



BEST PRACTICES IN WATER MANAGEMENT IN ITALY AND SWEDEN

CASE OF STUDY: ITALY THE EXPERIENCE OF EMILIAMBIENTE

CREATION OF THE DIGITAL TWIN
OF THE WATERWORKS AND
SEWERAGE SYSTEMS

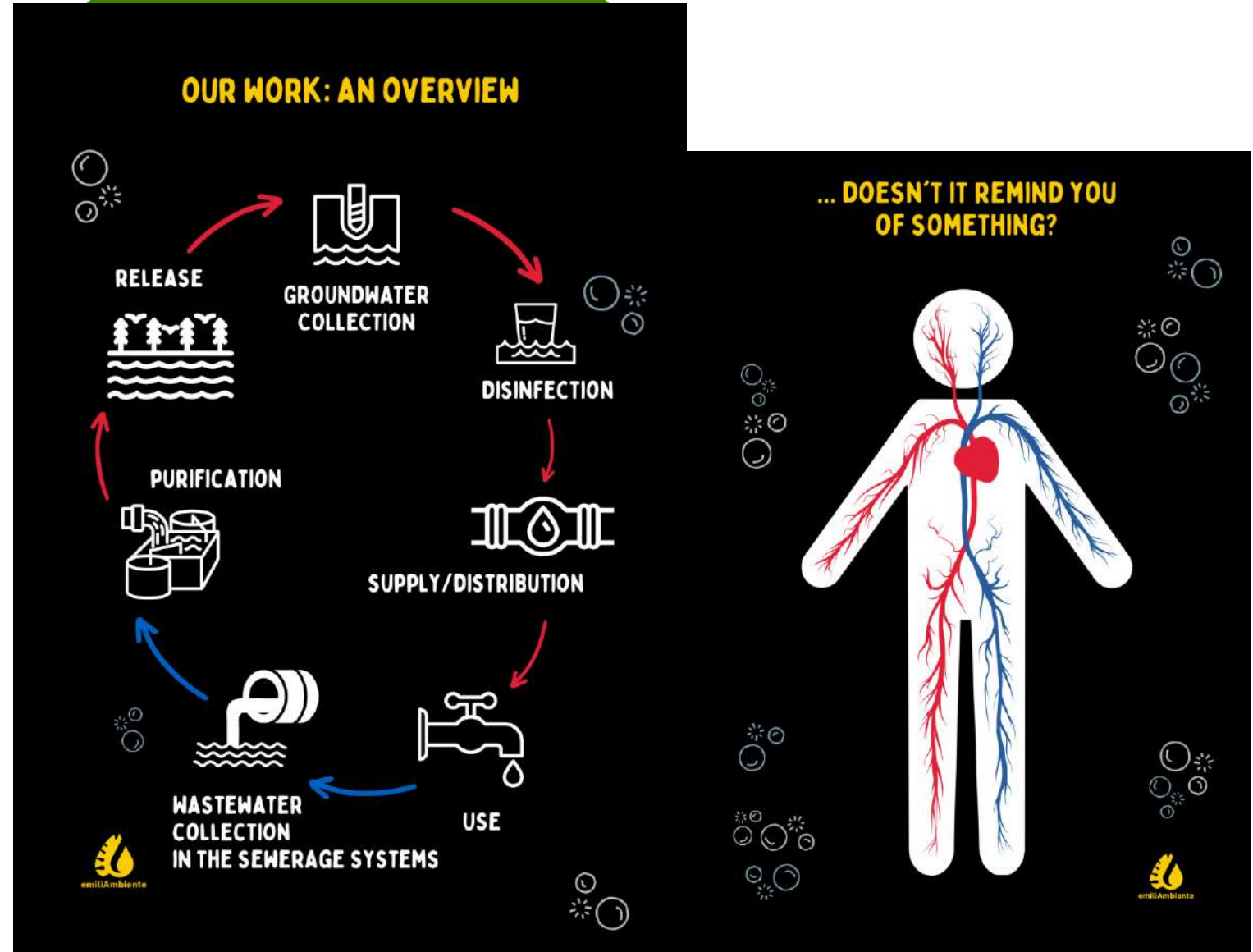


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ABOUT US...WHAT WE DO?

The **Integrated Water Service** is the set of services connected with the **useful use of water resources for humans, that is:**

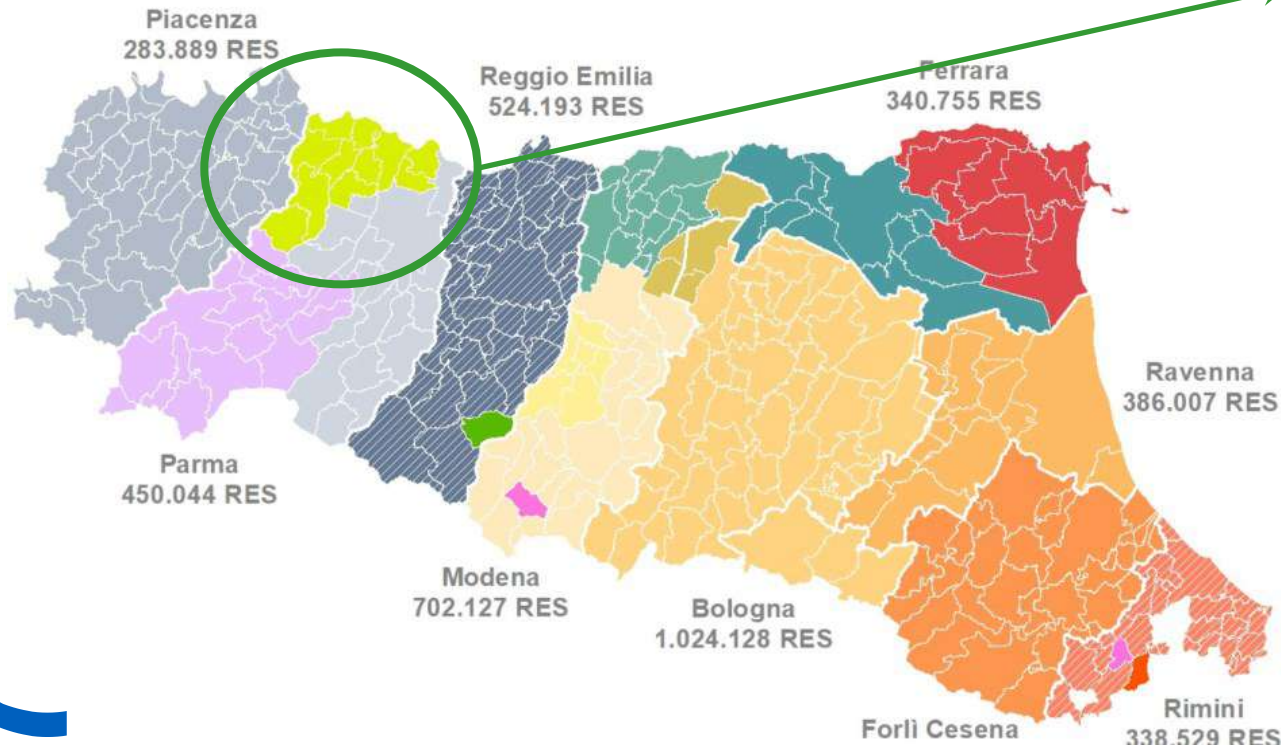
- 1) Groundwater collection;
- 2) Disinfection/purification;
- 3) Transport (supply/distribution) to communal and household taps;
- 4) Wastewater collection in the sewerage systems;
- 5) Purification and release of wastewater without causing any damage to the ecosystem.



ABOUT US...

.....WHERE DO WE DO OUR JOB?

REGIONE EMILIA ROMAGNA



EmiliAmbiente manages the Integrated Water Service for **11 Municipalities of the Province of Parma**, in the Emilia Romagna region, for a total resident population of **101,719 inhabitants**:

- **BUSSETO**
- **COLORNO**
- **FIDENZA**
- **FONTANELLATO**
- **POLESINE ZIBELLO**
- **ROCCABIANCA**
- **SALSOMAGGIORE TERME**
- **SAN SECONDO PARMENSE**
- **SISSA TRECASALI**
- **SORAGNA**
- **TORRILE**

EmiliAmbiente is a joint stock company (SpA), which is owned by 15 municipalities in the Parma area. Since its shareholders are Public Bodies – having a power of direction and control - it is defined as a "publicly owned company".



