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Eni and University of Padova sign a cooperation framework agreement

San Donato Milanese (Milan) 27 April 2021 – University of Padova and Eni today have signed a cooperation framework agreement for the energy transition, digital transformation, and the circular economy, during an online meeting attended by the Rector of the University of Padova, Rosario Rizzuto, the President of Eni, Lucia Calvosa, and Eni CEO, Claudio Descalzi.

The three years long partnership, with a possible extension to five years, strengthens the existing collaboration on key areas for Eni, such as geology and geophysics, and identifies new strategic lines of research on sustainable development and decarbonisation: new technologies for Carbon Capture, Utilisation and Storage, for harnessing solar energy, as well as studies on magnetic confinement nuclear fusion.

Eni's CEO Claudio Descalzi stated: *"We have signed a strategically important agreement that boosts the accomplishment of our 2050 decarbonization targets. This innovation-led cooperation sets the stage for overcoming the challenges that companies and civil society have to face through the development of technologies for the future of energy"*.

Rector of the University of Padova, Rosario Rizzuto, commented: *"The environment is a priceless heritage that we were given, and it is our duty to preserve undamaged for the future generations. This is the philosophy that drives the University of Padova to firmly pursue targets to increase our environmental sustainability. Our multiple actions are paying off: just with the purchasing of energy from renewable sources, for example, we have cut 20% off the University's emissions and prevented the production of 18k tons of CO₂ per year. The*

agreement signed with Eni goes in the direction, crucial for us, of an even greater protection of the environment in which we live”.

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