



Sustainable Heating & Cooling for Europe.



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About EPEE

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The European Partnership for Energy and the Environment (EPEE) represents the **refrigeration, air-conditioning and heat pump industry (RACHP) in Europe.**

- Founded in 2000, EPEE's membership is composed of **43 member companies, national and international associations.**
- Our members in the RACHP sector can be found in **commercial (supermarket), industrial and transport refrigeration; medicine storage; data centre cooling; commercial, residential and industrial heating and cooling.**
- Together they represent over **30 billion euros in turnover, over 200,000 direct jobs and millions of indirect jobs.**
- Our members have **over a 100 manufacturing sites and research & development facilities across the EU,** innovating for the European and global market.

Our Vision

Be a thought leader and the valued partner for our members, allies and political stakeholders.

Our Mission

Championing the refrigeration, air conditioning and heat pump (RACHP) sector and shaping policies and assisting in their application for long-term sustainability.

EPEE in figures

Whilst these statistics are purely qualitative they positively demonstrate the high level of activity within EPEE with members and with external audiences, in particular decision-makers at the EU-Brussels level and increasingly at the Member State level as “bottom-up advocacy” has become a necessity. We are also having to increase the number of internal meetings to discuss, assess, and come to positions on an ever-increasing number of dossiers which are very likely to continue in 2026 and onwards.

+250

Working Group, Task Force and Ad-hoc meetings

These meetings are at the core of EPEE’s operations to help us analyze the impact of dossiers, share information, discuss and agree actions by consensus.

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External and Internal EPEE presentations, webinar and seminars

Both internal and especially external presentations are a key platform to not only be heard but also to listen to our many stakeholders and build strong working relationships.

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Meetings with policy makers, officials from the European Commission, European Parliament and Member States

A key part of our advocacy is to meet with EU decision-makers (including Commissioner’s Cabinet) as well as Member States’ representatives both in Brussels and in the Capitals. These face to face meetings offer a unique opportunity to present not only our concerns but also our proposed solutions, as we always look to find workable ways forward.

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Publications and joint positions

We deal with sometimes incredibly complex issues and it is therefore critical to condense the essence of our messages in press releases, position papers and often times jointly with our partners.

Message from our President

Dear Members,

I am delighted to share with you our second EPEE Annual Report for 2025, the year of our 25th anniversary.

Looking at the past helps us define where we want to be in the future. We are very proud of what we have achieved in these past 25 years and equally committed to go further and doing even more for our members and the RACHP industry sector.

25 years ago, we were effectively dealing with a handful of issues, not least the first proposed FGAs Regulation but today we are dealing with 30+ legislative acts, strategies, action plans, which are currently been reviewed by our Working Groups. Going forward we will encounter new legislative texts and policies which will have a direct bearing on our industry, not least the possible future reviews of the proposed bans in the FGAs Regulation, the proposed PFAS restrictions, and several Eco-Design Lots just to name a few. Our chapters on our Working Groups will provide the key details.

On behalf of the Steering Committee, my huge thanks to the support of our membership driven association, our members who take up positions of Chairs and Vice-Chairs and of course our Secretariat. But also, to the members of the Steering Committee who are engaged and provide their views and guidance, making us a strong and decisive association.

With our new defined tagline “Sustainable Heating and Cooling for Europe”, EPEE has undertaken a large number of quality events and meetings with our key stakeholders and written over 30 position papers and publications, with a highlight on our FGAs Brochure (now in three and soon four languages) which explains in detail the 2024 Regulation and how to understand its implementation.

We are excited for 2026 not least because we have a unique opportunity to support our industry with the much awaited Heating and Cooling Strategy, due for the end of May, which will be a critical hook to positively engage with decision-makers in EU-Brussels and at the national level and, indeed, at the international level to ensure that EPEE’s messages are a reference point for other regions.

We stand ready to represent our interests, defend our concerns and position our sector as a thought leader ready to collaborate with decision-makers across Europe to find win-win solutions for the future of our sector and citizens alike.