Busseto



Colorno



Fidenza



Fontanellato



Polesine Zibello



Roccabianca



Sissa Trecasali



Salsomaggiore Terme



San Secondo Parmense



Soragna



Torrile

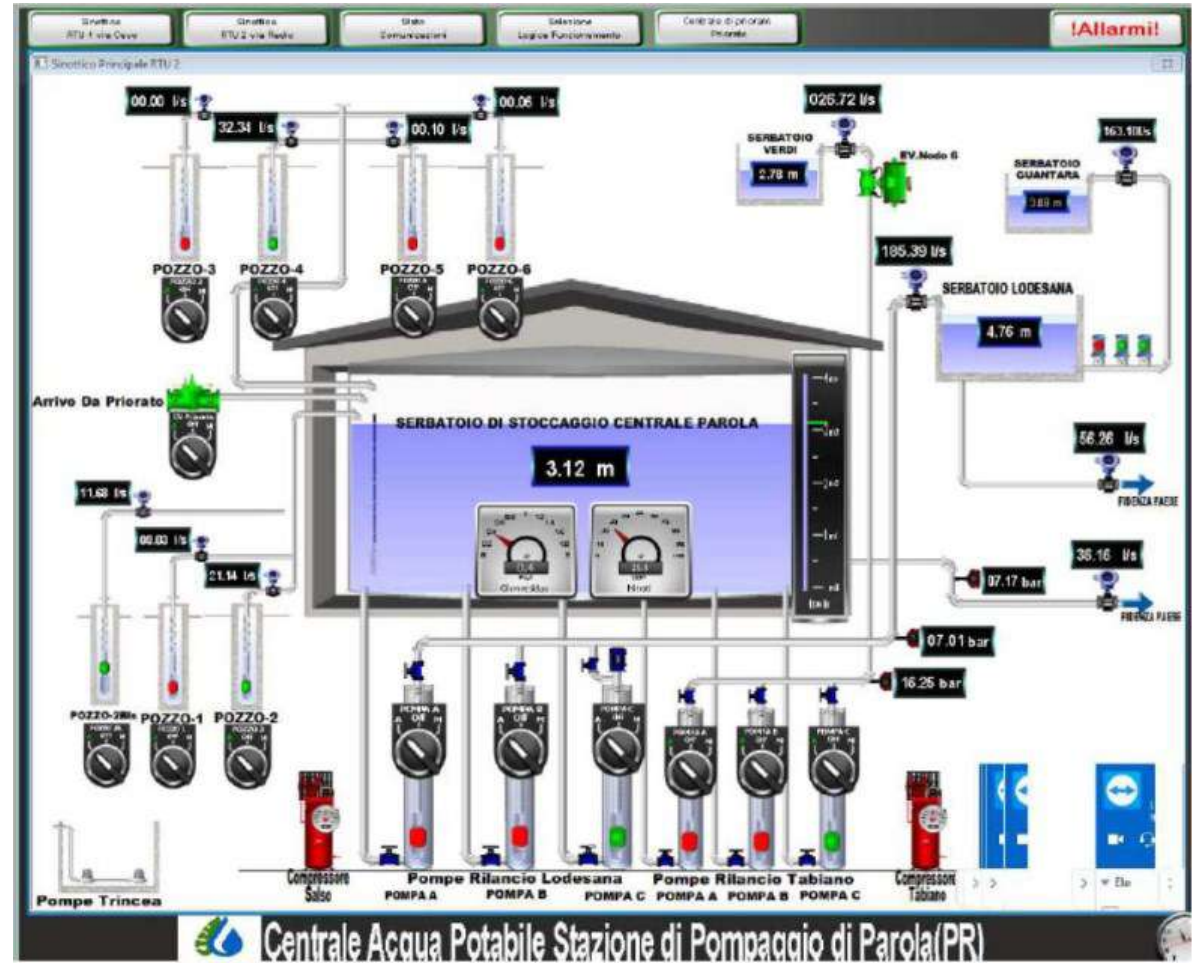
WATERWORKS: EMILIAMBIENTE'S WELLS



RIFERIMENTO: COMMITTENTE EMILIAMBIENTE S.p.A.	SONDAGGIO: POZZO 3 BADESSE
LOCALITA': CENTRALE DI PAROLA	QUOTA:
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COORDINATE:	REDATTORE:
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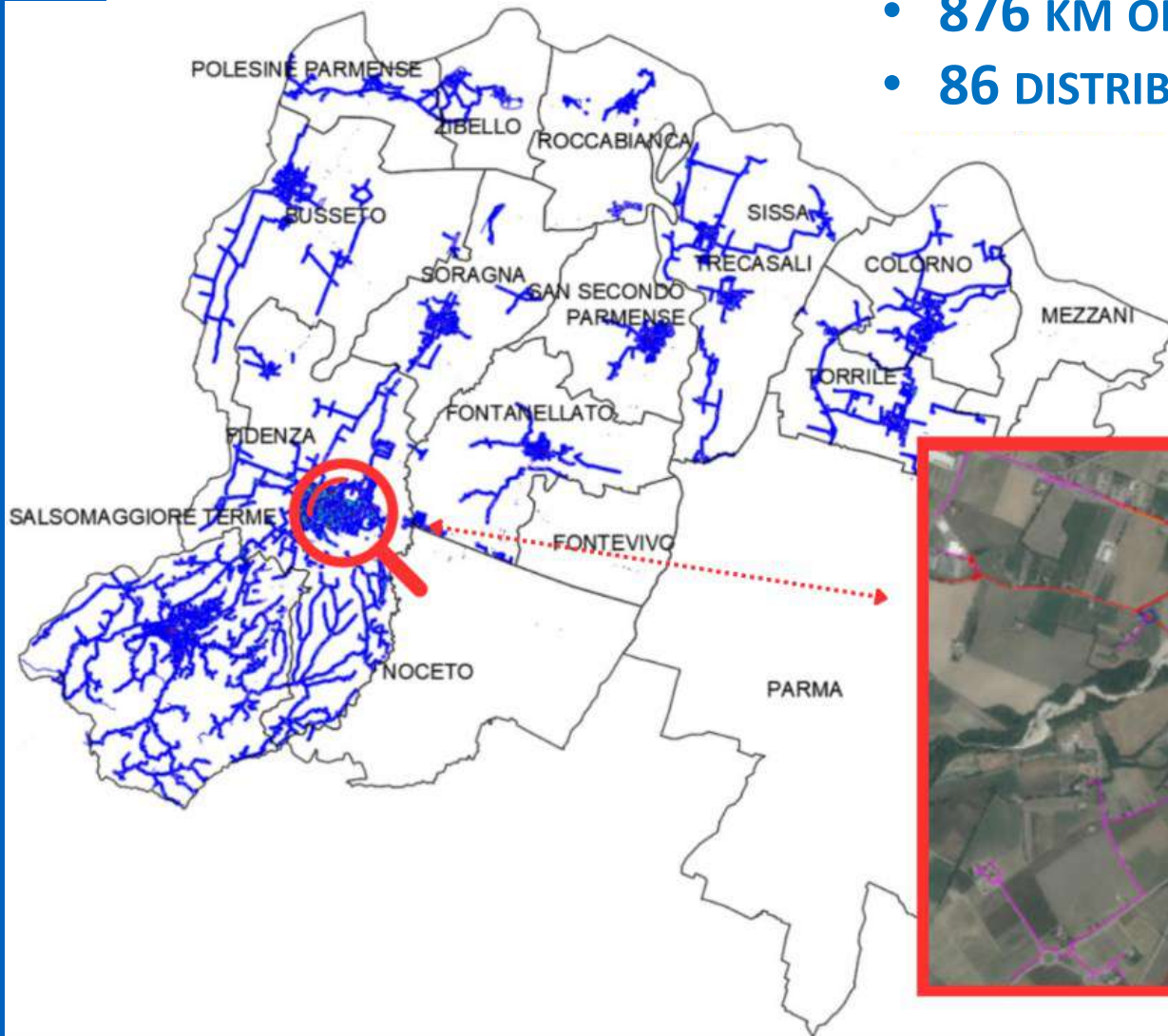
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10.0		10.50					
12.0			Argilla giallastra				
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40.0		48.00	Argilla giallastra				
42.0		49.00	Ghiaia legata				
44.0		49.70	Ghiaia conglomerata				
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WATERWORKS: PAROLA'S COLLECTION STATION

