchant High With Regula		Merchant Lo	ow Volatility	Mostly Quasi-Regulated		Regulated		Quasi-Regulated		ated Mercha	
2019 Ordinary EBITDA <sup>(1)</sup>	287 €M	24%	207 €M	17%	271 €M	22%	353 €M	29%	89 €M	7%	12 €M	1%
EBIIDA (-)	Fuel sourcing		Electricity and gas sales     free market     regulated market		Collection and street sweeping		Electricity	distribution	Cogeneration recovery and		Smart m	obility
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### **A2A** focussed geographical presence







### A2A asset portfolio: first class asset base and size









#### GENERATION

Total installed capacity: 8,944 MW
Thermoelectric capacity: 6,966 MW, of which:

- CCGT: 5,285 MW - Fuel oil: 886 MW - Coal: 305 MW

Hydroelectric capacity: 1,878 MW (of which ~77% reservoir)

Photovoltaic capacity: 100.3 MW

Thermoelectric production: 13,353 GWh

Hydroelectric production: 4,619 GWh

Photovoltaic capacity: 123 GWh

Total electricity sales: 44,740 GWh

Trading activities in Italy and European energy markets: power, gas & environmental markets (white certificates, CO2)

Gas portfolio: 15.2 Bcm

#### MARKET

Electricity customers (k) 1,174

regulated market (k): 489
 free market (k): 684
 Gas customers (k): 1,489
 regulated market (k): 745

- free market (k): 744

Electricity sales: 13,656 (GWh) - regulated market: 1,435 (GWh)

- free market: 11,994 (GWh)

- "Salvaguardia" market: 227 (GWh) Gas sales: 2,454 (Mcm)

- regulated market: 579 (Mcm)

- free market: 1,875 (Mcm)

Public lighting (n.): 274,618, of which 243,979 LED

#### WASTE

Inhabitants served: 3.63 millions

WTE Plants (n.): 9 Biogas/Biomass plants (n.): 19

Waste treatment plants (n.): 29

Thermal capacity: 489 MWt Electricity capacity: 505 MW

Nominal treatment capacity: 4,433 Kton/y

Waste collected: 1,708 Kton Waste disposed of: 3,340 Kton WTE heat production: 1,489 GWht

WTE and biogas electricity production: 1,780 GWh

#### INTERNATIONAL

Technological partnerships abroad:

- 8 plants in UK, Spain and Greece



#### NETWORKS

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#### Electricity:

Electricity distributed: 11,735 GWh Network: 15,764 Km Points of delivery: 1,216 k

#### Gas:

Gas distributed: 2,963 Mcm
Network: 14,277 Km Points of delivery: 1,817 k

#### Water:

Water distributed: 78 Mcm Sewage network: 3,155 Km

#### HEAT

Total installed thermal capacity: 1,970 MWt

Heat production: 1,389 GWht

Heat volumes sales: 2,783 GWht

Total installed electricity capacity: 341 MW

Cogeneration electricity sales: 316 GWh

District heating network: 1,266 Km

District Heating Customers: 27,188 buildings/flats

#### SMART CITY

Optic fiber network: 4,100 km







### **Regulatory framework**



ARERA is the Italian Regulatory Authority for Energy, Networks and Waste. A2A regulated and quasi-regulated activities are the following:

### ELECTRICITY NETWORKS

#### 5th Tariff regulatory period: 2016-2023 (8 years, with an intra-period update in 2020)

Tariff not linked to change in unit volumes consumption

- Shift from input-based to output-based model as of 2016, for quality regulation providing for rewards/penalties according to over-/underperformance in the continuity and reliability service
- Gradual moving from building block approach (Capex and Opex treated separately) to TOTEX regime (based on the total expenditure combined with output-based incentive schemes) under following consultation process
- WACC: in 2019-2021, 5.9% (distribution, metering)
- Price cap: 1.3% (distribution), 0,7% (metering) as of 2020
  The potential extra-efficiencies achieved in the preceding regulatory periods are to be shared 50-50 with the consumer by 2023
- a sharing mechanism of the revenues linked to the usage of the electricity infrastructures by TELCO companies (i.e. for laying optical fiber), if any
- some incentives applied to Opex and Invested Capital, to promote consolidation among small-mid distributors (for operations concluded between 01/01/2018 from 31/12/2023).

### GAS NETWORKS

#### 5<sup>th</sup> Tariff Regulatory period: 2020-2025 (6 years)

Tariff not linked to change in unit volumes consumption

- Confirmed a hybrid approach combining price-cap (applied to Opex) and cost-of-service regulation (applied to Capex); 2020 allowed Opex recognition based on the "t-2" principle
- WACC: invested capital remuneration rate for distribution and metering activities has been unified (6.3% for both distribution and metering), as a result of aligned beta for gas metering at 0.439, down from current 0.502
- WACC is applied either to RAB or to VIR ARERA<sup>(1)</sup> for new ATEM's entrants (so-called "asymmetric regulation")
- Price cap: distribution (X-factor increased vs 2019): 3.53% for big companies, 4,79% for medium companies, 6,59% for small companies| metering: confirmed 0% | commercialization (X-factor increased vs 2019): 1.57% for all companies.

New rules for **including into the tariffs and admitted revenues** part of the **private/public contributions** received by the operator and set aside in the previous regulatory period (20%, so called "frozen contributions").