Best regards,
Andrea Vallejo



Andrea Vallejo, EPEE President (2024-2026)

Our asks for the *Heating & Cooling sector*

We have many priorities due to the many regulatory, legislative, strategies directly impacting the RACHP sector but the below 10 points focus on today's key priorities:

- 01.** Sustainable heating and cooling in the clean energy transition.
- 02.** Implementing the energy efficiency first principle.
- 03.** Utilization of waste heat and cold.
- 04.** Ensure regulatory coherence across legislative & policy frameworks.
- 05.** Addressing the future of industry competitiveness and the single market.
- 06.** Making electricity cost-competitive with fossil fuels.
- 07.** Embedding the EPBD's net-zero buildings and smart integration.
- 08.** Promote grid flexibility and investment.
- 09.** A smooth refrigerant transition without double legislation which will create market inconsistencies.
- 10.** A reviewed and equitable PFAS restriction proposal which provides a long transition time for derogations.

The Executive Committee

The Executive Committee made up of the Chair, Vice-Chair and Treasurer work closely with the Steering Committee and the Director General to ensure that EPEE follows its strategic goals and operates in a transparent manner with good corporate governance at its core.

Andrea Vallejo / EPEE Chair



Andrea was appointed Vice President & General Manager of Johnson Controls`South & West Europe region in 2024. She joined Johnson Controls in 2008 and has held several senior leadership roles. Andrea is member of the Steering Committee since 2018.

Rainer Grosse-Kracht / EPEE Vice Chair



Rainer is the Vice Chairman of the Board of BITZER SE. Rainer has worked for 25 years with BITZER and even longer experience in the refrigeration and air-conditioning industry. He has been a member of the EPEE Steering Committee since 2009.

Luc Dehon / EPEE Treasurer



Luc joined Dehon Group in 2015 after 20 years spent at Accenture. Luc Dehon is the Group Dehon CEO and CEO of Climalife, the most important Business Unit of the Dehon Group. He has been Member of EPEE's Steering Committee since 2020.

The Steering Committee

The 15-member Steering Committee is made up of business leaders from the OEMs, the component manufacturers, the gas distributors, and the gas producers representing EPEE's broad membership. They have a two year mandate, renewable and we are pleased to have both stability and also new representatives bringing in new ideas and passion.

*Steve Yurek, President and CEO of AHRI, one of the founding organisations of EPEE, and Russell Patten, Director General, have observer status on the Steering Committee.



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Our 2025 Team



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Our top wins and events:

A message from the Director General

Dear Members,

It has been a strong and productive year for EPEE, made even more meaningful as we celebrated our 25th anniversary at the AGM, with the presence of several former Directors General. We were delighted to see our first DG, Fred Busch, who was on great form and showed us all up when he took to the dance floor as well as welcoming Andrea Voigt as our second Director General, who is now a recent new member of EPEE's Board, further strengthening the association's leadership and governance.

Visibility & Influence: Over the past year, EPEE has significantly increased its visibility and influence in Brussels but also across Europe and internationally. We have delivered and contributed to numerous events and speaking engagements showcasing EPEE's expertise, including the China HVAC Expo in Shanghai, the International Refrigeration bi-annual conference in Kobe, the UNEP OEWG meeting in Bangkok, as well as multiple webinars with the European Commission's DG CLIMA on the implementation of the F-Gas Regulation.

-Positioning & Engagement: Through continuous engagement with industry stakeholders and decision-makers, both in Brussels and globally, EPEE has reinforced its role as a trusted and credible voice in the RACHP sector, contributing constructively to policy discussions and regulatory outcomes. See below some of our key achievements in 2025.

-Securing Market Realism in Policy: EPEE partnered with DG CLIMA and Oko-Recherche to provide critical heat pump sales data, ensuring that EU refrigerant transition studies are grounded in industry realities.

