

Press Release

EPEE welcomes new Director-General, Russell Patten

Brussels, 1st December 2022: EPEE, representing the refrigeration, air-conditioning and heat pump industry in Europe, is delighted to welcome Russell Patten, a Belgian-British national, a public affairs professional as its new Director-General.

Russell, who has been advising EPEE as an external consultant for the last 22 years, since its set up in Brussels in 2000, comes with 30 years of EU-Brussels lobbying, advocacy and political communication experience having started his career in the European Commission. He then went on to work for an international law firm and several public affairs consultancies until June of this year, advising on a broad range of policies but always with a focus on the environment and energy. Russell has also been President of the British Chamber of Commerce in Belgium and part-time Secretary-General of several trade associations in the energy/environmental fields.

“This is an exciting time to join EPEE. The heating and cooling industry is a key sector in the European Green Deal and clean energy transition. EPEE’s members contribute with their energy efficient and sustainable technologies to achieve Europe’s EU climate and energy goals while ensuring European citizens can lead healthy, productive, and comfortable lives in a rapidly changing world.”

“As the new Director-General, I feel honoured to continue EPEE’s work and to ensure that EPEE remains a key contributor to the development of effective policies for the refrigeration, air conditioning, and heat pump sector that enables a faster transition away from fossil fuels and long-term sustainability,” stated Russell Patten.

“EPEE has grown considerably over the last 20 years and has become today a major voice of the refrigeration, air-conditioning and heat pump industry in Europe and internationally. Russell who is already familiar with EPEE, brings considerable expertise and experience and we look forward to collaborating with him to take EPEE to the next level focusing on open and transparent dialogue with decision-makers, building partnerships with like-minded organisations to strengthen our members’ voice and work together with all stakeholders to find optimal solutions,” stated Andrea Vallejo, President of EPEE.

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 over 50 member companies, national and international associations from three continents (Europe, North America, Asia). EPEE member companies realize a turnover of over 30 billion euros, employ more than 200,000 people in Europe and create indirect employment through a vast network of small and medium-sized enterprises such as contractors who install, service and maintain equipment. For more information, please see our websites www.epeeglobal.org.