

## PRESS RELEASE

### CCE creates new biodiversity in Italian industrial park:

**Photovoltaics is on the rise in Italy: the international CCE holding company is developing and operating agrivoltaic systems in many Italian regions. For the first time, a PV plant is being realised these weeks that was not built in an agricultural environment, but deliberately in an industrial area in Ardea, Lazio. The PV system makes sensible use of a brownfield site and enables the return of biodiversity.**

**Jesi/ Ardea, 20 November 2023:** Italy has been increasingly relying on solar energy for several years, with just under 500,000 systems currently generating around 10 percent of the country's electricity requirements, and the trend is rising. Large-scale systems with a nominal output of between 1 MW and 150 MW have so far mostly been installed on agricultural land. In the case of dual use, this is not only very profitable for landowners and tenants: fruit and beverage varieties also demonstrably benefit from the shade of the panels by reducing water requirements, which is an immense advantage in times of water scarcity in Italy.

#### Double benefit for nature

For the first time, CCE Italy is currently building a 4.73 megawatt plant in Ardea in an industrial area. Sandro Esposito, Managing Director of CCE Italy, emphasises the double benefit for the area on the edge of a main road, which was previously fallow: "It will probably take 1-2 years, but then we expect the soil to regenerate and insects of all kinds to return."

The Austrian-German CCE Holding has further Agri PV systems in the planning pipeline in Italy, which will be realised in the coming years. However, bureaucratic processes are repeatedly proving to be a brake on growth: "CCE has invested a lot of effort and resources in order to make a small contribution to achieving the targets that Europe has set itself for the expansion of renewable energies. Unfortunately, excessive bureaucracy and an underdeveloped electricity grid often lead to delays. That is why the authorisation procedure must be simplified and access to the electricity grid must be expanded quickly," says Sandro Esposito.

## IN SUMMARY

### About CCE Holding

CCE Holding was founded as a joint venture between the two photovoltaic specialists Clean Capital Energy from Austria and enernovum from Germany together with Ärzteversorgung Thüringen. Based in Vienna, Austria, the company focuses on the realisation, financing, flexibilisation and operational management of large ground-mounted PV systems and commercial rooftop PV systems. With its solution-orientated approach and many years of experience along the entire value chain, the company aims to make an important contribution to the global energy transition. In addition to Austria, the company is currently active in Italy, France, the Netherlands, Germany, Romania and Chile.

As part of its commitment to sustainable and responsible business practices, CCE is committed to the ten principles of the United Nations Global Compact for labour rights, environmental protection and the fight against corruption in all its forms.

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