-Global Strategic Leadership: At the Bangkok OEWG, EPEE led a high-level dialogue with the Commission and the Czech Republic, positioning our sector as a global pioneer in F-Gas implementation.

-Asserting Technical Authority (Lot 11): The Commission adopted EPEE's "inherent speed" definition for fans—a major victory that directly embeds our industry's technical expertise into EU Ecodesign law.

-Levelling the Competitive Playing Field: EPEE's advocacy in the ENER Lot 1 & 2 revisions successfully lowered MEPS for heat pumps, making clean heating more affordable and competitive against fossil fuel alternatives.

-Defending Legislative Stability: We led a joint industry campaign to prevent the reopening of settled EPBD and EED files, safeguarding established wins and providing the regulatory certainty businesses need to invest.

-Upholding the Energy Efficiency First Principle: EPEE and its partners successfully restored the "Efficiency First" principle as a core regulatory pillar within the 2040 climate target proposal.

-The Indispensable Stakeholder Voice: Through proactive and constructive collaboration at both the Commission and Member State levels, EPEE has solidified its standing as the leading representative for the entire RACHP value chain.

-Membership & Collective Strength: Another clear indicator of EPEE's relevance and impact is the continued growth and diversification of our membership. We were delighted to welcome Garrett Motion, CCR/Haier, and the German association VDKF to the EPEE family, strengthening our collective ability to represent and defend the interests of the RACHP value chain.

On a more personal note, we sadly say goodbye to Heinz Juergensen of Bitzer, who passed away last year. Heinz was a long-standing and highly engaged member of EPEE, known for his wise counsel, grounded opinions, and unflinching collegiality. He will be remembered with great respect.

We also bid farewell to Joachim Gerstel of Chemours and Dina Köpke of Copeland on their retirement. Their expertise, commitment, and contributions to EPEE over the years have been invaluable and will be greatly missed.

I thank you for your attention.

Best regards,
Russell Patten



Our working teams

Refrigerants WG

Over the past year, the Refrigerants Working Group strengthened its position as a trusted partner for EU policymakers, maintaining a close and constructive dialogue with DG CLIMA and FGas Member State experts.

The WG is chaired by Emily Stumpf of Panasonic and the Vice-Chair is Darcy Nicolle of Carrier and supported by Aya El Azhari from the Secretariat.

The WG actively contributed to the **implementation of the 2024 F-gas Regulation**, delivering input across all eight Implementing Acts and addressing key challenges such as tight consultation timelines, overlapping policy issues, and the need for better alignment among institutions and industry partners.

In parallel, **EPEE participated to the DG CLIMA and Öko-Recherche study with market data on the heat pump sales for 2025**, ensuring that sector realities and safety considerations were accurately reflected in the Commission's evidence base.

A major achievement of the year was the development of **EPEE's Market Insight Report**, prepared with Gluckman Consulting. This work allowed our WG to deepen our analytical capacity and position EPEE as a thought leader ahead of the next F-gas reviews.

The WG also launched a new task force on the Illegal Trade of refrigerants (ITR) to address systemic implementation issues, strengthen data collection, and support advocacy across interconnected dossiers including PFAS and the EU simplification agenda. These efforts reinforced the WG's ambition to move beyond compliance and proactively shape long-term refrigerant policy.

Externally, the WG amplified its voice through targeted outreach and public engagement, most notably by co-organising a side event at the OEWG with DG CLIMA and the Czech Republic, showcasing European leadership in refrigerant transition.

EPEE continued to invest in visibility and stakeholder dialogue through public events and preparations for a future annual market-insights-themed conference. Together, these activities strengthened EPEE's role as a core partner for EU institutions, laying the groundwork for the upcoming reviews and **ensuring the sector is equipped with robust data, forward-looking analysis, and unified advocacy positions**.

EEE WG

In 2025, the EEE (Energy Efficiency and Environment) Working Group focused its efforts on three main priority EU policy files: the forthcoming Heating & Cooling Strategy and Electrification Action Plan (expected Q2 2026) and the growing policy framework on data centres.

