

EPEE F-gas pledge to be catalyst for global action

25 September 2014 –Following the UN Climate Summit, the European Partnership for Energy and the Environment (EPEE) issued a pledge in which the European refrigeration, air-conditioning and heat pump industry commits to taking concrete, proactive action to facilitate the implementation of the EU F-gas Regulation.

“EPEE members are determined to make the EU’s new F-gas rules work and are ready to help the EU and its Member States reach their targets and ensure that Europe remains a leader in reducing greenhouse gas emissions,” said EPEE Director General Andrea Voigt.

The commitments focus on two main areas – (1) education, in terms of raising awareness & promoting the rules, and (2) supporting a smooth and viable transition towards lower emission technologies.

EPEE’s education commitments include organising regular and tailored events to raise awareness of the new rules, developing specific communication tools to enhance industry’s understanding of its new obligations, and increasing cooperation with installers, owners, and schools to ensure all parts of the chain understand their responsibilities.

It will also set up a Low Emissions Task Force to examine how to overcome barriers which prevent the uptake of low emissions technologies, as well as monitor the effectiveness of the EU F-gas Regulation and raise global awareness.

“EPEE supports the new EU rules and is calling for global action to tackle and reduce HFC consumption in a way that is economically viable, compatible with high safety standards, and has energy efficiency at its heart,” concluded Ms Voigt.

“We believe our pledge has the dual purpose of acting as a catalyst for action at the global level and ensuring that the EU F-gas Regulation is properly implemented and monitored.”

The pledge can be found [here](#).

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.

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.

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