PRESS RELEASE

**Brussels, 24th of January 2023: The European Partnership for Energy and the Environment (EPEE), representing the RACHP industry, welcomes the European Parliament’s ITRE Vote on the revision of the Fgas Regulation.**

**The outcome of the vote clearly recognises and supports the need for the growth of the Heat Pump sector to be able to deliver REPowerEU and the Green deal, and lays the ground for the decarbonisation of heating and cooling.**

The newly appointed Director General, Russell Patten, congratulates the ITRE Committee members and its Rapporteur Sara Skyttedal MEP, stating that “the vote leads to a more balanced and realistic trajectory for the HFC phase down. This is a great start but there is still some way to go to realise the full potential of the Heat Pump role-out, especially in the next crucial 10 years”.

“Protecting the manufacturing sector and installers in the EU across the full supply chain is paramount to ensuring the competitiveness and jobs of the European industry as well as the access to affordable, renewable and energy efficient technologies for consumers in this particularly challenging geo-political context”, states Mihai Scumpieru, Chair of EPEE’s working group responsible for this dossier**.**

This vote sets the direction and tone ahead of the next steps of the negotiations both in the European Parliament and with the Member States in the upcoming Trialogues.

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 49 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.

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