## WACC Reform (electricity and gas networks)

In December 2015 ARERA defined the WACC remuneration for the regulated energy networks, effective from 1 January 2016

The common parameters are set for gas and electricity, excluding those specific of each sector, such as beta and D/E

- WACC is real pre-tax allowed return
- WACC regulatory period lasts 6 years (2016-2021)
- The interim review is fixed every 3 years

(i.e. at the end of 2018 the WACC applicable in the period 2019-2021 will be set) for: Risk Free Rate; Country Risk Premium<sup>(2)</sup>; Inflation used to calculate "F" factor; Gearing (value more in line with those used by other European regulators), Tax Rate according to the annual Stability Law





### **Regulatory framework**



## INTEGRATED WATER CYCLE

#### 3th Regulatory period: 2020-2023 (4 years)

- Allowed revenues based on full recovery cost subject to efficiency and capped in terms of tariff growth.
- Regulatory matrix with **six different tariff schemes**, linked to the need for new investments, the evolution of underlying costs due to consolidation or improvement in quality of service and revenue per capita.
- **Fixed annual maximum tariff increases** ranging from **5.2%** to **8.5%**, different for each of the six tariff schemes assigned at Local Authority Level (EgA).
- Overall return is equal to 5.2%, with an additional 1% extra return for investments made from 2012.
- X-factor equal to 1.5% to promote higher efficiency on internal Opex.
- Interim review:

RAB and variable costs (2 years); assumptions on financial costs and taxation can be modified every 2 years if there are "significant changes".

## **DISTRICT HEATING**

#### Regulation – light approach

- D.Lgs. 102/14 did not entrust ARERA to set the tariff.
- The ARERA regulation includes only **the standards of technical** and **commercial quality**: the obligations relate only to the management of the heat network and commercial relations with customers connected.
- The prices applied to customers are on the market and it is important to maintain an optimal efficiency level to beat other alternative carriers (i.e. natural gas).
- A2A is asking the Government for measures to encourage the district heating development.

#### WASTE

#### 1st Regulatory period: 2018-2021 (4 years)

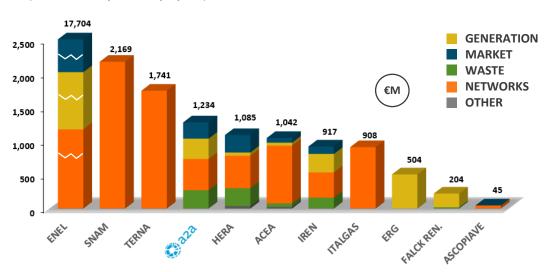
- In October 2019, ARERA established MTR 2018-2021 (i.e. Metodo Tariffario Rifiuti) as the first tariff method for the municipal waste management.
- The MTR enters into force in 2020 and is related to collection services, while the treatment and recovery framework should be effective from 2021, after one or more public consultations.
- The aim of the MTR is (similarly to the previous regulatory schemes implemented by ARERA in the other sectors) to cover operating costs, cost of capital and depreciation/amortization, with a Regulatory Asset Base (RAB) remuneration.
- In order to promote waste management investments, ARERA sets a **WACC equal to 6.3%**, +1% for the regulatory time lag (i.e. 2 years for the cost recovery).
- A price cap mechanism controls the tariff's growth, ensuring flexibility in order to consider additional services and quality improvement.
- The MTR introduces a **sharing mechanism in favor of the service provider**, applied on revenues from the sale of separate collection materials and other market activities based on concession's asset.
- Efficiency incentives are included in the sharing factor and the gradual implementation instruments, which are set by the local Authority .
- ARERA maintains a role in checking the consistency of the tariff with MTR's methodology.
- As for waste treatment, an asymmetrich approach might be pursued by the Regulator

### **A2A** well positioned in its main businesses



#### **MAIN LISTED ITALIAN UTILITIES 2019 EBITDA**

(Source: A2A analysis on Company data)



A2A: the most diversified utility, the highest EBITDA among local utilities

### **A2A MARKET POSITION**(1)

(Sources: ARERA and Company data)

		2018		2017		2016		2015		2014	
		market share	# operator	market share	# op.	market share	# op.	market share	# op.	market share	# op.
	Electricity production	6.2%	4	6.0%	4	5.3%	4	5.4%	4	5.1%	4
and	Generation installed capacity		2		2		2		2		2
	Hydroelectric installed capacity		2		2		2		2		2
. <u>ĕ</u>	Hydroelettric production	9.2%	2	9.4%	2	9.9%	2	9.9%	2	9.4%	2
Generation Trading	Thermoelectric installed capacity		2		2		2		2		2
	Electricity production from gas	6,8%	4	6.2%	4	3.8%	9	3.8%	8	2.7%	10
ğ	Electricity production from coal	7.9%	3	7.2%	3	7.2%	3	5.7%	3	4.9%	3
	Solar production	0.7%	5								
Market	Electricity sales for end users	3.5%	6	2.7%	6	2.5%	8	2.3%	9	2.5%	9
Mar	Gas sales for users	3.3%	6	3.3%	7	2.4%	8	2.5%	9	2.3%	9
Networks	Electricity distribution	4.2%	2	4.1%	2	4.2%	2	4.2%	2	4.1%	2
	Gas distribution	8.7%	4	7.9%	4	5.9%	4	5.9%	4	5.9%	4
Z e	Water sold (listed companies)		4		4		4		4		4

		2018 # operator	2017 # op.	2016 # op.	2015 # op.	2014 # op.
	Collection	2	3	3	3	3
Waste	% of sorted collection (main operators)	1	1	3	3	3
	Power production from waste	1	1	1	2	1
	Waste disposal through WTE plants	1	1	2	2	2
istrict	Heated volumes	1	1	1	1	1
Dist Heat	Heat production	2	2	2	2	2