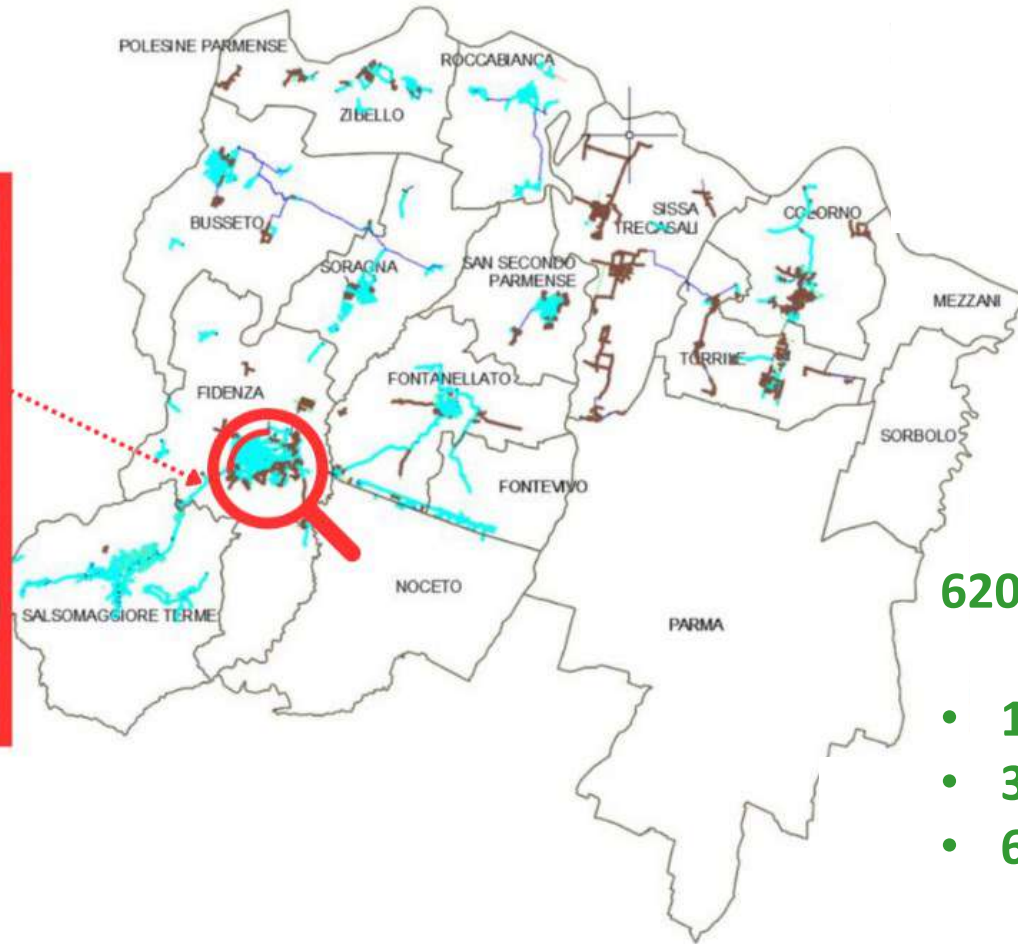


WATERWORKS: THE DISTRIBUTION NETWORK

- 876 KM OF DISTRIBUTION NETWORK
- 86 DISTRIBUTION SYSTEMS



SEWERAGE SYSTEMS



620 KM:

- **156,2 KM BLACKWATER**
- **399,6 KM WASTEWATER**
- **64,2 KM GREYWATER**

- **32 PURIFICATION PLANTS**
- **88 SEWERAGE LIFT**

SEWERAGE SYSTEMS



**OUR FIDENZA'S PURIFICATION PLANT
(DESIGNED FOR 60.000 EQUIVALENT INHABITANTS)**



REMOTE CONTROL SYSTEM

IN TODAY'S RAPIDLY EVOLVING TECHNOLOGICAL SCENARIO, DIGITALIZATION OF INTEGRATED WATER SYSTEM NETWORKS HAS BECOME IMPERATIVE FOR EFFICIENT MANAGEMENT AND PRESERVATION OF THIS PRECIOUS RESOURCE.

DIGITALIZATION OF WATER NETWORK IS THE GUIDELINE THAT EMILIAMBIENTE HAS SET ITSELF AS ONE OF ITS PRIMARY OBJECTIVES.

CENTRAL TOOL IN THIS TRANSFORMATION IS THE SCADA (SUPERVISORY CONTROL AND DATA ACQUISITION) WHICH PLAYS A CRUCIAL ROLE IN MONITORING, CONTROLLING, AND OPTIMIZING WATER DISTRIBUTION PROCESSES.

Level 0
sensors /
actuators

Level 1
PLC, RTU
and Loggers

Level 2
Local Field
Supervision
(HMI) /
Scada

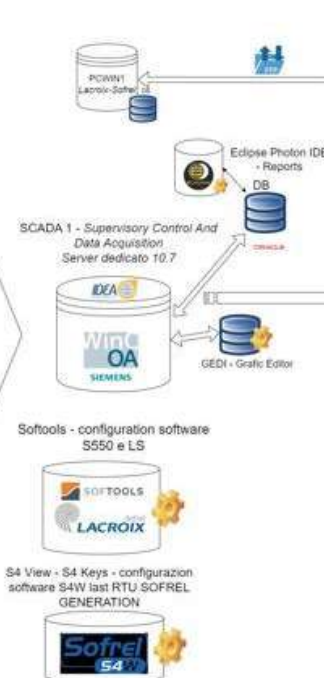
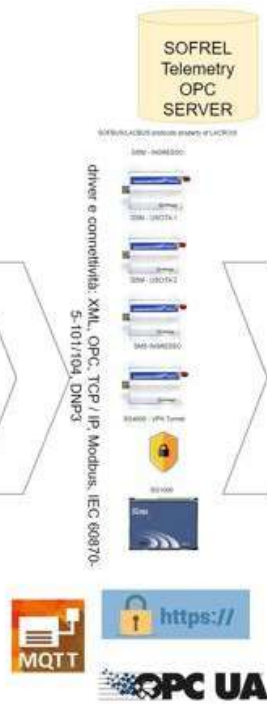
Level 3
Network -
Communications

Level 4
Modems &
VPN
Sessions

Level 5
Database
and Scada

Level 6
Users &
Admin
Clients

- Counter meters
- Pressure sensors
- Electrical analyzer
- Water pumps
- Oxidation compressors
- Chemical analyzer
- Rain gauges
- Automatic valves
- Level probes
- Switchboards
- IP cameras
- Inverters



MEASURES OF PHYSICAL PARAMETERS

HISTORICIZE DATA, AUTOMATION PROGRAMS & ALLARM MANAGEMENT

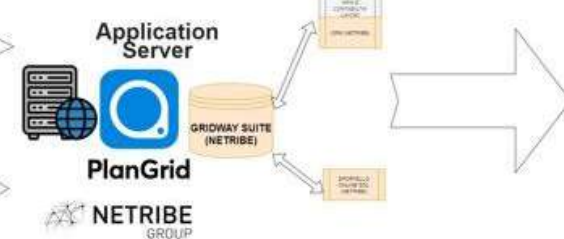
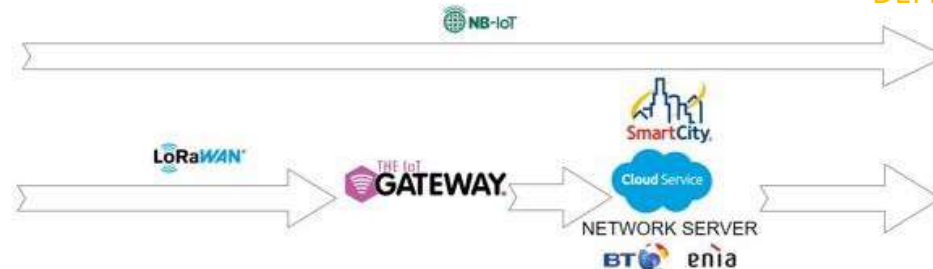
FIELD VISUALIZATION, VIDEO SORING, ROUTING
FIREWALL IT SECURITY

COMMUNICATION RECEIVERS
COMMUNICATION DRIVERS
TELEMETRY DEFINITIONS

BACKUP DATA
TREND VISUALIZATION
SYNOPTICS DISPLAYS

PROCESSING AND SENDING REPORTS TO ALL DIFFERENT OFFICES

- Smart Meters NBioT
- Smart Meters LoraWan



BENEFITS OF NETWORK DIGITALISATION

INCREASE MONITORING AND CONTROL

WATER UTILITY OPERATORS COLLECTING AND ANALYZING THESE DATAS, CAN IDENTIFY ANOMALIES, SUGGEST IMMEDIATE CORRECTIVE ACTIONS TO MINIMIZE WATER LOSS & ENSURE UNINTERRUPTED SUPPLY TO CONSUMERS.

