

The heating, cooling and refrigeration industry has solutions to offer against climate change

Brussels, 17 December 2009: The [European Partnership for Energy and the Environment](#) (EPEE) regrets that no binding agreement was reached in Copenhagen and encourages Governments world-wide to set higher energy efficiency standards.

Improving the energy efficiency of heating, cooling and refrigeration appliances and increasing the use of renewable energy technologies are EPEE members key priorities.

EPEE members are dedicating themselves to the manufacturing of increasingly clean and energy efficient equipment which contributes to reduce energy consumption of buildings and supermarkets.

Our members make considerable investments to ensure they comply with the EU climate-change related legislation which aims to curb emissions in accordance with the European commitments made under the Kyoto Protocol.

Under the European regulatory framework, EPEE members ensure a responsible use of refrigerants; strive to improve the energy efficiency of their products; and promote a wider use of renewable technologies such as heat pumps which, according to the International Energy Agency, can reduce global greenhouse gas emissions by up to 8%.

EPEE therefore supports ambitious emission reduction objectives and hopes that the next Conference of the Parties will lead to binding commitments not only for industrialised countries but also for developing countries in order to reduce global emissions and guarantee fair international competition.

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The European Partnership for Energy and the Environment (EPEE) is the de facto voice of the heating, cooling and refrigeration industry in Europe. It represents a broad-based group of responsible companies, national associations and European associations active in the European heat-pump, air-conditioning and refrigeration industry. It was formed in September 2000 to contribute to the development of effective European policies to increase energy efficiency and reduce greenhouse gases from the use of refrigerants. Further information can be found on-line at www.epeeglobal.org.