A2A position has been quite stable at the top









# 02 Our Strategy

### **PERFORMANCE**

**Dynamic M&A Track Record** 

### NEW STRATEGIC PLAN 2019-2024

**Industry Trends and A2A industrial model** 

**Key Financial Targets** 

**COVID-19 Emergency: 2020 impacts and ESG initiatives** 

### DEBT

**Financial Strategy:** 

**Cost reduction and high duration** 

**Bonds and EMTN Programme** 



More in-depth, updates and documents available in the following website sections:

Operating and Consolidated results: www.a2a.eu/en/investors/financial-reports

Strategy & Risk Management: www.a2a.eu/en/investors/strategy

Debt:

www.a2a.eu/en/investors/debt







## **Dynamic M&A Track Record**



	2014	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
NS	Increased stake in Edipower (79.5%)	Composting plant of Sanitaria Group	16 photovoltaic plants from NovaPower	Gas & Power branch of X3 Energy JV with TaleSun Energy Europe on photovoltaic development	SunCity Energy (REN)	Agritre Biomass Plant
ISITIO	i	75% of Consul System	18 photovoltaic plants from ReEnergy Capital	5 photovoltaic plants from Impax	45% of ASM Energia	
CQUI	SWAP	51% of Linea Group Holding	Increased stake in LumEnergia (90%)		90% of Electrometal and Areslab	
AC	S	100% of Rieco-Resmal Group	Start-up <b>Patavina Technologies</b> (Internet of Things)		District heating in Cologno Monzese	
	1	64% of La BI.CO due			A 	
S.	I T	Stake in Edipower (100%)			NS	
<b>DISPOSAL</b>	7.91% of Dolomiti Energia	Partial demerger of Edipower S.p.A. (Udine hydro plants spun off, except from Ampezzo and Somplago plants)	Put Option exercised on <b>41.75%</b> of EPCG (Montenegro)		Gas distribution assets in Piedmont (ATEM Alessandria 4)	



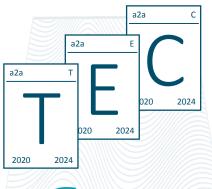




	Relevant shareholdings (31/12/19)						
	Stake (%)	Book value (€M)	Scope of consolidation				
LGH	51.0	109.4	Fully consolidated				
ACSM-AGAM	41.3	190.6	Fully consolidated				
Retragas	87.3	30.1	Fully consolidated				
ASVT	74.6	10.8	Fully consolidated				

### BP 2020-2024: Industry Trends and A2A industrial model





CLIMATE ACTION



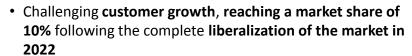
CIRCULAR ECONOMY



SMART SOLUTIONS

TEC strategy designed around 3 sustainability trends

- Further expansion in renewables (M&A and greenfield): 500 MW by 2024 and a target of 1.5+ GW installed capacity by 2030
- Coal and fuel-oil plants phase-out by 2025
- · Projects on system flexibility and reliability



- New platform to acquire **500 K fully digital customers** in 5Y
- Energy efficiency and e-mobility growth targets relaunched



**CUSTOMERS** 





- Leadership in material recovery, with 12 new waste treatment plants, of which 9 have already received authorization
- Spread of best-in-class collection know-how
- Accelerated growth in the industrial segment

**RECYCLE** 



**WASTE** 

- Rebalancing the mix between gas and electricity networks, increasing RAB (Electricity RAB +299M€; Gas RAB + 61M€) and \$\) network's resilience improvement by 2024
- Development of heat management and new sources for DH
- New investments in the water cycle

RESILIENCE

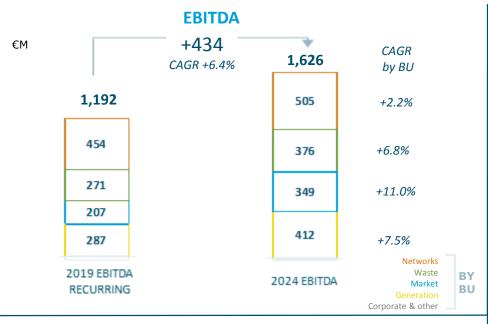


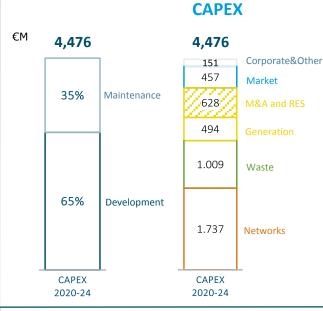
**NETWORKS** 

Further information on A2A strategy is available on the Group website at the following link: https://www.a2a.eu/en/investors/strategy#strategic

### **BP 2020-2024: Key Financial Targets**



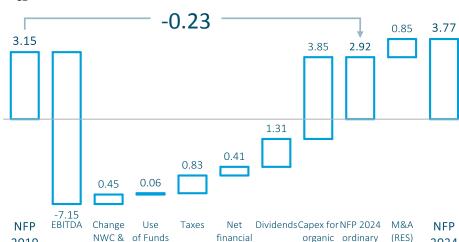




2/3 of total **CAPEX** dedicated to development projects

**Diversified CAPEX** Plan across BU's

### **NET FINANCIAL POSITION** €В



expenses

NFP/EBITDA

growth

2024

2.3x





**Growing dividend** policy confirmed

Note: A2A Strategic Plan does not account for COVID-19 emergency effects and, moreover, the previous Board considered it useful to submit the Plan to the attention of the new Board of Directors for any changes, additions, updates

