

## Press Release

### **EPEE Welcomes the Revision of the F-Gas Regulation: “Fine-tuning the gold standard” is key**

*EPEE, representing the heating and cooling industry in Europe, has been a long-time supporter of the EU’s 2014 F-Gas Regulation.*

Delivering tangible emission savings year after year since its entry into force – the highest of all non-CO<sub>2</sub> greenhouse gas emissions – the EU’s 2014 F-Gas Regulation is an effective gold standard for regulating F-Gases, positioning the EU as a global leader.

EPEE believes that the ongoing review must therefore be used to fine-tune the regime building on existing requirements in an intelligent, forward looking way, without falling in the trap of dogmatic decisions.

F-Gases are mainly used in heating and cooling which is of utmost importance for the EU to fulfil its Green Deal contract with future generations. Heating and cooling represent half of the total final energy consumption in Europe, and most of the EU’s greenhouse gas emissions are stemming from energy.

The sector must decarbonise rapidly – particularly heating which is still largely based on fossil fuels. Electrical heat pumps will drive the decarbonisation of heating, providing demand side flexibility, thermal storage and reducing energy demand, all of which will facilitate the transition to renewable energies.

In order to make this happen and further speed up the process, F-Gases are needed to accommodate for all types of applications, safety and energy efficiency requirements.

EPEE re-iterates its strong support for the HFC phase-down as the Regulation’s strongest and most successful instrument, achieving highest total greenhouse gas emissions. It provides the flexibility and predictability needed for industry to deliver the most energy efficient, safe and affordable solutions to achieve carbon neutrality by 2050.

EPEE also strongly recommends strengthening key provisions such as the introduction of electronic logbooks, the extension of recovery, recycling and reclamation (RRR) as well as certification requirements to all types of refrigerants, and further improvements in implementation and enforcement.

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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 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 also create indirect employment through a vast network of small and medium-sized enterprises such as contractors who install, service and maintain equipment.

As part of the activities EPEE and its members are undertaking to raise awareness on sustainable cooling, EPEE has launched a broader [#CountOnCooling campaign](#). The [EPEE White Paper](#) "Count on Cooling: A five-step approach to deliver sustainable cooling" examines the crucial role of cooling in the 21<sup>st</sup> century.

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