IMPROVE EFFICIENCY

AUTOMATION OF ROUTINE TASKS, SUCH AS VALVE ADJUSTMENTS AND PUMP OPERATIONS, NOT ONLY SAVES TIME AND LABOR BUT ALSO OPTIMIZES ENERGY CONSUMPTION AND REDUCES OPERATIONAL COSTS. PREDICTIVE MAINTENANCE ALGORITHMS INTEGRATED INTO SCADA SYSTEM HELP PREVENT EQUIPMENT FAILURES.

SMART WATER MANAGEMENT AND DATA-DRIVEN DECISION MAKING

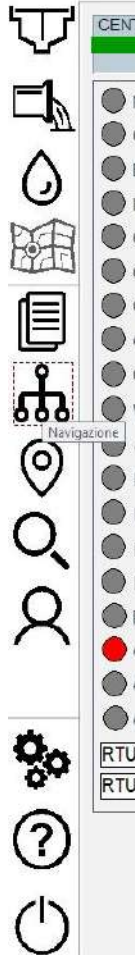
THE ABUNDANCE OF DATA GENERATED EMPOWERS WATER UTILITY MANAGERS TO MAKE RIGHT DECISIONS REGARDING NETWORK OPTIMIZATION AND RESOURCE ALLOCATION. ADVANCED ANALYTICS TOOLS CAN IDENTIFY USAGE PATTERNS, PREDICT DEMAND FLUCTUATIONS , AND OPTIMIZE WATER DISTRIBUTION STRATEGIES TO MEET EVOLVING CONSUMER NEEDS EFFICIENTLY.

MOREOVER, HISTORICAL DATA ANALYSIS FACILITATES LONG-TERM PLANNING AND INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT, ENSURING THE SUSTAINABILITY OF WATER SUPPLY SYSTEMS.

INCREASE MONITORING AND CONTROL (EXAMPLE)



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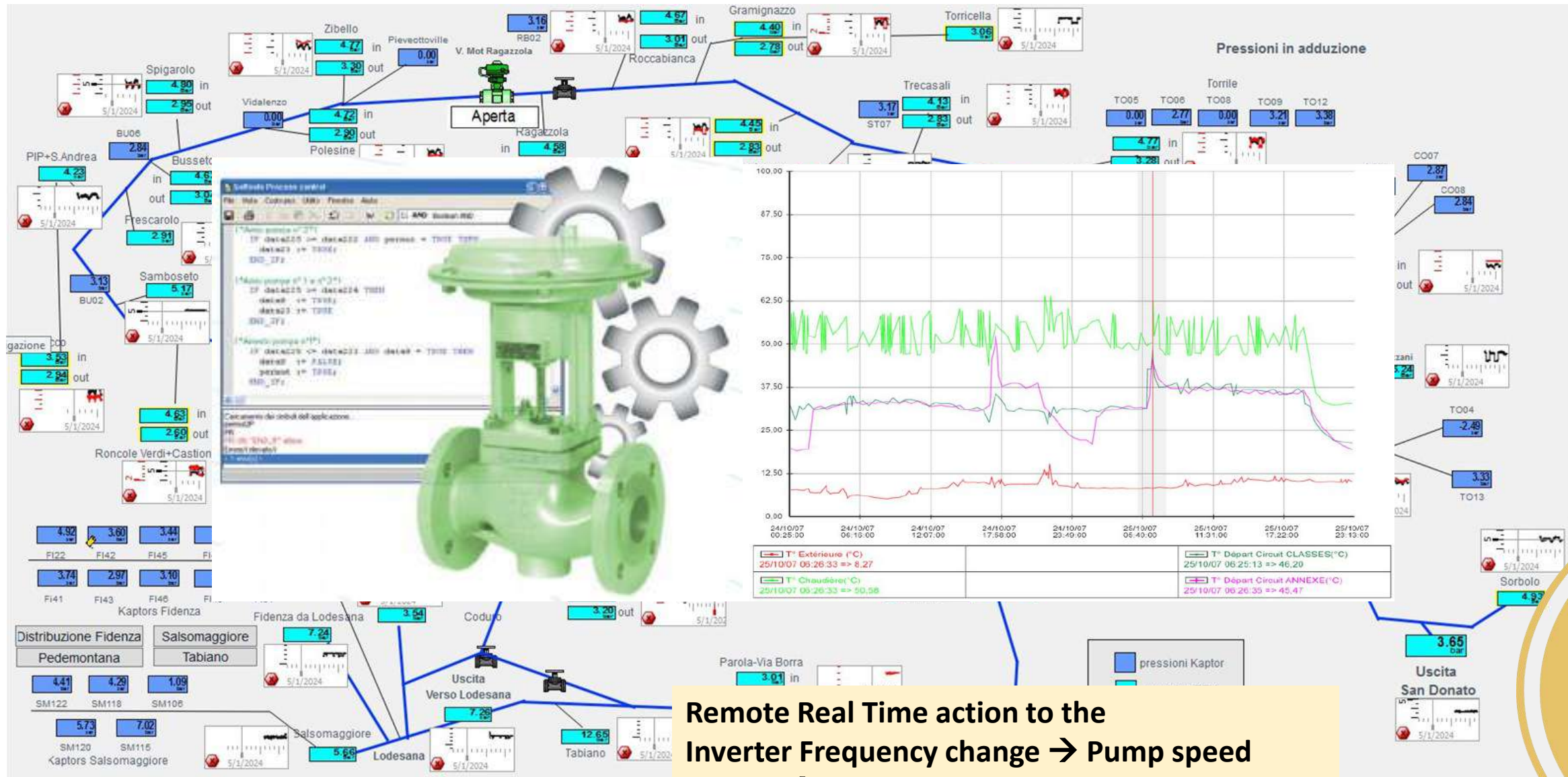


BREAKAGE OF SUPPLY PIPE DETECTED WITH THE LOW PRESSURE AND HIGH FLOW RATE ALLARMS

Pressure Trend (BAR)

Water Flow Rate (L/s)