2019

2.6x

other

Assets/Liabilities

### **COVID-19 EMERGENCY: 2020 IMPACTS AND ESG INITIATIVES**



#### **ACTIVITIES**



#### **MITIGANTS**

## Generation

Scenario effect

- 67% production hedged (May-Dec)
- · Labor and operating cost reduction

- Lower contestable demand (-6% Apr-Dec) Lower energy volumes (BtB) - about -8%

#### Market

Labor and operating cost reduction

- Slowdown of commercial development
- Lower marketing activity

BU

- M&As

Waste

- Lower volumes of waste treated (~ -7%)
- Treatment price

- **Networks and**
- Emerging cost Covid related\*

Labor and operating cost reduction

- DH
- Emerging cost Covid related\*

Labor and operating cost reduction

Scenario effect on DH

Allowed tariffs adjustments of previous years

**LIQUIDITY** 

- Temporary NWC expected increase due to Covid (about 70-100 €M) at year end
- 2020 Capex Plan reviewed
- Liquidity profile improved by further 550 €M committed credit lines (400 €M still unused)

**Mitigants** expected to mostly offset COVID-19 impacts

#### **EMPLOYEES**

- Prompt creation by A2A Group of a crisis committees in coordination with the BUs
- Insurance scheme for the employees hit by the emergency and economic benefits for their families
- Extension of Smart Working to over 4,500 employees
- Enhancement of IT and security resources
- Solidarity fund for COVID-19 victims
- Increased online training courses
- Roadmap for a gradual and safe return to work premises

#### **CUSTOMERS**

- Full time operating service for clients via remote call center and web channel
- ✓ The following benefits introduced by ARERA were anticipated and extended:
- 1. Suspension of supply cuts and payment reminders
- 2. No penalties for payment delays
- 3. Flexibility of payment schedules and methods for clients in difficulty
- Promotion of digital means for the interaction with clients and billing
- Specific sections for clients on the operating company web sites - real time updates
- Close engagement with ARERA, government and other stakeholders

#### **COMMUNITY**

- Production of valves for emergency masks in Cavaglià treatment plant
- ✓ >2€M donations for the emergency to the Lombardy territory
- Strong effort for boosting street cleaning and disinfection
- A2A Smart City in cooperation with Italian Civil Protection providing sensors for first aid activities
- Microfinancing for community initiatives to support vulnerable family situations

**Full support for** A2A stakeholders in the territories hit by the emergency







### Financial Strategy: Cost reduction and high duration



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#### **FINANCIAL STRATEGY**

#### **FLEXIBILITY**

provide the Company with the right instruments to take potential market opportunities, in a prompt and efficient way

#### **DIVERSIFICATION**

optimize financial sources and assess/select at any time the most economical and/or best available

#### LIQUIDITY

maintain an adequate liquidity cushion in terms of cash and available committed lines to cover planned cash outlays and absorb low-probability events

#### RISK MANAGEMENT

manage in a proactive way the interest risk with the main purpose to mitigate the effects of market volatility

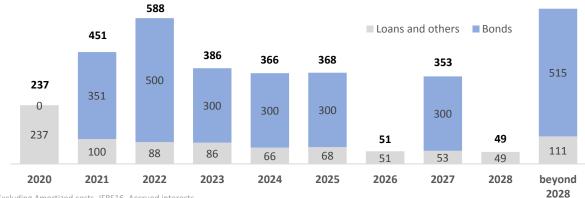
#### **GREEN FINANCING**

Sustainable credit lines linked to ESG performance and specific business objectives

**Green Financing Framework** in accordance with the 2018 ICMA Green Bond and Green Loan Principles

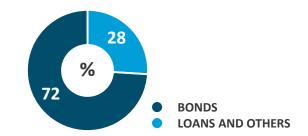
Green Bond issued on July 2019

#### **GROSS DEBT\* MATURITIES AS OF 31 DECEMBER 2019**

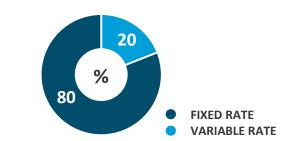


<sup>\*</sup> Excluding Amortized costs, IFRS16, Accrued interests

#### **DEBT BREAKDOWN BY SOURCES**



#### **DEBT BREAKDOWN BY INTEREST**



<sup>\*\*</sup> Excluding ACSM AGAM contribution

#### STATISTICS RELATIVE TO DEBT AT 31/12/2019

Total gross debt: 3.6 €Bn

Average cost of debt: ~2.8%\*\*

Average maturity: 5.0 years

1.2 €Bn liquidity position, of which:

• 0.4 €Bn cash

0.8 €Bn undrawn committed lines and loans

#### **CURRENT CORPORATE CREDIT RATING**

STANDARD'S POOR'S	MOODY'S
BBB/A-2 Outlook Stable	Baa2 Outlook Stable
LOCAL AND FOREIGN CURRENCY LT	SENIOR UNSECURED DEBT
ВВВ	Baa2



### **Bonds and EMTN Programme**



- On 1 March 2018 the Board of Directors of A2A approved a framework resolution authorising the issue of one or more unsubordinated, unsecured and non-convertible notes, under the EMTN Programme, up to an aggregate amount of Euro 1 billion, by 30 April 2020
- The adoption of the EMTN is part of the A2A Group's medium-term financial strategy, which is aimed at lengthening the average life of the Company's outstanding debt and at maintaining an adequate financial flexibility in order to efficiently manage the future debt maturities, to support the Company's rating
- The bonds to be issued on the basis of the Programme are placed to institutional investors
- Program amounts to 4 billion, of which 1,548 million euro still available as of December 31, 2019
- A2A believes that the issuance of Green Financing Instruments that include Green Bond under A2A EMTN Programme could contribute to fostering the transition to a low-carbon economy, giving financial backing to the projects (existing or new ones) enabling this transition and with a positive impact in terms of sustainability.

