The Milan-based consultancy Althesys has conducted a total cost of ownership analysis comparing PVC-U to other non-plastic materials for water and sewer lines. The analysis considered the costs to purchase pipes, install, operate and maintain and dismantle the pipeline.

**PVC-U PROVIDES SIGNIFICANT COST SAVINGS**
The Althesys study shows significant economic advantages for PVC-U over ductile iron and GRP in water lines and concrete or clay in the sewer lines. Main savings are realised on the installation costs.

**USEFUL MODEL FOR DECISION MAKERS**
The research and model from Althesys help decision makers as they weigh the costs and benefits of pipeline materials in water and sewer infrastructures.

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