

## Gas: ARERA communicates the commodity value of the Vulnerability Protection Service

Milan, 2 February 2024 - As of January 2024, the gas protection service was replaced by the vulnerability protection service, intended only for vulnerable households. Therefore, as of January 2024, ARERA, with the same timing and methods as in the past months, will publish on its website the gas price component covering supply costs, applied to customers of the vulnerability protection service.

The gas price component covering procurement costs ( $C_{MEM,m}$ ), applied to customers in the vulnerability protection service, is updated by ARERA as a monthly average of the price on the Italian wholesale market (the PSV day ahead) and published within the first 2 working days of the month following the reference month. For the month of January, which saw wholesale prices fall compared to those recorded in December, the price of the commodity gas alone ( $C_{MEM,m}$ ), for customers in the vulnerability protection service, is € 31.19/MWh\*.

As from January 2024, precisely because the gas protection service has been replaced by the vulnerability protection service, intended only for vulnerable households (and no longer for all households), the gas withdrawal characteristics of the so-called “typical user” have been changed, to be more up-to-date and consistent with the scope of the gas vulnerability protection service.

The new typical user is characterised by an average annual gas withdrawal of 1100 scm, instead of 1400 scm per year. For this reason, the publication of the change in total gas expenditure (i.e. also including transport, metering and general system charges) compared to the previous month on a monthly basis will resume as from the publication of the February 2024 data in early March 2024.

Please note that for gas, as for heat management and district heating, normal VAT rates have been reinstated for all customers since January.

\* $C_{MEM,m}$  values published today on [www.arera.it](http://www.arera.it)

January 2024	Euro/GJ	Euro/Scm (**)	Euro/MWh
<b>Component</b> $C_{MEM,m}$	8.663972	0.333736	31.1903

(\*\*) for supplies of natural gas with a reference gross calorific value equal to 0.038520 GJ/Scm