		OUTSTANDING BONDS									
	Issue volume (EUR)	Outstanding amount (EUR)	Annual coupon	Issue date <sup>(1)</sup>	Maturity date <sup>(2)</sup>	Issue price	Re-offer yield	Rating <sup>(3)</sup>			
Euro Green Bond 2029	400,000,000	400,000,000	1.000%	16/07/2019	16/07/2029	98.683	1.139%	- S&P - Moody's			
Euro Bond 2027	300,000,000	300,000,000	1.625%	19/10/2017	19/10/2027	98.700	1.768%	- S&P - Moody's			
Euro Bond 2025	300,000,000	300,000,000	1.750%	25/02/2015	25/02/2025	99.221	1.836%	- S&P - Moody's			
Private Placement 2024	300,000,000	300,000,000	1.250%	16/03/2017	16/03/2024	99.774	1.284%	- S&P's			
Private Placement 2023	300,000,000	300,000,000	4.000%	04/12/2013	04/12/2023	99.539	4.057%	Not applicable			
Euro Bond 2022	500,000,000	500,000,000	3.625%	13/12/2013	13/01/2022	99.561	3.688%	- S&P - Moody's			
Euro Bond 2021	500,000,000	351,457,000	4.375%	10/07/2013	10/01/2021	99.323	4.487%	- S&P - Moody's			









# 03 Our Responsibilities

### **SUSTAINABILITY**

**A2A** strong Commitment to Sustainability

A2A Sustainability embedded in the Strategic Plan

### **RISK MANAGEMENT**

**Enterprise Risk Model supports business** 



Effective governance model and diversified Board of Directors



More in-depth, updates and documents available in the following website sections:

#### Sustainability:

www.a2a.eu/en/sustainability

#### **Corporate Governance:**

www.a2a.eu/en/governance en

#### Investors:

www.a2a.eu/en/investors/shares

<u>www.a2a.eu/en/investors/publications-</u> services/financial-calendar







### **A2A strong Commitment to Sustainability**



#### **SUSTAINABILITY POLICY**

#### **Four Pillars**





#### **Circular Economy:**

Sustainably manage resources during their life cycle









#### **Decarbonization:**

Contribute to achieving national and EU targets for the reduction of greenhouse gas emissions







#### **Smart Solutions:**

Support the development of urban centres, without compromising the territory and resources







#### **People Innovation:**

Actively contribute to the welfare of the community and the improvement of working conditions









Since 2013, A2A has been a member of the **United Nations Global Compact**.

In 2019, A2A once again took part in the working parties launched by the Italian Global Compact network and the Italian Business & SDGs Annual Forum

#### **MONITORING AND REPORTING**

**A2A 2019 Integrated Report** has been prepared in accordance with the Global Reporting Initiative (GRI) Standards and, for some indicators, it complies with GRI-G4 Electric Utilities Sector Supplement.

The Report considers six forms of capital (Human, Financial, Relational, Intellectual, Manufacturing and Natural), in accordance with the International Integrated Reporting Council (IIRC) framework.

#### **IMPLEMENTATION**

#### **Governance and Tools**

- Sustainability Policy
- · Territory and Sustainability Board Committee
- Code of Ethics
- Organisation, Management and Control Model (according to 231/01 Law)
- Policy for Quality, Environment and Safety and Systems for their Management
- Enterprise Risk Management Model
- Anti-corruption Policy

#### **ESG INVESTMENTS**

(€M)	TOTAL
Decarbonization	186
Smart Solutions	29
Circular Economy	167
People Innovation	4
Total	385

62% of investments fall within the very stringent sustainability criteria (ESG), in line with the Group's Sustainability Policy and Plan. Over 28% Capex not included (because attributable to fossil fuels) are, however, dedicated to ensuring the stability and security of the energy system in the transition phase.

#### STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT

More than 750 initiatives involving external and internal stakeholders. The forumAscolto programme, the multistakeholder feedback initiative launched by A2A in 2015 aimed at understanding the needs of the communities where it operates, continued in 2019

#### **Materiality Evaluation:**

A2A Group **materiality matrix** was **updated with** 21 issues that embrace the 6 Capitals and the Group's governance system. The matrix was approved by A2A Board of Directors.





### A2A Sustainability embedded in the Strategic Plan

2010

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		2019	2024
BA	RES Installed (MW)	99	50
	Carbon intensity from BU Generation assets (gCO <sub>2</sub> /kWh)	333	31
	Overall A2A Group SO <sub>2</sub> emissions <b>(t)</b>	917	55
<b>63</b>	Interruption of low voltage network (#/year/POD)	1.61	1.0
	CO <sub>2</sub> emissions avoided thanks to District Heating <b>(kt/y)</b>	222	34

2024	OUR KEY ACTIONS
500	COAL AND FUEL-OIL PLANTS PHASE-OUT BY 2025
312	SYSTEM FLEXIBILITY  & RELIABILITY
558	ACCELERATION IN RES GROWTH
1.05	NETWORK RESILIENCE
341	IMPROVEMENT



