

PRESS RELEASE

WVT Group expands its European platform with the acquisition of Italian hygiene specialist ÈCOSÌ

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WVT Group, a European specialist in multi-sector detergent and disinfection solutions, announces the acquisition of ÈCOSÌ, a leading Italian company providing professional cleaning and disinfection solutions to B2B customers from Europe Capital Partners VI. The acquisition of ÈCOSÌ marks WVT Group's first direct presence in Italy, providing a platform for further growth in this strategically important market and advances the Group's ambition to build a leading European platform in sustainable hygiene solutions.

Founded in 1998 and headquartered in Forlì, Italy, ÈCOSÌ develops and manufactures certified and sustainable hygiene solutions, including biocides, detergents and peracetic acid solutions. ÈCOSÌ combines in-house R&D and formulation expertise with a strong focus on innovative technologies and environmental responsibility. Its system-based offering integrates chemicals, dosing systems, equipment and operational procedures. ÈCOSÌ provides customised cleaning and disinfection protocols adapted to each customer, site and application, together with on-site analysis, installation, training and monitoring. This integrated approach helps customers improve cleaning performance and operational efficiency while reducing water, chemical consumption and waste. With 65 employees, one production site, one laboratory 2 commercial branches across Northern Italy and 1 in Hungary, ÈCOSÌ serves customers in Italy and abroad across a diversified range of regulated and resilient markets, including healthcare, professional laundry, food and hospitality, industry, veterinary and livestock.

Sustainability is firmly embedded in ÈCOSÌ's day-to-day operations. Its portfolio includes 34 professional cleaning and disinfection products covered by independently verified Environmental Product Declarations (EPD), providing transparent information on their life-cycle environmental impacts and the Ultra range also combines environmental certifications with measured carbon-reduction initiatives and the offsetting of CO₂ emissions associated with its production. Through continuous investments in renewable energy, resource efficiency and responsible water management, the company has made tangible progress in reducing its environmental footprint. ÈCOSÌ demonstrates its commitment to quality, sustainability and social responsibility through a comprehensive portfolio of internationally recognised certifications. The company holds, among others, ISO 9001, ISO 14001, ISO 45001, ISO 22000, ISO 50001, SA8000 and UNI PdR125:2022 certifications, as well as several environmental certifications such as the EU Ecolabel, EPD and Carbon Footprint certifications.

Founded in 1996 by Ward Van Thielen, WVT Group is a pan-European leader in the development, production, and commercialization of mission critical detergents and disinfectants. The Group supports its clients across the industrial, maritime, food and professional hygiene as well as disinfection and biosecurity sectors by providing tailored, sustainable, and environmentally certified solutions.

Headquartered in Antwerp, Belgium, WVT Group has a broad international footprint with facilities in the Netherlands, Germany, France, Spain and Singapore, and serves customers worldwide through an extensive local distribution network. The WVT Group employs 250 people and has achieved strong growth over the years through both organic expansion and a series of strategic acquisitions, progressively broadening its expertise and reinforcing its market position.

This acquisition will establish WVT Group's first direct presence in Italy and broaden its portfolio of sustainable cleaning and disinfection solutions. ÈCOSÌ will contribute complementary expertise in peracetic acid production, BPR registrations, Medico-Surgical certifications, formulation and validation, while gaining access to WVT Group's European network to support its expansion beyond Italy. The transaction will create cross-selling opportunities, reinforce WVT Group's barriers to entry and support the development of solutions for critical markets. The combined Group is expected to generate approximately €120 million in revenues in 2026.

Following the acquisitions of Roam Technology in 2025 and Spain-based Cygyc Biocon earlier in 2026, the acquisition of ÈCOSÌ marks the third transaction completed since Siparex ETI became WVT Group's majority shareholder in early 2025 and demonstrates the continued execution of WVT Group's European buy-and-build strategy.

Ward Van Thielen, Founder of WVT Group, commented: "We are delighted to welcome ÈCOSÌ to the WVT Group family. We share a strong entrepreneurial spirit, technical expertise and a commitment to sustainable innovation. Together, we look forward to combining our strengths, expertise and creating new opportunities for our employees, customers and partners. This marks an exciting new chapter in our European expansion."

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