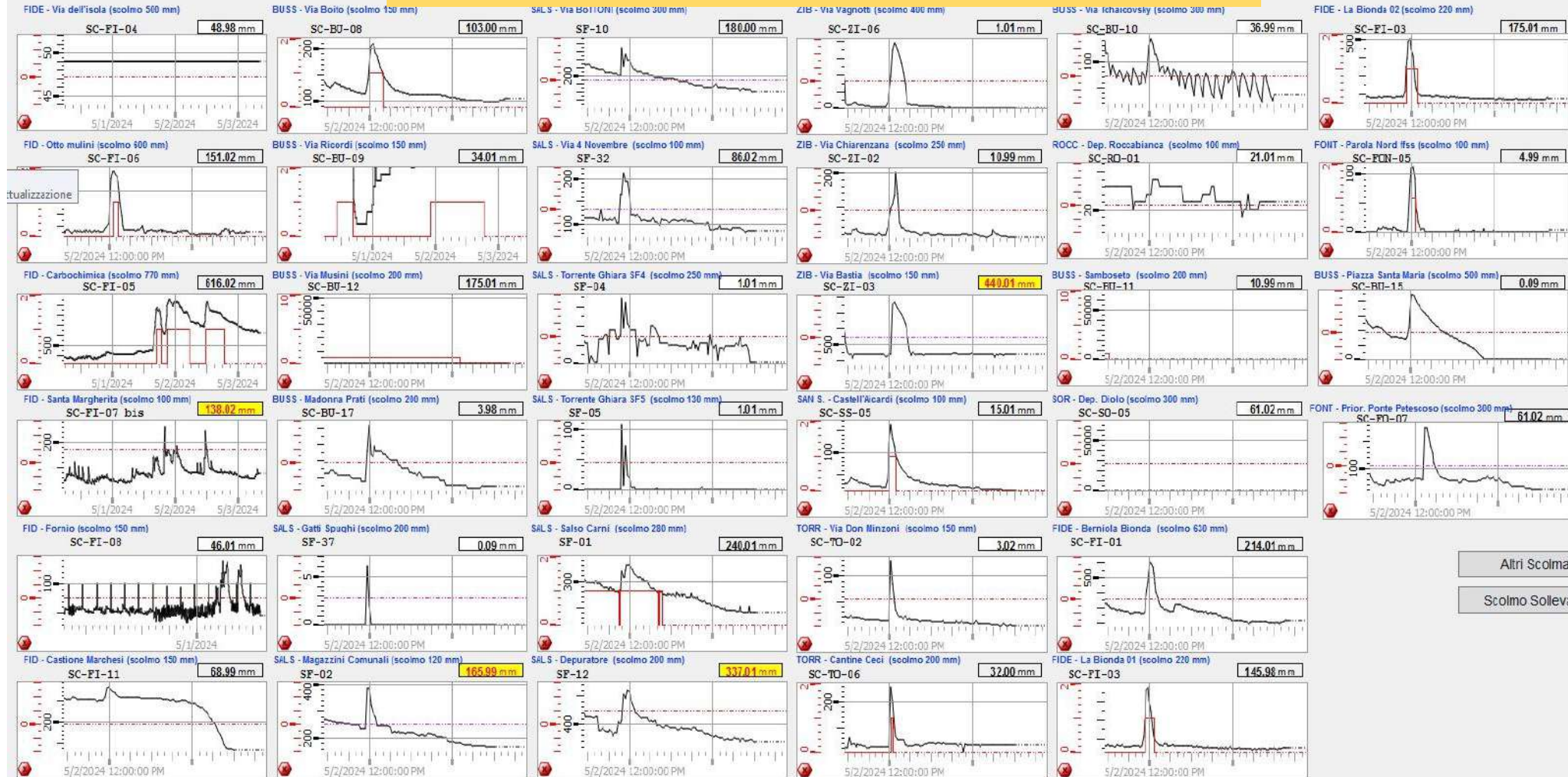
IMPROVE EFFICIENCY (EXAMPLE)



Remote Real Time action to the Inverter Frequency change → Pump speed change → Water Flow (l/s) varied

DATA-DRIVEN SMART WATER DECISION MANAGEMENT (EXAMPLE 1)

MONITORING SEWER OVERFLOWS TRENDS



Altri Scolmatori

Scolmo Sollevamenti

SO TO CONCLUDE.....

AS WE CONTINUE TO CONFRONT THE CHALLENGES OF URBANIZATION, CLIMATE CHANGE, AND RESOURCE SCARCITY, INVESTMENTS IN DIGITAL INFRASTRUCTURE WILL BE ESSENTIAL TO MEET THE GROWING DEMAND FOR SAFE, RELIABLE, AND SUSTAINABLE WATER RESOURCES.

THE PROJECT: CREATION OF THE DIGITAL TWIN OF THE WATERWORKS AND SEWERAGE SYSTEMS

2 OBJECTIVES:

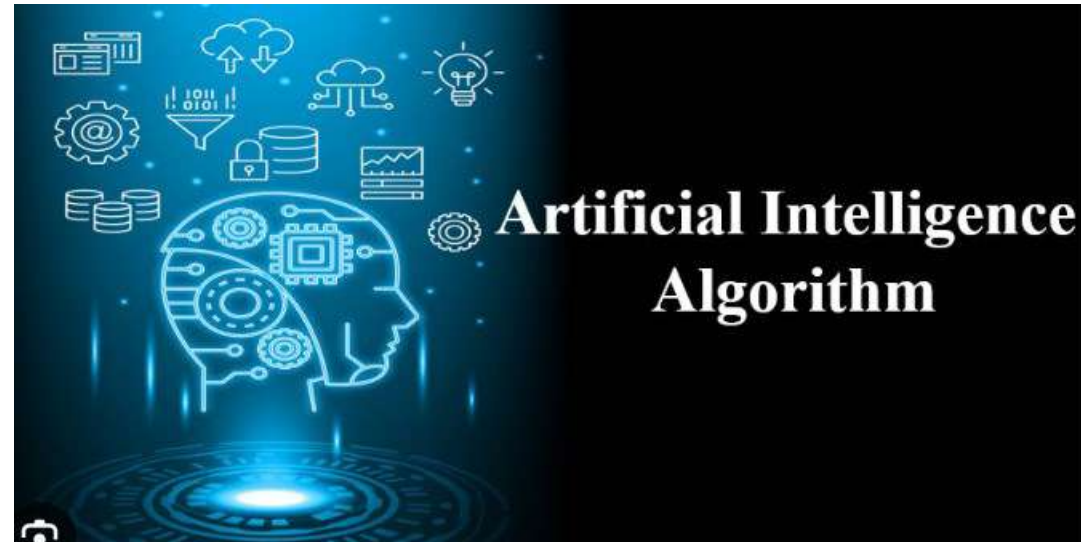
EQUIP OURSELVES WITH AN INNOVATIVE TOOL TO SUPPORT:

1. THE ORDINARY MANAGEMENT OF THE INTEGRATED WATER SERVICE: FOR EXAMPLE, SIMULATING OUTAGES OR SECTIONING OF THE NETWORKS FOLLOWING MAINTENANCE INTERVENTIONS, OR ANALYZING THE BEHAVIOUR OF THE NETWORK FOLLOWING ADDITIONAL COLLECTIONS/WITHDRAWALS (NEW RESIDENTIAL ALLOTMENTS OR NEW FIRE PREVENTION REQUESTS);
2. THE DEFINITION OF THE PLAN OF INTERVENTIONS NECESSARY FOR THE ELIMINATION OF STRUCTURAL CRITICALITIES, THE FURTHER DEVELOPMENT OF THE EXISTING INFRASTRUCTURE AND ITS MAINTENANCE (OPERATIONAL INVESTMENT PLAN).



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FURTHERMORE...A LOOK AT THE FUTURE:



THE CREATION OF THE DIGITAL TWIN IS ALSO THE FIRST STEP TOWARDS PREDICTIVE MANAGEMENT OF THE EVOLUTION OF THE SYSTEM THROUGH THE APPLICATION OF ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE ALGORITHMS. THE ULTIMATE OBJECTIVE IS TO OBTAIN A DASHBOARD OF INDICATORS OF THE TECHNICAL-ADMINISTRATIVE MANAGEMENT OF THE COMPANY ACCESSIBLE IN REAL TIME AND COMPLIANT WITH THE REQUESTS OF THE INDUSTRY AUTHORITY IN TERMS OF TECHNICAL AND COMMERCIAL QUALITY.

THE TWO PROJECTS: THE MAIN FEATURES

WATERWORKS



The project for the **hydraulic modelling of the WATERWORKS**, district division of the network, analysis and research of water losses was developed in 4 distinct steps, carried out from 2020 to 2023:

1. Hydraulic modeling;
2. Division into districts;
3. Search for leaks;
4. Development of a water plan for the waterworks.

Economic investment: approximately 1 million euros.

SEWERAGE



The project for the **development of the SEWERAGE PLAN** using hydraulic modeling developed in 3 steps, again in the period 2020-2023:

1. Topographic survey of the sewerage network;
2. Hydraulic modelling of the sewerage network for different Rainfall recurrence intervals/return period;
3. Development of a sewerage plan.

Economic investment: approximately 430 thousand euros.

HUMAN RESOURCES: BOTH PROJECTS WERE ENTRUSTED TO CONTRACTING COMPANIES - SET UP IN ATI (TEMPORARY ASSOCIATION OF COMPANIES)- UNDER THE DIRECTION OF THE COMPANY'S ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT, WHICH OVERSAW THE DESIGN.



THE PROJECT WAS DEVELOPED INTO 4 DISTINCT STEPS:

1. **HYDRAULIC MODELING;**
2. SUBDIVISION INTO DISTRICTS;
3. LEAKS SEARCH;
4. WATERWORKS PLAN.

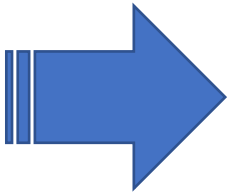


PROJECT 1: HYDRAULIC MODELLING OF THE WATERWORKS SYSTEM

In details....