		2015	2024
PA	Waste treated to material recovery (kt)	980	1,750
	Secondary Solid Fuel produced in A2A plants (kt)	130	528
	Low impact waste-collection vehicles (% on total)	* 54	72
	Biomethane produced by organic waste plants (Mm³)	0	20
والم	Water leakages (Mcm)	54	45



**OUR KEY ACTIONS** 



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#### **OUR KEY ACTIONS**



		2019	2024
	Green Energy sold to mass market (GWh)	1,213	2,400
	Electric km driven (M)	10	290
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	CO <sub>2</sub> emissions avoided thanks to ESCO <b>(Mt)</b> cumulated 5y	2.3	3.4
	Municipalities with active smart city services (# cumulated)	24	50











**INCREASE IN PUBLIC LIGHTING** 

#### **OUR INTERNATIONAL COMMITMENT**

A2A - first multi-utility in Italy to obtain validation of the emissions target by the Science Based Targets initiative (SBTi)

A2A has chosen to align itself with the 2°C trajectory defined by the Paris COP21 over the next decade.

Decarbonization plan includes, by 2030, a 46% reduction of Scope1 emissions compared to 2017 (emission factor down to 230 gCO2/kW/h).

A2A objective is based on

- new renewable capacity, equal to at least 1.6 GW in 2030
- CCGT plant optimisation
- the coal and fuel oil phase-out by making plant reconversions of those power plants.

A2A will also set the 100% reduction of the Scope2 emissions by 2024, and a decrease of 20% Scope3 indirect emissions by 2030, related to the purchase of fuels for its own systems and the sale of gas to end clients.

The A2A Group has joined the international network "Circular Economy 100" (CE100) of the Ellen MacArthur Foundation.

The CE100 network brings together businesses, institutions, governments, city administrations, universities and emerging innovators in a circuit dedicated to the sharing of knowledge and experience in the field of the circular economy, as well as encouraging possible collaborations and partnerships



### **Enterprise Risk Model supports business**



#### **A2A RISK PROFILE**



#### **A2A RISK MODEL**

INTERNAL Risk generated by the Group activities	EXTERNAL Risk generated by the context in which the Group operates
OPERATIONAL	NATURAL EVENTS
HUMAN RESOURCES	FINANCIAL
INFORMATION TECHNOLGY	REGULATORY
STRATEGIC Risk generated by the strategic choices of the Group	ESG
COMPETITIVE	

#### **PROCESS AND KEY ACTORS**









#### PROCESS AND METHODOLOGY

Wide scope of the analysis in terms of:

- types of risks and impacts
  - engagement of the Business Units

MITIGATION
Focus on mitigation
Monitoring of the mitigation actions





### **Effective governance model and diversified Board of Directors**

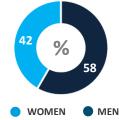


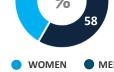
Board of Directors Current Board in charge until 2023 AGM			Committees <sup>(2)</sup>				
Position	Members	Executive	Independent (1)	Responsibilities	Control and Risks	Compensation and Appointment	Territory and Sustainability
Chairman	MARCO EMILIO ANGELO PATUANO	<b>~</b>		institutional relations and related external relations, as well as promoting extraordinary territorial aggregation operations			<b>~</b>
<b>Deputy Chairman</b>	GIOVANNI COMBONI					~	
CEO and Managing Director	RENATO MAZZONCINI	<b>~</b>		extensive powers for the ordinary management and for the preparation of proposals for extraordinary operations			
Director	STEFANIA BARIATTI		<b>~</b>			<b>~</b>	
Director	VINCENZO CARIELLO		<b>✓</b>				<b>✓</b>
Director	FEDERICO MAURIZIO D'ANDREA		<b>✓</b>		<b>V</b>		
Director	LUIGI DE PAOLI		<b>✓</b>		<b>~</b>		
Director	GAUDIANA GIUSTI		<b>~</b>		<b>~</b>		
Director	FABIO LAVINI						<b>~</b>
Director	CHRISTINE PERROTTI		<b>~</b>		<b>~</b>		
Director	SECONDINA GIULIA RAVERA		<b>~</b>			<b>~</b>	
Director	MARIA GRAZIA SPERANZA		<b>✓</b>			-	~

### **Board of Directors Diversity**



#### **GENDER**





#### **SENIORITY**



4-6 YEARS 7-9 YEARS

#### **Board of Statutory Auditors**(3)

**GIACINTO SARUBBI (CHAIRMAN)** MAURIZIO LEONARDO LOMBARDI **CHIARA SEGALA** 

Substitutes: PASSANTINO ANTONIO **TETTAMANZI PATRIZIA** 

Governance Costs (€)				
2019	2018	2017	2016	2015
2,698,817	2,699,712	2,746,529	2,892,601	2,727,613

#### **Remuneration Policy**

- for each member of the Board of Directors (80 €k)
- for the Chairman of the Board of Statutory Auditors (130 €k)
- and for the Effective Statutory Auditors (80 €k)
- a fixed remuneration for the Chairman, the Deputy Chairman and the CEO for their responsibilities
- a variable short-term remuneration for the CEO related to the achievement of the objectives assigned.
- 100% executives have sustainability MBOs (11% weight for the CEO; 10% weight for the Managing Director)

Further details are shown in the Remuneration Report

(1) As per Code of Self-Discipline by Borsa Italiana. All directors except from the Chairman and the Chief Executive Officer are independent as per Article 148 of the Consolidated Financial Act (T.U.F.); (2) The three Committees are pursuant to the guidelines defined by the "Corporate Governance Code" by Borsa Italiana; (3) All members are independent as per Code of Self-Discipline by Borsa Italiana;





