

EPEE PRESENTS GAPOMETER TO MEASURE COMPLIANCE AND PROGRESS WITH EU F-GAS RULES

At a workshop organised today by the European Partnership for Energy and the Environment (EPEE), representing the European heating, cooling and refrigeration industry, in the framework of the 27th Meeting of the Parties to the Montreal Protocol in Dubai, participants were introduced to a new and innovative tool to measure compliance with the EU F-Gas Regulation, and in particular the phase down of HFCs.

The so-called “Gapometer”, which is currently being developed by EPEE, aims to define a route towards a successful phase down of HFCs in Europe and will identify the biggest risks of gaps between required and actual progress.

Andrea Voigt, Director General of EPEE, said: “EPEE is very much committed to supporting the implementation of the EU F-Gas Regulation and its ambitious phase-down objectives. This is why the Gapometer is so important, as it shows what needs to be done to achieve the phase down goals and identifies potential pitfalls -and opportunities – across Europe.”

The event also included an intervention from Paul de Larminat, Johnson Controls, who introduced the work of EPEE’s Low Emission Task Force which is overseeing the project.

Mr de Larminat said: “As EPEE members we want to ensure that the F-Gas Regulation – and the phase down in particular – is properly adhered to by EU Member States. The Gapometer can play a crucial role in this regard.”

The audience included industry representatives, associations, and policy-makers from across the world, all of whom were given the opportunity to find out more about the EU-F-Gas Regulation and what it requires.

Ms Voigt concluded: “The F-Gas Regulation is applicable in Europe, but actually it will have far-reaching consequences for international companies who will need to abide by its provisions when operating in Europe.”

“It seems as well that other jurisdictions are following the EU’s lead and planning a similar approach to tackling F-Gas emissions. This is what makes the EU context so interesting and relevant, and this is why EPEE is investing so much time and resources into informing our international colleagues of the current situation.”

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About EPEE

The European Partnership for Energy and the Environment (EPEE) represents the refrigeration, air-conditioning and heat pump industry in Europe. Founded in the year 2000, EPEE’s membership is composed of 40 member companies, national and international associations.

EPEE member companies realize a turnover of over 30 billion Euros, employ more than 200,000 people in Europe and also create indirect employment through a vast network of small and medium-sized enterprises such as contractors who install, service and maintain equipment.

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EPEE member companies have manufacturing sites and research and development facilities across the EU, which innovate for the global market.

As an expert association, EPEE is supporting safe, environmentally and economically viable technologies with the objective of promoting a better understanding of the sector in the EU and contributing to the development of effective European policies. Please see our website (www.epeeglobal.org) for further information.

EPEE is also a member of the Coalition for Energy Savings, which bring together European business, professional, local authorities, trade unions and civil society organisations to promote and mainstream energy efficiency at the European level, and ensure it is a political priority.

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