- Data collection (through the SIT – Territorial Information System-, remote monitoring and inspections);
- Construction of the preliminary model;
- Integration of missing networks and survey points;
- Installation of temporary tools for the implementation of a monitoring campaign;
- Calibration of the model on the data collected by the monitoring campaign;
- Simulation and verification of scenario correspondence with DHI's Mike+ software.

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THE RESULT!

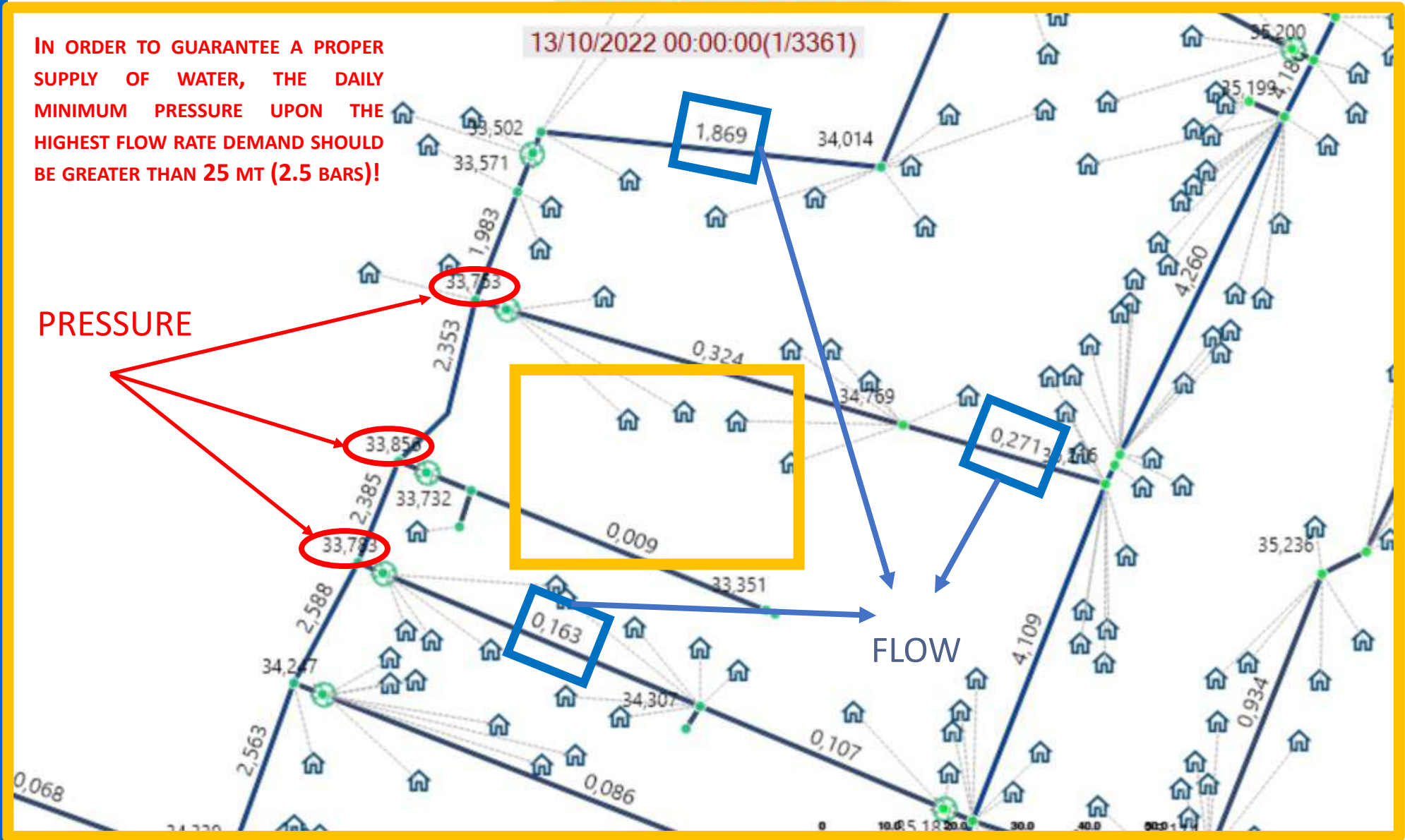




THE PROJECT WAS DEVELOPED INTO 4 DISTINCT STEPS:

IN ORDER TO GUARANTEE A PROPER SUPPLY OF WATER, THE DAILY MINIMUM PRESSURE UPON THE HIGHEST FLOW RATE DEMAND SHOULD BE GREATER THAN 25 MT (2.5 BARS)!

PROJECT 1: HYDRAULIC MODELLING OF THE WATERWORKS SYSTEM



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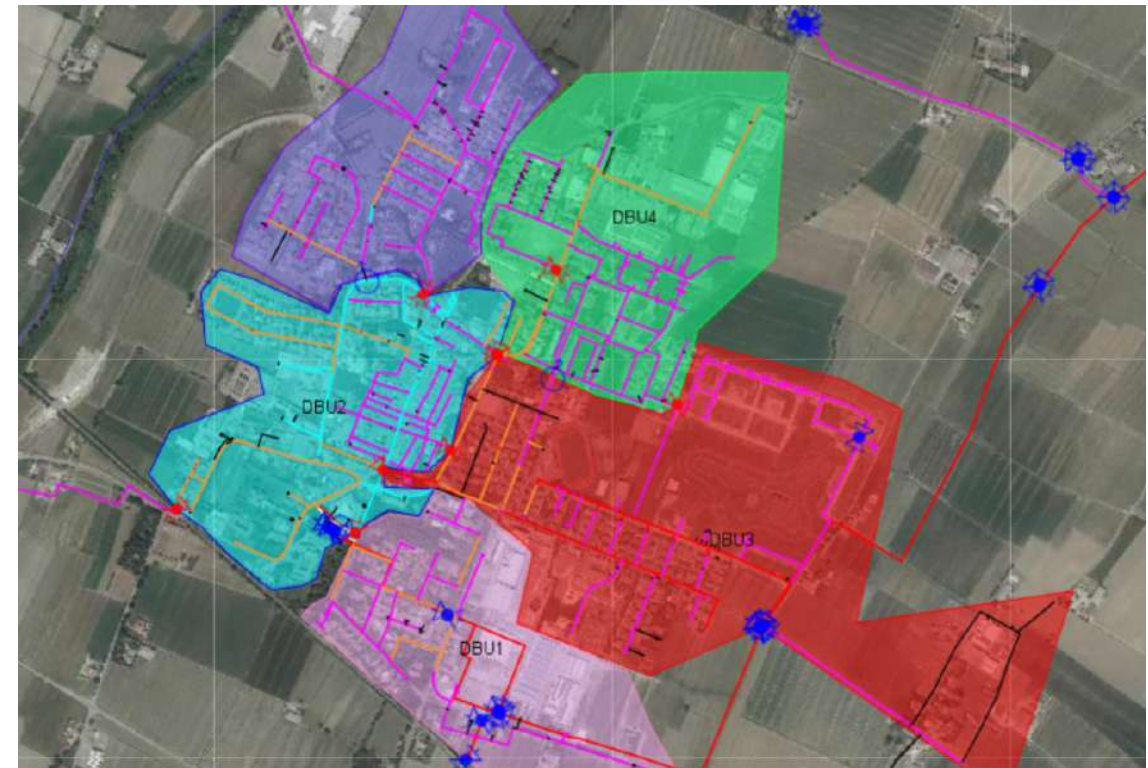
FROM MODELLING...

1. HYDRAULIC MODELING;
2. SUBDIVISION INTO DISTRICTS;
3. LEAKS SEARCH;
4. WATERWORKS PLAN.

STEP 2: CREATION OF THE DISTRICTS

Subdivision of the network into districts, also called DMA (District Meter Area).

The ultimate objective is the rapid identification of problem areas, with the definition of intervention limits and the creation of water balances. Following the definition of the districts, the location of the users and the related consumption, the theoretical loss values attributable to each DMA were calculated and the objectives to be achieved for each area were defined.



**PROJECT 1:
HYDRAULIC
MODELLING
OF THE
WATERWORKS
SYSTEM**



THE PROJECT WAS DEVELOPED INTO 4 DISTINCT STEPS:

FROM CREATION OF THE DISTRICTS....

1. HYDRAULIC MODELING;
2. SUBDIVISION INTO DISTRICTS;
3. LEAKS SEARCH;
4. WATERWORKS PLAN.



STEP 3: LEAKS SEARCH

Following the identification of the troublesome districts we performed field activities with instrumentation capable of locating the leaks with non-destructive methodologies (no excavation), using electro-acoustic equipment (such as geophone, recuperator, etc...).



