

23 Other current assets

	31 December 17	31 December 16 adj	Change
Energy efficiency bonds and emissions trading	104.7	73.3	31.4
VAT, excise and additional taxes	50.0	22.1	27.9
Security deposits	32.3	30.7	1.6
Benefits from renewable sources	32.1	26.8	5.3
Fund for the electricity, gas and environmental services for standardisation and continuity income	21.5	25.7	(4.2)
Prepaid costs	18.3	19.3	(1.0)
Advances to suppliers and employees	8.4	9.5	(1.1)
Other receivables	36.0	45.3	(9.3)
Total	303.3	252.7	50.6

The breakdown and changes in the main items are described compared with 31 December 2016.

"Energy efficiency bonds and emissions trading", includes:

- green certificates, 9.8 million Euros (10.4 million Euros as at 31 December 2016);
- White certificates, 92.5 million Euros (60.1 million Euros as at 31 December 2016);
- grey certificates, 2.4 million Euros (2.8 million Euros as at 31 December 2016);

In line with the previous year, the amount of receivables for green certificates in the portfolio has gradually decreased due to the incentive mechanism (valid beginning in the 2016 financial year) for the production of electricity from renewable sources, according to which green certificates are no longer recognized, replaced by a reduced rate for the sale of electricity produced. Consequently, the portfolio of this type of bonds will be cancelled with a negative effect in terms of evaluation, delivery times to GSE or sales on the market. In relation to white certificates, the increase in the value of the portfolio is mainly attributable to the recording by area of the amount of certificates recognized during the period.

"VAT, excise and additional taxes", amounting to 50 million euros (22.1 million euros as at 31 December 2016), is comprised of tax credits payable to the treasury for value added tax in the amount of 43.9 million euros and for excise and additional taxes in the amount of 6.1 million euros. The change as compared to 31 December 2016 is attributable to an increase of 27.1 million euros in receivables for value added tax (16.8 million euros as at 31 December 2016) and a decrease of 0.8 million euros in receivables for excise and additional taxes (5.3 million euros as at 31 December 2016). These changes should be interpreted together with the same change shown in the item "Other current liabilities" in Note 30. In particular, with regard to excise duties and additional taxes, the procedures that govern the

financial relations with the tax authorities should be taken into account: as a matter of fact, advance payments made during the year are calculated on the basis of the quantities of gas and electricity billed in the previous year. These methods can generate credit or debit positions with differences that can be significant even between one period and another.

"Security deposits", amounting to Euro 32.3 million (Euro 30.7 million as at 31 December 2016), include the security deposit with Acosea Impianti Srl for Euro 12.4 million, the deposits paid as security for participation in the foreign platforms for the negotiation of commodity contracts and tenders on the electricity market for Euro 4.9 million, security deposits to guarantee operations on the wholesale electricity and gas markets for Euro 5.9 million as well as cautionary deposits required by Customs for Euro 2.2 million.

"Benefits from renewable sources", equal to 32.1 million euros (26.8 million euros as at 31 December 2016) are represented by receivables from the GSE owed to the new incentive mechanism for the production of electricity from renewable sources, which replaced the method for recording green certificates.

"Fund for the energy and environmental services for standardisation and continuity income", totalling 21.5 million euros (25.7 million euros as at 31 December 2016), the decrease is mainly due to lower credit from the standardisation of gas distribution, only in part counterbalanced by the higher credit from the standardisation of the electrical sector as regards protected sale .

"Prepaid costs" are for the most part shares for the future provision of services and external processing in the amount of 5.5 million euros (5.3 million euros as of 31 December 2016), costs incurred for insurance policies, surety, bank fees and charges in the amount of 3.6 million euros (4.2 million euros as of 31 December 2016) , fees due and concession fees for network services in the amount of 3.2 million euros (3.3 million euros as of 31 December 2016), prepaid leases and rentals in the amount of 1.4 million euros (1.2 million euros as of 31 December 2016).