

30,000 TONS OF PAPER “PRODUCED USING THE WIND”

Sofidel and RWE Renewables look back at the first year of their partnership, directly from the Alcamo II onshore wind farm in Sicily, Italy.

Thanks to the agreement, 150 million of Rotoloni Regina have already been produced using clean energy with a reduction of 15,000 tons of CO₂e emissions into the atmosphere.

Porcari (Lucca), Italy, 30 May 2022 – 30,000 tons of paper, or the equivalent of nearly **150 million of Rotoloni Regina** toilet paper rolls. That’s how much Sofidel – a global leader in the production of tissue paper for hygienic and domestic use – has produced making use of clean energy from the Alcamo II onshore wind farm in Sicily, Italy, one year after signing a **partnership agreement with RWE Renewables**, one of the world’s leading companies in renewable energy production.

The collaboration began with the [signing of a Power Purchase Agreement \(PPA\), a long-term supply contract](#), valid until the end of 2030 with Sofidel as the sole corporate off-taker.

During the first 12 months, thanks to the four installed turbines with a total generating capacity of 13.6 megawatts (MW), Sofidel was able to rely on **over 32,000 MWh of clean energy** from the Sicilian plant, **accounting for more than 35 percent of the electricity purchased from the grid by Sofidel Group’s Italian plants** and resulting in a reduction in emissions of more than 15,000 tCO₂e*.

*“Companies in Italy and around the world have set important targets to reduce their greenhouse gas emissions as well as energy costs, whilst simultaneously contributing towards the energy transition. One way to achieve these goals is through corporate PPAs – says **Paolo Raia, Executive Director Onshore Construction Europe RWE Renewables and Country Chair of RWE Renewables Italy** – Especially in Italy, we see a market with growing demand and great potential for this value proposition. We will continue to expand our pipeline of green energy projects in Italy as well.”*

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Sofidel is a WWF Climate Savers member

Riccardo Balducci, Sofidel Energy & Environment Director adds, “*Over the past two years, Sofidel has embarked on a new strategic phase of its energy procurement policy, in line with the transition path to a low-carbon economy. The partnership with RWE Renewables is a significant step along this journey. Being able to count on a steady flow of energy from renewable sources up until 2030 will enable us to take another step toward achieving the climate protection goals, we have set for ourselves.*”

[Sofidel's 2030 CO₂ emission reduction targets](#) have been approved by the Science Based Targets initiative (SBTi) as consistent with levels required to limit global warming to well below 2°C under the Paris Agreement. These objectives include **a reduction in scope 1, 2 and scope 3 CO₂ emissions from suppliers' pulping process 40% per ton of paper from a 2018 base year** – in addition to **a reduction in scope 3 CO₂ emissions 24% per ton of paper from a 2018 base year**. Sofidel's commitment to fight climate change earned the company inclusion on the Climate Change “A List” by CDP, a nonprofit organization that supports investors, companies, cities, countries, and regions worldwide in managing their environmental impact.

**For the calculation of its Scope 2 impact, Sofidel uses a Market Based approach: avoided emissions were estimated by comparing the impact of the electricity supply from renewable sources with an ordinary supply of electricity from the Italian grid, calculated with the emission coefficients contained in the most up-to-date AIB European Residual Mix publication.*

SOFIDEL'S COMMITMENT TO RENEWABLES, ALSO BEYOND THE BORDERS OF ITALY

- Sofidel is strongly committed to gradually increasing the share of clean energy used in the production process even **beyond the borders of Italy**.
- In **Sweden**, for example, the company signed an **agreement with Meva Energy** to build a **renewable gas generation plant** (bio-syngas produced from woody biomass from the local supply chain) **for the Kisa production site**. This is the world's first such plant in the paper industry. **Significant investments** in energy efficiency are **also** underway **at the Sofidel plant**

in **Baglan, Wales** for an intervention that will lead to major reductions in the plant's climate-altering emissions.

The Sofidel Group

The Sofidel Group is one of the leading manufacturers of paper for hygienic and domestic use worldwide. Established in 1966, the Group has subsidiaries in 13 countries – Italy, Spain, the UK, Ireland, France, Belgium, Germany, Sweden, Poland, Hungary, Greece, Romania, and the USA – with more than 6,000 employees, net sales of 2,095 million Euros (2021) and a production capacity of over one million tonnes per year (1,440,000 tonnes in 2021). “Regina,” its most well-known brand, is present on almost all the reference markets. Other brands include: Softis, Le Trèfle, Sopalin, KittenSoft, Nalys, Cosynel, Lycke, Nicky, Papernet. A member of the UN Global Compact and the international WWF Climate Savers programme, the Sofidel Group considers sustainability a strategic factor with regards to growth and is committed to reducing its impact on natural capital and maximising social benefits, setting as objective the creation of shared added value for all stakeholders. Sofidel's greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions reduction targets to 2030 have been approved by the Science Based Targets initiative (SBTi) as consistent with reductions required to keep warming to well-below 2°C, in line with the goals of the Paris Agreement.

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