## 04 A2A Shareholders

### **INVESTORS**

**Shareholding structure: significant presence of institutional investors** 

A2A is an Italian Blue Chip

Dividends on a growing trend since 2011

**Other Shareholder Information** 



More in-depth, updates and documents available in the following website sections:

#### Investors

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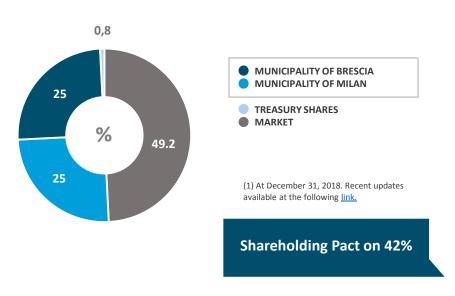




### **Shareholding structure: significant presence of institutional investors**



#### **A2A SHAREHOLDING STRUCTURE AT 31 DECEMBER 2019**



- Share capital: 3,132,905,277 shares with a par value of 0.52 euro each
- Treasury shares: 23,721,421, equal to 0.76% of the share capital

All shares are voting shares, although - as laid down in art. 9 of by-laws - no individual shareholder other than the Municipality of Milan and the Municipality of Brescia may hold an equity interest exceeding 5% of the share capital. Should such ceiling be exceeded, the voting right attached to the shares held in excess of 5% of the share capital may not be exercised.

3-year Shareholding Pact between Brescia and Milan Municipalities was renewed up to 31 January 2023. The Pact regards 42% of A2A share capital.

#### **NUMBER OF SHAREHOLDERS: 70,896**

#### Institutional investors: 36.6% of share capital

Geographic breakdown of the institutional investors:

- USA 30.9%
- UK 18.1%
- Italy 10.4%
- France 8.2%
- Luxembourg 5.8%
- Germany 4.7%

#### Retail investors: 10.7% of the share capital

Geographic breakdown of the retail investors:

- Italy 99.9%
- Foreign: 0.1%

58.2% of retail investors are in Lombardy, the region where historically A2A has been more active. Investors from the provinces of Milan and Brescia own respectively 26.7% and 13.0% of the total retail shareholding.



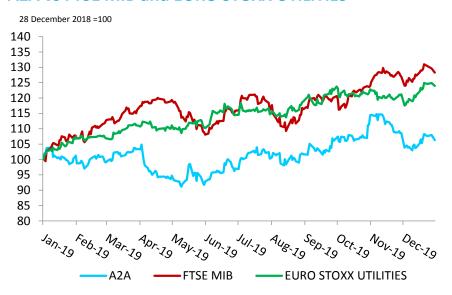


### **A2A** is an Italian Blue Chip

#### A2A in 2019



#### **A2A vs FTSE MIB and EURO STOXX UTILITIES**



### A2A 2019 figures (Borsa Italiana)

• Market capitalisation at December 30, 2019: € 5,238 m

Average capitalisation: € 5,011 m

• Average volumes: 9,593,175

• Average price: 1.60 €/share

• Maximum price: 1.81 €/share

• Minimum price: 1.43 €/share

Tickers:

• Number of shares: 3,132,905,277

Bloomberg - A2A:IM Reuters - A2.MI

### **Indices**

A2A forms part of the following indices	Ethical Indices
FTSE MIB STOXX Europe 600 STOXX Europe Utilities EURO STOXX EURO STOXX Utilities MSCI Europe Small Cap WisdomTree International S&P Global Mid Small Cap	FTSE4GOOD Index ECPI Indices ECPI Low Carbon Italy Equity Ethibel Sustainability Index Excellence Europe Euro STOXX Sustainability Index Euronext Vigeo Index: Eurozone 120 Standard Ethics Italian Index

- A2A stock is also traded on the following platforms: Aquis, BATS, BlockMatch, Chi-X, Equiduct, ITG Posit, Liquidnet, Sigma-X, Tradegate, Tradeweb, Turquoise, UBS MTF.
- Moreover, A2A has been included in the Ethibel Excellence Investment Register and in the Ethibel Pioneer Investment Register. • In 2019 A2A obtained an A rating on the MSCI ESG questionnaire and a B- rating on

the CDP climate change and CDP Water questionnaires.

### Dividends on a growing trend since 2011



With reference to year **2019**, the Shareholders' Meeting approved the distribution of **an ordinary dividend of 0.0775 euros** for each ordinary share in circulation (corresponding to paid dividends of approximately 241 million euros), **10.7% up** compared to the previous year, entirely taken from 2019 A2A S.p.A. net income.

Year	# Shares at 31/12 (million)	Dividend per share (euro)	Dividend paid (€M)	Ex date	Payment date	Dividend Yield <sup>(1)</sup>	Pay-out <sup>(2)</sup>
2019 <sup>(3)</sup>	3,109	0.0775	241	18 May 2020	20 May 2020	4.8%	63.8%
2018	3.109	0.070	218	20 May 2019	22 May 2019	4.6%	49.8%
2017	3,109	0.0578	180	21 May 2018	23 May 2018	4.1%	43.5%
2016	3,109	0.0492	153	22 May 2017	24 May 2017	4.2%	40.6%
2015	3,106	0.041	126	20 June 2016	22 June 2016	3.8%	45.3%
2014	3,106	0.0363	113	22 June 2015	24 June 2015	4.3%	64.4%
2013	3,106	0.033	103	23 June 2014	26 June 2014	5.2%	65.7%
2012	3,106	0.026	81	24 June 2013	27 June 2013	5.2%	69.6%
2011	3,106	0.013	40	18 June 2012	21 June 2012	1.3%	24.5%
2010	3,106	0.060 0.036	298	20 June 2011 21 November 2011	23 June 2011 24 November 2011	8.0%	122.7%
2009	3,106	0.070	217	21 June 2010	24 June 2010	5.4%	67.1%
2008	3,106	0.097	301	22 June 2009	25 June 2009	4.5%	95.3%
2007	3,086	0.097	299	23 June 2008	26 June 2008	3.6%	57.4%

