

National Cloud: the Boards of Directors of Almaviva and Aruba have approved the MITD proposal

Rome / Bergamo, September 28, 2021 - the meetings of Almaviva's and Aruba's Boards of Directors were held today. During the respective meetings, the joint proposal for the creation and management of the National Strategic Pole (PSN) for the Cloud was approved. The PSN is the key infrastructure for hosting the data and services of the PA, considered by the PNRR and by the guidelines of the Ministry for Innovation and Digital Transition to be a strategic macro-action in the digital evolution of public administration.

Almaviva's and Aruba's proposal, presented as a public-private partnership (PPP) in accordance with the regulatory framework, meets the technical and flexibility requirements described in the Italy Cloud Strategy thanks to the complementary nature of the two companies and a complete Value Proposition that covers all services, and responds to the PA's indications regarding the sensitivity of different types of data, providing a time horizon and resources that are consistent with the framework established by the PNRR.

Aruba and Almaviva are fully Italian owned and operated companies, known for their economic and financial soundness. The proposal that has been developed emphasizes the immediate availability of infrastructures, together with the technological excellence and environmental sustainability that distinguish them, capable of accelerating the migration plan, with milestones for improvement with respect to the planning of the PNRR itself.

Almaviva Group

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Aruba S.p.A.

Aruba S.p.A., founded in 1994, is the largest Italian cloud storage provider and the number one company in Italy for data center, web hosting, e-mail, PEC, and domain registration services. It has enormous experience in the construction and management of data centers, with an active European network at its disposal: in addition to its proprietary data centers (3 already active in Italy and one expected to be active by the end of 2021), it has another in the Czech Republic and additional partner facilities in France, Germany, the UK, and Poland. The company manages over 2.7 million domains, more than 8.6 million e-mail accounts, more than 7.6 million PEC accounts, over 130,000 servers, and a total of 5.4 million clients. It is active in the primary European markets, like France, England, and Germany, and boasts leadership in the Czech and Slovak Republics, as well as a consolidated presence in Poland and Hungary. In addition to web hosting services, it also offers dedicated server services, housing and colocation, managed services, digital signature, replacement storage, fiber optic cable, and smart-card production. Since 2011 it

has expanded what it offers with cloud storage services and in 2014 officially registered the prestigious “.cloud” extension. In 2015 it created Aruba.it Racing, Ducati’s official team in the Superbike World Championship, and in the same year announced the creation of the Aruba Business division, structured and designed specifically to support business partners in the IT and Internet market. In 2019 it officially announced the creation of Aruba Enterprise, a division that develops customized IT projects and solutions for companies and public administration. For more information: <https://www.aruba.it>

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