Chaired by Christina von Westernhagen of JCI and Stefaan Vanderstraeten of Daikin Europe and led by Manon Roussel and Andrea Martin from the Secretariat, the WG prepared EPEE's position paper for the Heating & Cooling Strategy and the Electrification Action Plan, setting out clear recommendations to ensure a coherent, efficient and technology ready approach to the decarbonisation of heating and cooling across Europe.

EPEE has highlighted the need to **mainstream energy efficiency, support the uptake of electrified solutions, address the affordability and key barriers, and recognise the significant potential of waste heat recovery.**

In parallel, the WG worked on the Data Centres Sustainability Rating Scheme to promote transparent, harmonised assessment of energy performance, performance indicators and waste heat reuse potential.

Throughout the year, EPEE engaged with policymakers, industry and stakeholders to raise awareness of the role that efficient cooling and heat recovery technologies can play in delivering an effective pathway to decarbonisation while supporting the EU's digital and energy objectives.

The EEE WG also contributed to EPEE's input on the Clean Industrial Deal and the Affordable Energy Action Plan, underlining the **strategic importance of the RACHP sector** and calling for enabling conditions, including fairer energy taxation, improved financing tools and support for skills, to accelerate the deployment of clean technologies.

Looking ahead to 2026, the WG will continue to engage closely as the Commission plans to issue the Heating & Cooling Strategy and Electrification Action Plan expected in May 2025. Our priority will remain to ensure that energy efficiency is at the centre of the EU energy policy.

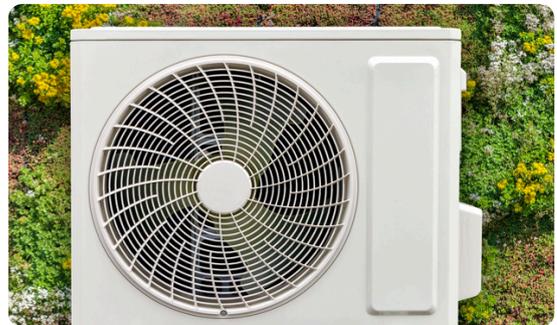


Ecodesign WG

2025 was not without its challenges! The Ecodesign Working Group managed to tackle numerous policy files while experiencing continuous delays in the much-awaited ecodesign and energy labelling requirements revisions.

We take this opportunity to thank the Chair, Els Baert of Daikin Europe and the Vice-Chair, Dina Köpke of Copeland, and the Secretariat team, Juliane Barboni and Tanguy Roig. We said goodbye in the Summer to Dina who retired after numerous years of leadership, and welcomed Charlotte Lots of Samsung as the new Vice-Chair.

We started the year with **advocacy webinars** where **the ecodesign national experts** sitting in the Committee were invited to discuss with EPEE the current ongoing revisions. The webinars targeted the revision for space heaters (ENER Lot 1), the revision for air-to-air heat pumps and air-conditioners (ENER Lot 10) and the revision for professional refrigeration equipment (ENFR Lot 1). With a third of the Member States joining, EPEE delivered overarching advocacy messages ahead of the public consultations.



While these public consultations did not occur until December for ENER Lot 1 only, the Ecodesign WG was kept busy with plenty of other files, in which EPEE can be proud of great achievements.

For instance, an amendment regarding the fan inherent **speed in the ecodesign requirements** revision for industrial fans got accepted by the Commission and the national experts. On other policy elements, we successfully built partnerships with other like-minded associations in our sector.



Collaboration being key, we have been recently working jointly with the Refrigerants WG on a **LLCP methodology proposal** for the purpose of the ecodesign revisions of ENER Lot 1 and 10. We can also count on the good relationships EPEE strengthened with policymakers this past year, notably with DG ENER and the VHK consultancy team.

Communication WG

The Communications Working Group (WG), led by Darcy Nicolle (Carrier), plays a dual role within EPEE. It supports the communications activities of all Working Groups while also coordinating horizontal communications across the association as a whole.