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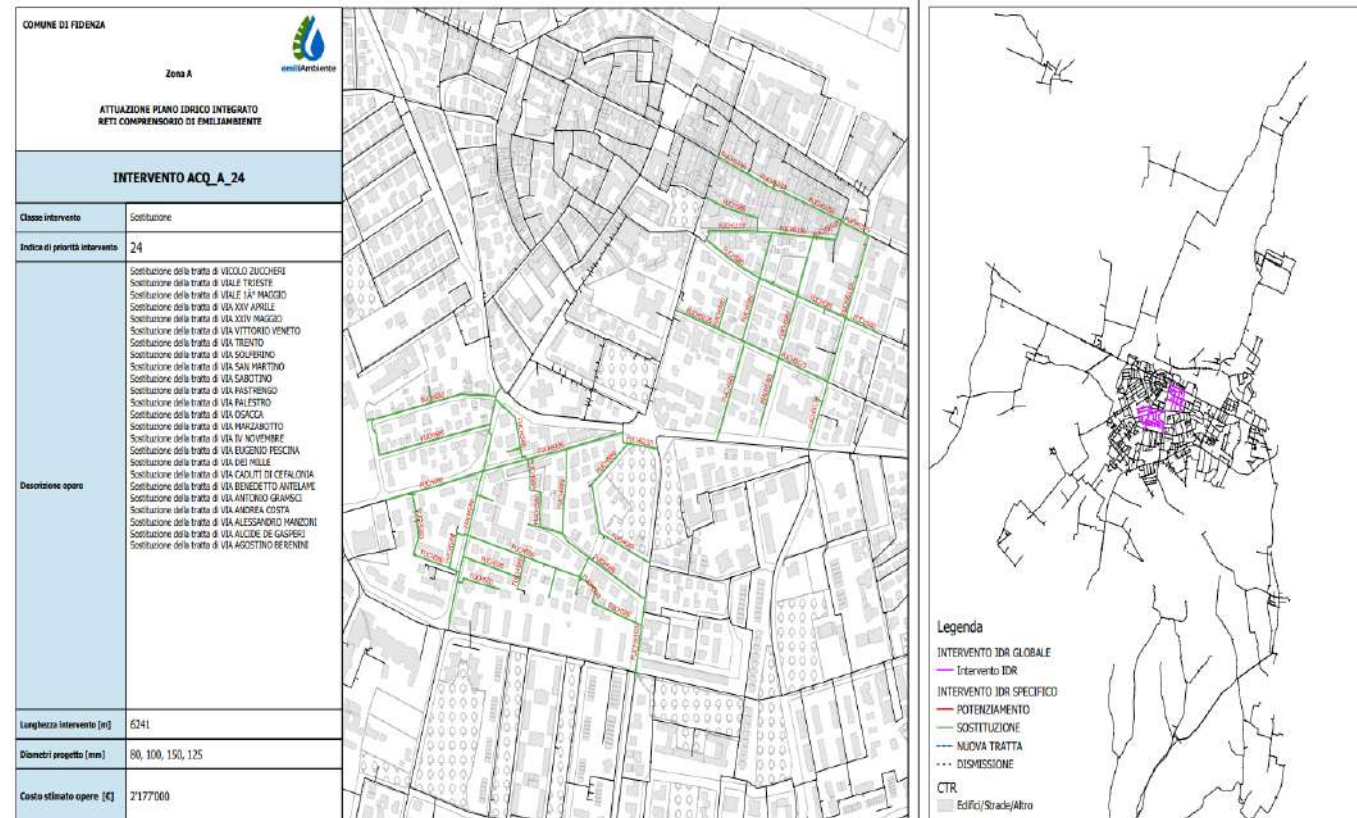
FROM LEAK SEARCH....

1. HYDRAULIC MODELING;
2. SUBDIVISION INTO DISTRICTS;
3. LEAKS SEARCH;
4. WATERWORKS PLAN.

STEP 4: DRAFTING OF THE WATERWORKS PLAN

In this phase, we identified the necessary interventions for each municipality in order to solve the detected hydraulic and environmental criticalities and to make the of the collection, supply and distribution system increasingly energy efficient (replacement of the oldest pipe sections, energy efficiency measures, maintenance/ replacement of hydraulic tools and parts).

We then assigned a priority factor to each intervention using the Multi-Criteria Analysis (MCA) for water pipes to support decision-making.

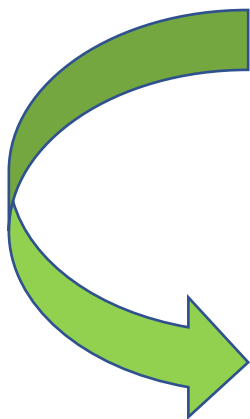


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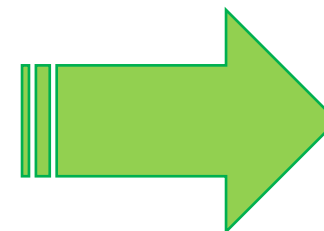
FROM TOPOGRAPHIC SURVEY...



1. TOPOGRAPHIC SURVEY OF THE SEWERAGE NETWORK;
2. HYDRAULIC MODELLING OF THE SEWERAGE NETWORK FOR DIFFERENT RAINFALL RETURN PERIOD;
3. DEVELOPMENT OF A SEWERAGE PLAN.

Step 2: Hydraulic modelling of the sewerage network for different rainfall return period;

- Construction of the preliminary model;
- Integration of missing networks and survey points;
- Installation of temporary tools for the implementation of a monitoring campaign;
- Calibration of the model on the data collected by the monitoring campaign;
- Simulation and verification of scenario correspondence with DHI's Mike+ software;
- Hydraulic modelling and model calibration for every Municipality.



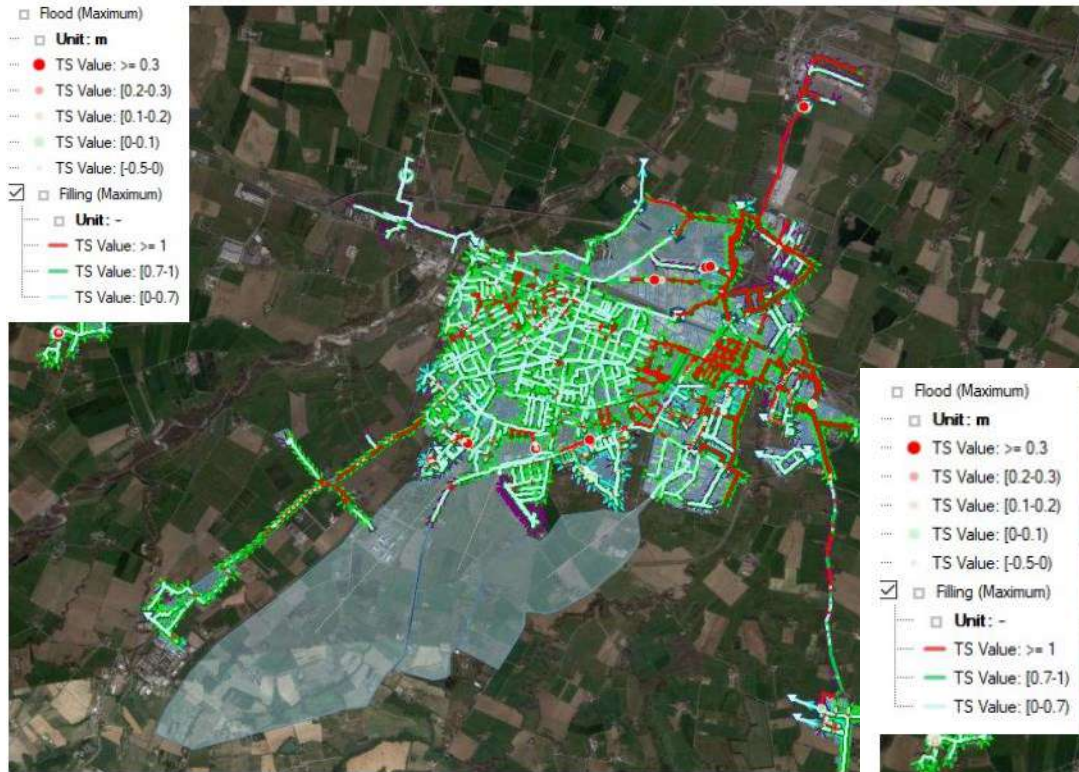
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**PROJECT 2:
DEVELOPMENT
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SEWERAGE
PLAN THROUGH
HYDRAULIC
MODELLING**

