



## SOFIDEL PRESENTS "THE WATER FACTOR" E-BOOK EDITED BY FONDAZIONE GIANGIACOMO FELTRINELLI

The e-book, which can be freely downloaded from Fondazione Giangiacomo Feltrinelli website, makes available the contributions from the experts invited by Sofidel in Milan for the World Water Day.

"The water factor" e-book is online as of today, resulting from collaboration between Sofidel (the tissue production group known in Italy for the Regina brand in particular) and Fondazione Giangiacomo Feltrinelli, on the theme of water and its many implications in terms of environment, hygiene, ethics and economy.

This publication makes available the information and promptings offered by the experts that Sofidel gathered in Milan on 22nd March for World Water Day, in the premises of the Foundation itself in viale Pasubio, to a greater public. An initiative to raise awareness of an issue that is becoming increasingly contemporary and important. Thanks to the contributions presented, the e-book enables people to have a more informed opinion on the implications of water as resource in public health, climate changes, economy and businesses.

More in detail, the e-book contains the following contributions:

- "Quality control methods and criteria of Italian waters: Current issues and perspectives", by Laura
   Achene, Italian National Institute of Health Internal Water Hygiene Department
- "Water: a precious resource for mitigation and adaptation policies for climate change", by Prof.

  Alessandra Goria, Teacher of Political Economy and Law at IIS "Carlo Cattaneo" in Milan
- "Water as an economic issue", written by Prof. **Antonio Massarutto**, Lecturer in Applied Economics at the University of Udine
- "Companies' sustainable water management: the need for cultural awareness", by Silvio De Girolamo, Chief Audit Executive & CSR Officer Autogrill Group.

The publication also contains an extract from **Luigi Einaudi** entitled "*The government of resources*", taken from the magazine "*La riforma sociale*" (Social Reform).

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Attention to water as resource goes beyond the impact on the output of the Group, which is committed to contributing to achieving the 6th Sustainable Development Goal of the United Nations ("Clean water and Sanitation") also through collaboration with WaterAid, an NGO headquartered in the United Kingdom, which aims to bring clean water and sanitation to everyone, everywhere by 2030. To date, 663 million people do not have access to drinking water, and 2.4 billion people – about 1 in 3 of the world's population – can't count on adequate sanitation or hygiene.

"The water factor" e-book can be downloaded from Fondazione Giangiacomo Feltrinelli web platforms through the following link: <a href="http://fondazionefeltrinelli.it/schede/the-water-factor/">http://fondazionefeltrinelli.it/schede/the-water-factor/</a>

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