<sup>(1)</sup> Dividend Yield calculated on annual average share price

#### **Dividend Policy**

The 2020 - 2024 Strategic Plan confirms a dividend policy based on **sustainable growth** (DPS at 8.0 in 2020, with minimum growth in the following years equal to 5% per year).

#### **Dividend taxation**

Dividends **no longer attract any tax credit** and, depending on who the recipient is, they may be subject to withholding tax at source or, in part, contribute towards taxable income.



<sup>(2)</sup> Pay-out calculated on ordinary income (net of non-recurrent items)

<sup>(3)</sup> Proposal by the Board of Directors, to be approved by AGM

### Other Shareholder information



#### **SHAREHOLDERS' MEETINGS**

As laid down in A2A by-laws, the company holds one compulsory Shareholders' General Meeting per year.

The Annual General Meeting is called by the Board of Directors within 120 days (or 180 days under certain circumstances) of the end of the fiscal year. With reference to the procedures for the AGM call, please refer to A2A By-laws and Corporate Governance section of the company website (i.e., Shareholders' Meetings). This section also contains all relevant documents for the AGM.

#### **AMERICAN DEPOSITARY RECEIPTS**

A2A American Depositary Receipts (ADRs) are traded on the US Over The Counter market (OTC) under the symbol AEMMY.

Three unsponsored ADR programs were launched by Deutsche Bank (2008), BNY Mellon (2008) and Citibank (2014) respectively.

In all cases, one ADR represents five A2A ordinary shares. Further details are available at websites <a href="https://www.adr.com">www.adr.com</a> and <a href="https://www.adr.com">www.sec.gov</a>

#### **DOCUMENTATION**

All the Group documents mentioned in this Guidebook are available on <u>A2A website</u>. They may also be obtained, on request, from the Company Secretary at the company's registered office or through e-mail at <u>ir@a2a.eu</u>.

#### **A2A INVESTOR RELATIONS GUIDELINES**

#### Main goal:

promote and support the correct knowledge and valuation of the A2A stock by the financial community, through a communication which is active, transparent, well-timed, constant, correct and not discriminatory. In order to achieve this goal, the IR Department supports A2A top management in the constant monitoring of the expectations of the financial markets on the Group performance.

#### Core activities:

- hold regular meetings (one-to-one and group) with the financial community in Italy and abroad; engage with the main proxy agencies
- arrange conference calls with the management at the time of the release of the Group results
- organize International roadshows with the top management for the presentation of important strategic developments

#### Blackout period:

prior to a public release of financial results, the top management is not available for meetings concerning the financial performance that will be disclosed.

The length of this black-out period is to be considered around two weeks approximately. The answers to investors and analysts can only deal with issues related to the IR activity and, concerning A2A share, the IR department can only refer to public information available on the company website in particular to the documents released on the website in compliance with legal provisions. The IR department is not in charge neither of comments about A2A performance in the Stock Exchange, nor of financial advice about the investment in A2A.

2020 FINANCIAL CALENDAR				
25 February 2020	Board of Directors meeting on the preliminary consolidated results for 2019			
19 March 2020	Board of Directors meeting to approve the 2019 draft annual and consolidated financial statements			
12 May 2020	Board of Directors meeting to approve the financial reporting at 31 March 2020			
13 May 2020	Ordinary Shareholders' Meeting to approve the 2019 financial statements (first call)			
30 July 2020	Board of Directors meeting to approve the half year financial report at 30 June 2020			
12 November 2020	Board of Directors meeting to approve the financial reporting at 30 September 2020			

A dividend relating to the financial year 2019 may be payable from 20 May 2020, with exdividend date 18 May 2020 (record date 19 May 2020)

#### PURCHASE AND DISPOSAL OF TREASURY SHARES: MAIN POINTS

The 2020 Shareholders' General Meeting authorized the Board of Directors to conduct treasury share purchase and disposal transactions:

- the maximum number of treasury shares that can be held is 313,290,527, which is
  equal to one-tenth of the shares making up the share capital, considering the shares
  already owned by A2A S.p.A. and by its subsidiaries;
- treasury share purchases and disposals will be conducted to pursue, in the interest of
  the Company and in respect of the principle of equal treatment of shareholders and
  of current applicable regulations, objectives such as transactions related to business
  projects consistent with the strategies that the Company intends to pursue,
  in relation to which the opportunity for share exchanges may be manifested;
- The authorization to purchase and dispose of the shares will have a term of validity
  of 18 months starting on the date of the Meeting resolution

A2A treasury shares were equal to 0.7572% of the share capital at 31 December 2019







VALUE FROM ASSET QUALITY, DIVERSIFICATION, AND SYNERGIES **GROWTH** 

DISCIPLINED GROWTH OPEN TO SECTOR DYNAMICS SUSTAINABILITY

**AS A KEY PILLAR** 

FOCUS ON DIVIDENDS

SHAPING THE FUTURE TODAY