THE PROJECT WAS DEVELOPED INTO 3 DISTINCT STEPS:



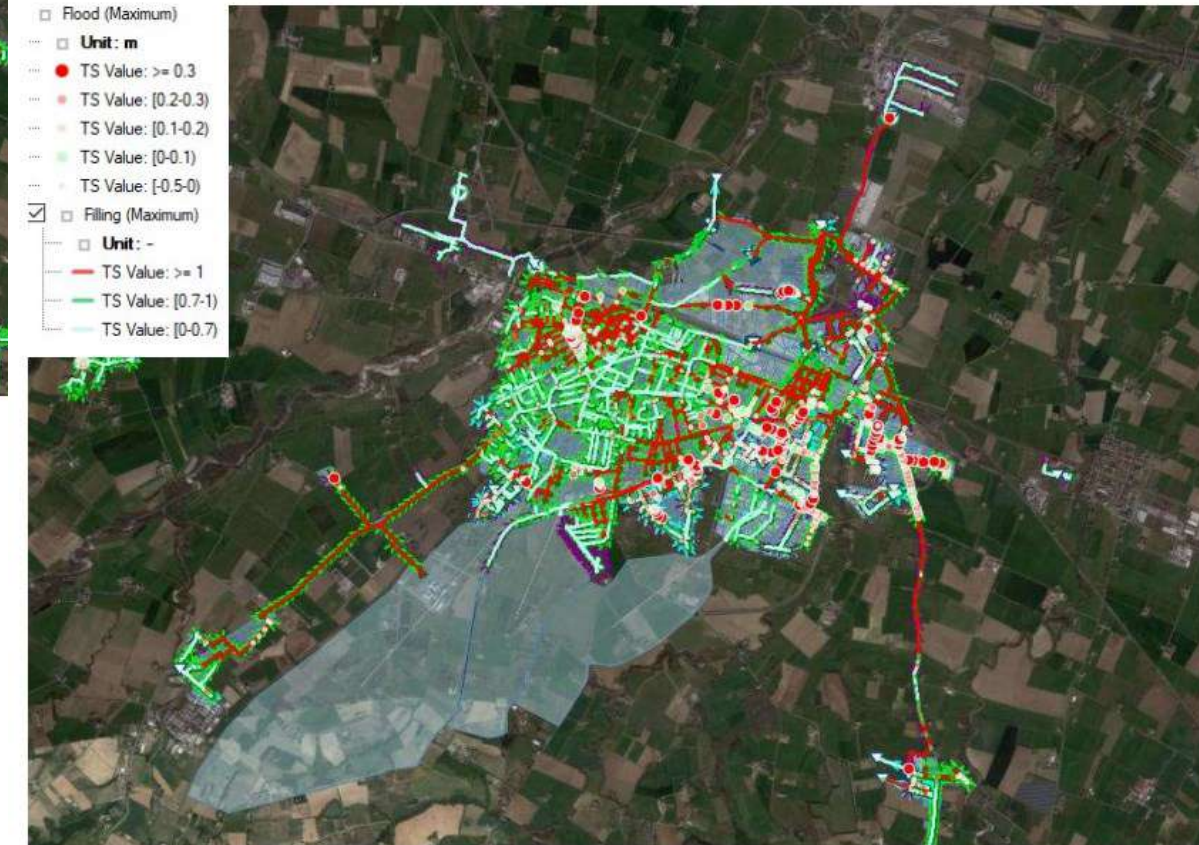
PROJECT 2: DEVELOPMENT OF THE SEWERAGE PLAN THROUGH HYDRAULIC MODELLING



RAINFALL RETURN PERIOD = 2 YEARS

SOME CRITICALITIES HAVE BEEN DETECTED ALREADY AFTER A RETURN PERIOD OF 2 YEARS IN THE ESTERN PART OF THE CITY, PROBLEMS THAT INCREASED FOR A RETURN PERIOD OF 10 YEARS IN OTHER PARTS OF THE CITY.

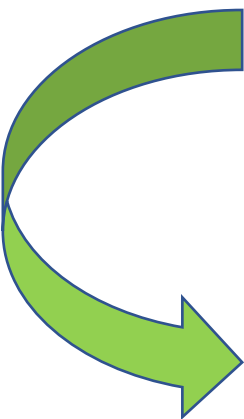
RAINFALL RETURN PERIOD = 10 YEARS





THE PROJECT WAS DEVELOPED INTO 3 DISTINCT STEPS:

FROM MODELLING...



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2. HYDRAULIC MODELLING OF THE SEWERAGE NETWORK FOR DIFFERENT RAINFALL RETURN PERIOD;
3. DEVELOPMENT OF A SEWERAGE PLAN.



COMUNE DI SAN SECONDO PARMENSE
ATTUAZIONE PIANO FOGNARIO
RETI COMPENSORIO DI EMILIAMBIENTE SPA
SCHEDE INTERVENTO

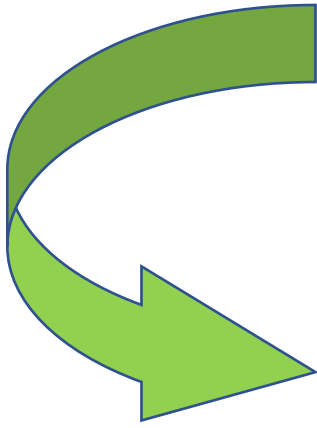
STEP 3:
DEVELOPMENT OF
THE SEWERAGE PLAN
AND IDENTIFICATION
OF THE RELEVANT
REMEDIAL
INTERVENTIONS.

INTERVENTO SSP-08	
Descrizione sintetica	Polenzamento di un tratto di condotta lungo Via Verdi
Tipologia intervento	Eliminazione criticità idraulica
Indice di priorità intervento	5*
Aree interessate	Via Verdi
Descrizione opere	Polenzamento tratto di rete in Via Verdi - scatoiare 100x200 CA
Obiettivi dell'intervento	Miglioramento delle criticità idrauliche nella zona in esame
Vincoli realizzativi	L'intervento può essere realizzato indipendentemente da altri
Lunghezza tratto [m]	510
Volume invaso [m³]	-
Costo stimato opere	€ 1'518'000,00



INTERVENTO SSP-08 - Planimetria di progetto.

PROJECT 2:
DEVELOPMENT
OF THE
SEWERAGE
PLAN THROUGH
HYDRAULIC
MODELLING



THE RESULTS TO DATE:



1. USE OF MODELS IN ORDINARY MANAGEMENT: GREATER EFFICIENCY IN MANAGEMENT, DESIGN AND RESOLUTION OF CRITICAL ISSUES.

2. DEFINITION OF A PRIORITY INTERVENTION PLAN: BASED ON THE OUTCOMES OF THE TWO PROJECTS, PERMANENT TECHNICAL TABLES WERE CREATED DURING 2023 INVOLVING THE ADMINISTRATIONS OF ALL THE MUNICIPALITIES SERVED, WITH THE AIM OF DEVELOPING A JOINT STRATEGY FOR THE PLANNING OF STRUCTURAL INVESTMENTS AND THE SEARCH FOR THE NECESSARY FUNDING. THE TWO PROJECTS ALSO PROVIDED FUNDAMENTAL SUPPORT FOR THE DRAFTING OF THE 2024-2029 OPERATIONAL INVESTMENT PLAN.

.....AND FOR THE FUTURE:

THE COMPANY IS CONSIDERING A COLLABORATION WITH SCIENTIFIC PARTNERS WITH WHOM TO DEVELOP PREDICTIVE MANAGEMENT OF THE EVOLUTION OF THE SYSTEM THROUGH THE APPLICATION OF ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE ALGORITHMS BASED UPON DIGITAL TWINS OF THE NETWORKS.



EXAMPLE:

- Model: tells us how the system should be (e.g. district X must consume 300 m³);
- Remote control system: it tells us in real time how the system actually is (e.g. district X actually consumes 500 m³);
- The software: connects the two systems, identifies any possible deviations and send out alerts.



THANK YOU FOR YOUR ATTENTION FROM ALL THE EMILIAMBIENTE'S STAFF!