**Energy for the Environment: Adriatic LNG plants more than 1,000 trees in Veneto and Lombardy**

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*Grisignano di Zocco, December 11th, 2020* – The inauguration for the planting of new trees along the Treviso-Vicenza-Ostiglia cycle path, in the stretch of Grisignano di Zocco (province of Vicenza), took place yesterday and saw the presence of local institutions and supporter companies’ representatives.

Adriatic LNG, the company that operates the regasification terminal off the Veneto coast, has joined the reforestation projects promoted by WOWnature, an initiative by Etifor – a spin-off of the University of Padua – which aims at preserving and enhancing the biodiversity of the territory. Together with WOWnature’s collaborators, Adriatic LNG has selected two reforestation projects in Veneto and Lombardy areas, and allocated them the contributions traditionally dedicated to the presents for the end-of-year holidays. Between December and April more than 1,000 trees will be planted and distributed in two different areas: the Treviso-Vicenza-Ostiglia cycle path and Milan’s Parco Nord.

The Treviso-Vicenza-Ostiglia cycle path is an amazing route that crosses Veneto along the historical abandoned Treviso-Ostiglia railway, and is part of the “Green Tour” project promoted by Veneto Region, consisting in a network of more than 600 kilometers of bike lanes and pedestrian streets. By planting different types of trees, such as dogwoods, maple trees, hornbeams, ash trees and lindens, Adriatic LNG will contribute to make the cycle path even greener and, therefore, more attractive for sportsmen and tourists, promoting, in the meantime, sustainable mobility and tourism.

“The Adriatic LNG regasification terminal is a strategic infrastructure for Italy: it contributes to the diversification of energy supply, guaranteeing about 10% of national gas consumption. We operate according to the most advanced international standards of environmental protection, energy efficiency and safety, in full compliance with the strictest measures and regulations” – said Alfredo Balena, External Relations of Adriatic LNG. “Natural gas plays a key role in the transition towards more sustainable sources, being the fossil source with lowest emissions, abundant in nature, economical, flexible and reliable” – he finally added.

In Milan’s Parco Nord, Adriatic LNG will contribute to the creation of a “food forest”: a 10,000 square meters wood of fruit trees and shrubs good for men and biodiversity. This area will be accessible to anyone who wants to discover the cultivation of native species and the culinary usage of products such as fruits, berries, buds and flowers. Here, trees planting will start in Spring 2021.

Safety and environmental protection, centrality of People, constant dialogue with stakeholders and institutions represent the foundations of Adriatic LNG’s corporate culture. These values, combined with the support to local communities and the commitment for a sustainable development, guide Company’s work day by day. The support to WOWnature’s reforestation projects for the planting of more than 1,000 trees in Veneto and Lombardy testifies Adriatic LNG’s commitment to environmental sustainability and the development of the territory.

For further information about the initiative: <https://www.wownature.eu/en/adriatic-lng/>

Operating since autumn 2009, the Adriatic LNG regasification terminal assures to Italy about 10% of national gas consumptions. A strategic infrastructure for the Country for its contribution to the diversification of energy supply, Adriatic LNG at present has contributed to satisfy national natural gas consumptions by delivering to the national pipeline network more than 68 billion cubic meters of gas (corresponding to more than half of domestic consumption in 2019) coming by ship from 8 Countries (Qatar, Egypt, Trinidad and Tobago, Equatorial Guinea, Norway, Nigeria, United States and Angola). Adriatic LNG is co-controlled by ExxonMobil Italiana Gas and Qatar Terminal Limited (a subsidiary of Qatar Petroleum) and participated by SNAM.

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