Our target audiences range from EPEE members and internal stakeholders to key decision-makers in Brussels, EU Member States and beyond, as well as general and trade media and industry partners.

The WG is composed of the Chairs and Vice-Chairs of the Working Groups and Impulse Teams and meets on a monthly basis to ensure consistency, continuity and alignment of communication activities across the organisation.

A key priority of the WG is supporting EPEE's external events, notably the annual UNEP OEWG meeting in Bangkok, where EPEE regularly organises a side event. Last year's event focused on the annual market insight report and provided a valuable platform to engage with international stakeholders.

During the AGM, EPEE also organises its annual Symposium, bringing together members, partners and decision-makers to discuss key issues facing the sector. Last year's discussions focused on the Clean Industrial Deal and the Affordable Energy Action Plan, while this year the Symposium will centre on the upcoming Heating and Cooling Strategy, expected to be published in May.

Webinars are another cornerstone of EPEE's communication activities, providing a platform to address topical issues and engage directly with experts. In 2025, EPEE organised more than 15 internal (member-focused) as well as several external webinars, presentations and seminars.

Finally, through more than 40 publications and brochures, EPEE strives to make complex and technical issues accessible to decision-makers. In particular, the F-gas brochure, reviewed and approved by DG CLIMA of the European Commission, is updated twice a year and is currently available in three languages, with a fourth language to come.



Impulse Teams

F-GAS IMPULSE TEAM

In 2025, the F-gas Impulse Team focused on ensuring effective and proper implementation of the revised EU F-gas Regulation.

The team worked on the eight Implementing Acts adopted by the Commission, supporting members with technical interpretation and advocating for the industry's position during the public consultations.

Alongside this, the team engaged closely with DG TAXUD on TARIC code adjustments, addressing inconsistencies between customs codes and the Regulation's requirements. Interpretation challenges of the Regulation remained a central topic within the Impulse Team, and providing clarifications and forwarding these issues to the Commission and national authorities was a key priority.

Looking ahead to the upcoming F-gas reviews, the Impulse Team launched preparatory work to gather early insights on the Regulation's impact on members' organizations. This includes the first survey on equipment bans, designed to map emerging concerns and consolidate them into an overall EPEE position.

PFAS IMPULSE TEAM

This year we said goodbye to our PFAS IT Chair, Dina Koepke, and we welcomed Marco Perfetti of Chemours as our new vice-Chair. Mary B Walsh of Solstice became the new Chair with Stefaan Vanderstraeten of Daikin Europe continuing as Vice-Chair.

2025 was a busy year as ECHA's committees, RAC (risk assessment) and SEAC (socio-economic assessment), continued to work on the Restriction Proposal. The Dossier submitters published their final Background Document in August, which showed some progress in getting long term derogations for the use of fluoropolymers, but still no consideration over the use of refrigerants in stationary products.

EPEE held meetings with Member states authorities from various ministries. An exchange also took place in March with DG CLIMA, DG GROW and DG ENV. The first high level meetings on PFAS were also held with Commissioner Dombrovskis' Cabinet.

To prepare our input into the SEAC consultation expected to open in April 2026, EPEE appointed the consultancy ERM to support our work. After collecting the data directly from the corporate members, they will deliver a final report on the analysis of alternatives, the socio-economic assessment of the different scenarios of the restriction proposal and the probability of a third option consisting of additional risk management measures.

As the potential ban and the complexity of the file affect virtually every industry, collaboration between EU and National associations also help to understand what is coming for our sector. Productive exchanges were held throughout the year with several of our partners including EFCTC, EHPA, FPG, APPLiA, ACEA, and Euroheat & Power.

Task Forces

Part of our working methodology is to create Task Forces, reporting to one of the four Working Groups, to delve into greater detail on key issues of the day. The following provide an example of some of our on-going Task Forces which relate to how we work internally and ensure that we are fit for purpose, growing our organisation with like-minded members and develop new and stronger ties with partners and lastly, focussing on some key issues of the day which requires a dedicate team to support EPEE's advocacy.

