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**ROMA AND FIUMICINO AT THE FOREFRONT OF THE DIGITAL REVOLUTION:
TODAY ON THE COAST, THE LAYING OF UNITIRRENO'S SUBMARINE FIBER OPTIC CABLE**

An infrastructure that will connect the Mediterranean and strengthen Italy's central role in the international digital landscape

Roma, 3 February 2025 – The Roma area is preparing to write a new chapter in European digital history. Today, in Fiumicino, the **laying of the strategic submarine cable infrastructure** of **Unitirreno** took place. Unitirreno is a joint venture established by Unidata S.p.A. and the Infrastructure for Growth ESG Fund (IPC) managed by Azimut Libera Impresa SGR S.p.A. This digital infrastructure will connect Sicily (Mazara del Vallo) to Liguria (Genoa), passing through Roma-Fiumicino and Olbia, transforming these locations into true strategic hubs at the heart of the Mediterranean.

*"The project presented today represents a real growth opportunity for our territory. Fiumicino confirms itself as a strategic point of international connectivity, a central hub in the global telecommunications landscape. - **declared the Mayor of Fiumicino, Mario Baccini** - We are proud to be at the heart of this great transformation in favor of innovation and sustainability. With the arrival of this advanced digital system, our city is preparing for an increasingly connected future".*

With Unitirreno, Italy is preparing to enter a global landscape dominated by major players. An ambitious project from a European and Mediterranean perspective, it represents the **first Open Cable system with 24 fiber optic pairs in the Mediterranean**, extending **over 1,030 kilometers**. This advanced, modern, and secure technology will ensure high-performance capabilities, enabling opportunities for economic and technological development and making the areas involved in the project increasingly attractive to investors.

*"With the Unitirreno system, we are laying solid foundations for a sustainable digital future, strengthening Italy's role as a central hub for telecommunications in the Mediterranean, - **commented Renato Brunetti, CEO of Unidata and Unitirreno** - As Unidata, a company founded over thirty years ago in Italy, in Roma, and still under Italian control today, we are proud to carry forward our mission of innovation and technological development, which has made us a key player for years in the telecommunications and ICT sectors. This project is an evidence of our ongoing commitment to provide cutting-edge solutions and promoting the digital progress of our country".*

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The section of cable just laid in Fiumicino, carried from the beach towards the open sea, represents an important step in a major transformation. Once completed, the system will connect Mazara del Vallo to Genoa, contributing to a faster, more secure, and sustainable telecommunications network.

*“Thanks to advanced technologies, Unitirreno's infrastructure will be able to ensure secure connections at great depths, strengthening Italy's digital interconnection - commented **Andrea Cornetti, Chairman of Unitirreno and CEO of Real Estate and Infrastructure at Azimut Libera Impresa SGR** -. With this project, we are supporting the country's transition towards a more sustainable digital ecosystem, in line with the objectives of the Infrastructure for Growth-ESG fund, for a more resilient, greener, and connected future”.*

A Strategic Project for Italy and Europe

The Unitirreno system aims to connect northern and southern Italy, offering an innovative alternative to traditional data transit routes through Marseille. In addition to meeting national needs, the project aspires to become a digital corridor between Europe and Africa, addressing the growing demand for connections from the African continent as well.

In an increasingly complex geopolitical landscape, this infrastructure marks a pivotal shift in consolidating Italy as a strategic hub for telecommunications in the Mediterranean, strengthening the country's position within international digital dynamics. This investment not only enhances Italy's innovative capacity but also contributes to building a future that is increasingly connected, resilient, and competitive.

Roma - Fiumicino: digital gateway to the Mediterranean

With the designation of Fiumicino as one of the system's landing stations, the Roma area is preparing to become a focal point for the transit of data between Europe, Africa and the Near East. The city is a candidate to become the "capital" hub for data centers in the Mediterranean Sea, with a direct impact on the development of global digital interconnections.

This evolution could encourage new investments in data centers, cloud and IT services, creating new employment opportunities and an environment increasingly oriented towards digital transformation.

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About Unidata

Unidata S.p.A., a Telecommunications, Cloud and IoT Operator, was founded in 1985 by three partners still in the Company. With a fiber optic network of about 7,400 km in continuous expansion, a wireless network and a proprietary data center, the Unidata Group supplies over 26,400 business, wholesale and residential customers with ultra-broadband connectivity services with FTTH (Fiber to the Home) network architectures, wireless connectivity, VoIP services, Cloud services and other dedicated solutions, with a high level of reliability and security. The company is also active in the Internet of Things (IoT), with the development and supply of solutions for the home automation and Smart City market.

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About Unitirreno

Unitirreno is a partnership between the Fondo Infrastrutture per la Crescita - Esg, established and managed by Azimut Libera Impresa Sgr, Unidata and industry experts to improve Italy's digital infrastructure through the construction of a new submarine cable system in the Tyrrhenian Sea. The system, approximately 1,030 kilometres long, will connect Mazara del Vallo with Genoa and a junction point near Rome-Fiumicino. Unitirreno will offer a safe and low-latency alternative to Marseille as a cable landing hub in the Mediterranean Sea and provide strategic landing points for intercontinental cables from Asia, the Middle East and Africa, as well as a new route to major digital infrastructure hubs in Europe. www.unitirreno.com

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