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A digital infrastructure investment combining innovation, sustainability and urban regeneration

Immersion Cooling: the state-of-the-art cooling technology that reduces energy use and boosts processing capacity

Projected revenue for 2026: 45 million euros

Treviolo (Bergamo), 18 November 2026 – Today in Padua **Planetel S.p.A.**, (the "Company" or "Planetel"), the parent company of the group of the same name operating nationwide in the telecommunications sector, listed on **Euronext Growth Milan**, the multilateral trading system organised and run by **Borsa Italiana S.p.A**., opened **TERRA-1**, the Group's **new proprietary proximity data centre**, a new digital infrastructure designed to deliver leading-edge services and data processing capacity to businesses in North-East Italy, supporting their pathways to innovation and digital transformation.

The inauguration ceremony was held during **TERRA FERMA**, the event run from 18 to 20 November at the **PLANETEL HUB** at via **Vigonovese 52**, on the city's industrial estate, in the presence of **Bruno Pianetti**, Chairman and CEO of Planetel, **Massimo Bitonci**, Veneto Regional Councillor for Economic Development, Research and Innovation, and **Margherita Cera,** Padua City Councillor for Innovation and the Digital Transition.

During the presentation, it was announced that projected revenue as of December 31, 2026, will amount to approximately 45 million euros.

The new **PLANETEL HUB,** the result of an investment of around 7 million Euro, was created through the purchase and upgrading of a building on the Padua industrial estate. With a floor area of **1,200 m²,** when fully operational **TERRA-1** will have a capacity of **1 MW** and will be able to accommodate up to **120 racks.**

The project consolidates Planetel's presence in North-East Italy and marks a strategic step in the Group's development, expanding its market's positioning and transforming it from a connectivity supplier to an integrated technological services provider. The **PLANETEL HUB** is a fine blend of technology, improvement of existing industrial building stock and a focus on sustainability, strengthening Padua's role as strategic hub for the North East's digital development**.**

The facility's most distinctive feature is its proximity to businesses themselves: processing power and data storage capacity available close to companies' own locations, with data stored in Italy and transported via Planetel's own optic fibre network. The direct connection to VSIX, Padua, the North-East Italy Internet Exchange hosted by the city's university, and MIX, Milan, boosts the efficiency and speed of communications while also strengthening control of the digital infrastructure.

TERRA-1 provides **housing and colocation**, **cloud** (IaaS) **infrastructure**, **disaster recovery**, **backup as a service and IT management services.** The facility, designed to support new-generation applications and AI solutions, **will enable the Group gradually to bring together in Padua** those services currently spread across other data centres. Customer service migration will start in December 2026, with full operation achieved during 2027 and the first economic returns on the investment expected in the same year.

Urban regeneration and innovation for environmental efficiency.

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TERRA-1 is also outstanding in its focus on urban regeneration and environmental efficiency. The decision to redevelop an existing industrial complex prevented consumption of new land and enabled the exploitation of existing infrastructures including roads, underground utilities and electrical connections, in accordance with the aims of the "Veneto 2050" regional law (R.L. 14/2019). There was a particular focus on energy efficiency, with the use, in part of the data centre, of **immersion cooling, a state-of-the-art cooling system that reduces energy use and achieves a PUE of 1.03-1.05 on this technology, while simultaneously boosting processing system performance.** With this technology, the IT components are directly immersed in a special non-conductive fluid that absorbs their heat very efficiently, without using water. Compared to conventional air-based cooling systems, this solution is able to handle greater processing power, even for particularly complex applications such as artificial intelligence. The facility will also have a solar power generation plant on its roof. The data centre's overall PUE (Power Usage Effectiveness) is estimated at less than 1.23.

The choice of Padua forms part of a strategy of consolidating Planetel's presence in North-East Italy, an area where the Group operates through **Planetel Nordest**, formed in January 2026 by the merger of Connetical in Trivenet, and where it has made major investments in optic fibre networks serving production areas. These local roots are also reflected in a strong relationship with the community, highlighted by **sponsorship of the Calcio Padova football club, continued for the 2026/2027 season.**

The name **TERRA FERMA** is inspired by the "Terraferma" Domains of the Republic of Venice, the mainland territories gradually acquired by the Venetian State from the Fifteenth Century, which included Padua. This evocation of the local area's identity and history underlines the determination to provide it with new technological infrastructure, serving businesses, the public sector and communities.

Bruno Mario Pianetti, Chairman and CEO of PLANETEL, states: *"With TERRA-1 we've provided Padua with infrastructure of strategic importance for the whole of North-East Italy, designed to bring processing capacity, data storage and cloud services closer and closer to businesses. It's not just a new data centre - it's an investment that reinforces our ability to govern the entire digital service supply chain, from optic fibre connectivity to cloud infrastructure, through to IT management and security. The availability of a proprietary network and the direct connection to the main interconnection nodes are distinctive features of this project, enabling us to provide businesses with reliable, integrated infrastructure, rooted in their local area. We've chosen to create the facility by renovating one of our own industrial buildings, to show that technological development, property upgrading and environmental concerns can be successfully combined.*

Margherita Cera, Padua City Councillor for Innovation and the Digital Transition, states: **"***Data is the raw material of today's economy: from manufacturing businesses to the service sector, through to public authorities, the ability to store, process and deliver it securely and at speed is a necessary precondition for competitiveness. Therefore, the opening of a new data centre in Padua is very encouraging: it brings digital infrastructure close to local businesses, reduces the distance data has to travel and offers local enterprises more control over the management of their information. It's an important building block in our innovation ecosystem, which requires infrastructure commensurate with our international ambitions. We must also remember the care taken over the planning of facilities of this kind: often on brownfield sites, with high energy efficiency and solar power systems. We're delighted Planetel has chosen to invest in Padua and its hinterland."*

Pietro Matteo Foglio, CEO & Founder of In-Site, states: *"We're proud to have worked with Planetel on every stage of this project, from design to completion. The Padua Data Centre is a fine achievement: an industrial building restored to its mission of generating value which becomes part of a wider system of networks, energy and the local area. It proves that the Edge can grow inside cities, by regenerating what's already there."*

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After today's inauguration ceremony, the programme of events will continue on 19 and 20 November with guided tours of the data centre.

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Holding company of the Group of the same name that offers telecommunication services at national level, Planetel S.p.A. has developed a proprietary fibre optic network for the ultra-broadband connectivity of about 320 municipalities and provides TLC/IT services to over 57,600 customers in Lombardy, Veneto and Campania, through a multi-channel approach. Among the first Italian Internet Service Providers (ISP and WISP) to gradually develop its position in the telecommunication and system integration market, the company has been able to stand out on the territory as a single player offering integrated digital solutions, ASP / Cloud services and other IT solutions. Planetel, formerly a national phone operator, can now provide Business, Wholesale and Residential customers with fibre optic network connections, with the most advanced ultra-broadband connectivity and integrated communication solutions with FTTH-FTTP (Fibre to the Home – Fibre to the Premises) network architectures; its offer covers the entire value chain of ICT services that allows companies to accelerate their digitization process and time-to-market. Planetel's primary assets include a fibre optic network of approximately 3,569 Km. – CLOUD infrastructure in 4 Datacentres – 1,250 Cabinets on the ground.

Planetel's main goal is the strategic development of a high-speed Backbone – up to 1.4Tb/s proprietary backbone – which will allow more stable, faster and more secure connections with a guarantee of greater continuity of service for its customers.

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