CONFERENCE OF CHAIRS AND VICE-CHAIRS (CCVC)

EPEE regularly holds gatherings with its Working Groups and Impulse Teams leaders to tackle the most pressing policy issues to ensure sound and aligned work with the Secretariat.

GROWTH TASK FORCE

In 2025, EPEE decided to combine the Membership Task Force with the association forum, into one single task force dedicated to the association's growth in the sector. The group works to deliver two core objectives, namely 1) to make EPEE the go-to association for the RACHP sector and attract potential new corporate members and 2) strengthen EPEE's ties with national associations in Europe in view of fostering closer cooperation.

This year we are delighted that CCR and Garrett have joined EPEE and we look forward to working with their colleagues. EPEE and VDKF, the German Refrigeration and Air Conditioning Installer Association, also agreed on a mutual membership in March 2025.

ESPR TASK FORCE & CONNECTIVITY TASK FORCE

The EcoDesign Working Group has established two new Task Forces: the ESPR Task Force to tackle the pressing issues from the Regulation and the first lots to be revised under its regime; and, the Connectivity Task Force to deal with the different flexibility and connectivity requirements initiatives that are impacting heat pumps.

RRR TASK FORCE

Following on the conclusion of the Citepa report on Recovery, Recycling and Reclamation (RRR), the Task force published a short communication document with recommendations to promote and increase the knowledge across the industry and beyond of those activities. The contribution of RRR was also discussed in the context of other files such as the PFAS restriction proposal, and within the upcoming Circular Economy Act and revision of the WEEE Directive.

ITR TASK FORCE

EPEE has been actively engaged in addressing the illegal trade of refrigerants (ITR), through drafting a dedicated white paper and ongoing work on guidelines related to the auctions process in the EU. During 2025, EPEE has been trying to foster a closer cooperation with key associations and organisations such as EFCTC, EIA and AREA. While 2025 has primarily focused on setting up the Task Force and agreeing on its objectives, we expect to put a stronger emphasis on outreach and raising awareness about the risks and broader consequences of illegal refrigerant trade in 2026.

Industry Gatherings

Collaborating with industry partners across the value chain is of paramount importance. Not only do we share information but also gain better political intelligence and on many occasions have developed joint positions and have engaged together on some of the key dossiers of the year, not least on F-gas, and on PFAS.

PFAS INDUSTRY GATHERING

Co-chaired with EFCTC and APPLiA, the Gathering is a key platform to discuss the issue, share intelligence, discuss potential collaboration and keep up to date on the ongoing ECHA process.



JIEG

The Joint Industry Expert Group of EPEE and ASERCOM continued its work to advocate on the ENTR Lot 1 policy file (relates to professional refrigeration, the JIEG with a focus on condensing units and process chillers). A new step has been taken, with an advocacy strategy to push once more against the label on condensing units – considered as non-consumer products – with the support of other industry associations.

F-GAS INDUSTRY GATHERING

During the F-gas trilogue negotiations in 2023, EPEE organized weekly meetings with other industry associations of the sector (including contractors, producers, foams representatives...) in order to align positions and messages during the F-gas revision process. In 2024, the group continued to meet in order to work on alignment of positions for the F-gas implementation including Implementing Regulations and TARIC customs codes.

ICARHMA

Established in 1991, ICARHMA is a global organization comprised of 11 associations representing HVACR and water heating manufacturers in the Americas, Asia, Europe, and the South Pacific. ICARHMA represents a total of more than 1,000 manufacturing companies which build equipment that improves the lives of hundreds of millions of people around the world. The association's members are dedicated to the manufacturing of quality equipment that underscores their commitment to a better environment through technological advances. ICARHMA provides a forum to discuss and act on issues including energy efficiency, climate change, and environmental stewardship.



