

## **Disasters: new measures for the populations affected by the floods in Emilia-Romagna and the earthquake in Central Italy**

*Floods: deadline to apply for subsidies set at 30 June 2024*

*Earthquakes: aid extended through 2024 for red areas and unusable supplies*

Milan, 1 February 2024 - Further measures have been taken to protect the populations that have been affected by disastrous events in recent years.

With Resolution 10/R/2024/COM, ARERA confirmed the tariff reductions introduced by Resolution 565/2023/R/com in **favour of household and non-household users of electricity, gas, water and waste services** located in the areas affected by the **floods last May in Emilia-Romagna**. With the same resolution, ARERA also introduced a number of operational changes to the discipline for the recognition of facilities in order to reduce, among other things, the management burden on operators and managers, with a view to administrative simplification. In addition, it has set **30 June 2024 as the final deadline for the submission of applications for subsidies by household and non-household users** who can prove damage to their homes or business premises that impairs their functional integrity. Suppliers and operators will have to pay the subsidies by 31 October 2024.

In implementation of the 2024 Budget Law, Resolution 11/R/2024/COM **extends until 31 December 2024 the subsidies granted in favour of the populations affected by the earthquakes** of 2016 in Central Italy and 2017 in the municipalities of Casamicciola Terme, Lacco Ameno and Forio (Ischia) and in particular:

- the “exemptions” provided for utilities and supplies located in so-called “red zones”.
- the subsidies provided in favour of holders of utilities and supplies relating to uninhabitable buildings who have declared, by 30 April 2021, to the competent revenue agency and the National Social Security Institute (INPS) the inability to use the building (home, studio, company) or the inability already declared (Article 1, paragraph 417).

The **subsidies for the populations affected by the flooding** include the cancellation of charges for, deactivations, reactivations, takeovers and transfers and the cancellation of network components and general charges for the **electricity** and **gas** sectors and all tariff components subject to regulation for the Integrated **Water** Service (aqueduct, sewerage and treatment).

For the **earthquake**, there is also the cancellation of charges for new connections, while for the **floods**, there is the cancellation of charges for the supply of the integrated municipal **waste** management service, including any charges for the collection of bulky waste and for the return of lost/destroyed or damaged containers to the home as a result of the flood.

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