Our new members

Garrett

ADVANCING MOTION

Lorrain Sausse - VP and GM Compression Technologies said: "Garrett is a global technology leader delivering innovative solutions that enhance energy efficiency and reduce emissions across mobility and industrial sectors. Building on decades of expertise in high-speed rotating machinery, we have expanded our portfolio to next-generation HVAC solutions. Our new family of oil-free centrifugal refrigerant compressors, featuring foil bearing technology and a compact design, delivers high efficiency and reliability, enabling major energy savings and safer adoption of ultra-low-GWP and natural refrigerants. These solutions are suitable for HVAC mobility, industrial, buildings, BESS and data-center cooling applications.

I am pleased to confirm Garrett's decision to join EPEE. EPEE's mission to promote the air-conditioning and heat-pump sector in the EU and to contribute to the development of effective policies for long-term sustainability aligns perfectly with Garrett's innovation roadmap. Becoming part of this trusted and influential association allows us to actively contribute to the European dialogue on sustainable cooling and heating, collaborate across the value chain, and support the acceleration of HVAC solutions that Europe needs for its climate and competitiveness goals. We are proud to join EPEE and to contribute with our expertise to the future of clean, reliable and high-performance thermal management."

Haier

Bob Cowlard, Haier - European CEO HVAC Solutions Europe said: "At Haier HVAC Solutions Europe, we are committed to delivering high-efficiency, low-carbon comfort solutions that support Europe's climate and energy goals. Joining EPEE is a natural step for us. We want to contribute actively to the policy discussions shaping our industry's future and to collaborate with partners who share our ambition for innovation, sustainability, and consumer-centred progress.

EPEE's work is vital in ensuring that our sector moves forward with clarity, responsibility, and purpose. We are proud to add our voice and expertise to this community and to help accelerate Europe's transition to smarter, cleaner heating and cooling."



“Many regulations which affect the work of refrigeration and air conditioning companies in Germany are pan-European requirements. Through our cooperation with EPEE, whose representatives in Brussels have excellent networks, we will be even better informed in the future and able to prepare our members for changes in good time,” explains VDKF Managing Director Marcel Rehder.

The Association of German Refrigeration and Air Conditioning Contractors (VDKF) is a German trade association representing specialist companies in the fields of refrigeration, air conditioning, and heat pump technology. Based in Bonn, it was founded in 1962 with goal is to pool the technical, economic, and political interests of its member companies and represent them in dealings with politicians, authorities, industry, and the public.

The VDKF sees itself as a representative of interests, a service provider, and a guarantor of quality for the refrigeration engineering trade. It strengthens the competitiveness of its member companies, promotes high technical standards, and is committed to environmentally friendly, energy-efficient solutions in refrigeration and air conditioning technology.

“I am delighted that we will be expanding and strengthening our existing cooperation. The importance of refrigeration and air conditioning technology is often overlooked by politicians, ministries, and the media. Only by working together can we make our industry's voice heard more clearly at national and European level,” says VDKF President Karl-Heinz Thielmann. These goals largely coincide with those of EPEE. Mutual membership of VDKF and EPEE is therefore logical and expedient in order to pool resources and expertise and benefit from each other's contacts.

A big thank you to our many partners.

At EPEE, we have always agreed that if we are able to join forces with other like-minded organisations, we are stronger and bring a broader industry message to decision-makers.

The most tangible partnerships include joint position papers and statements, intelligence sharing, alignment setting, joint events, meetings coordination.

We already have 14 national, European, and international associations as members with who we collaborate with on a daily basis (see membership page).

Equally we work on an ad hoc/per issue basis with an additional number of other associations, namely (in no particular order) the Cool Heating Coalition, Efficient Buildings Europe, Euroheat&Power, ACEA, CEFIC, APPLiA, EHI, Eurovent, AMCA, and EVIA.

I take this opportunity to thank them for their collaboration as these partnerships are win wins for both EPEE and our partners.

Our membership

Corporate members:



Association members:



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