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Eurovent publishes preliminary Position Papers concerning revision of EU Ecodesign Regulation on Ventilation Units

Comprehensiveness of association's documents reflects need to redevelop essential parts of the currently applicable Regulations

Brussels, 28 March 2019. The Eurovent Association's Product Groups 'Air Handling Units' and 'Residential Air Handling Units' (covering non-residential and residential ventilation units respectively) have released Position Papers concerning the ongoing review of Commission Regulation (EU) No 1253/2014 (ecodesign requirements for ventilation units). The papers include clarifications and amendments to the regulatory text, as well as in-depth suggestions for improvement concerning air filters, leakages, humidity recovery, control systems, labelling aspects, and many other issues of high relevance.

The Position Papers derive from 1,5 years of joint efforts of the Eurovent Product Group 'Air Handling Units' and 'Residential Air Handling Units', which represent more than 160 manufacturers of such products across Europe (incl. Russia and Turkey). While no major changes are being expected, the documents remain subject to a final vote by the respective Product Groups at the beginning of April.

Whenever necessary, the Product Groups 'Energy Recovery Components' and 'Air Filters' as well as statistical experts of Eurovent Market Intelligence were consulted to guarantee the highest possible validity. The Position Papers are furthermore aligned with Eurovent's partner association EVIA.

Morten Schmelzer, Executive Director of the Eurovent Association, states:

"Our industry strongly believes in the European Union's Ecodesign concept and strict requirements as a means to support innovation and competitiveness of our industry. Yet, we also acknowledge the need to further develop regulations based on market experiences made. In terms of the EU Ventilation Unit Regulation, it became particularly obvious that it insufficiently handles Southern European climates – where a focus is put on humidity recovery, and not necessarily heat recovery. Furthermore, other aspects such as indoor air quality and control systems deserve to receive a stronger attention."

In February 2019, the European Commission has initiated the Review Study concerning its Ecodesign and Energy Labelling Regulations on Ventilation Units. The review is being carried out by VHK and managed by Vito. It will include the review of existing Regulations EU 1253/2014 (Ecodesign requirements for ventilation units) and EU 1254/2014 (energy labelling of residential ventilation units).

Everyone interested is cordially invited by Eurovent to attend the upcoming meeting of the Product Group 'Air Handling Units' in Vilnius, Lithuania, on 15 April 2019. Representatives of VHK and VITO are going to participate in the meeting.

Enclosed documents

Position Papers

Eurovent Association logo files

Press images

PDF version of the Press Release

Eurovent and transparency

When assessing position papers, are you aware whom you are dealing with?

Eurovent's structure rests upon democratic decision-making procedures between its members and their representatives. The more than 1.000 organisations within the Eurovent network count on us to represent their needs in a fair and transparent manner. Accordingly, we can answer policy makers' questions regarding our representativeness and decisions-making processes as follows:

1. Who receives which number of votes?

At Eurovent, the number of votes is never related to organisation sizes, country sizes, or membership fee levels. No matter if SMEs or large organisations, each company receives one vote within our technical working groups. In our General Assembly or Eurovent Commission ('steering committee'), our national member associations receive two votes per country.

2. Who has the final decision-making power?

The Eurovent Commission acts as the association's 'steering committee'. It defines the overall association roadmap, makes decisions on horizontal topics, and mediates in case manufacturers cannot agree within technical working groups. The Commission consists of national member associations, receiving two votes per country independent from its size or economic weight.

3. How European is the association?

More than 90 per cent of manufacturers within Eurovent manufacture in and come from Europe. They employ around 150.000 people in Europe largely within the secondary sector. Our structure as an umbrella enables us to consolidate manufacturers' positions across the industry, ensuring a broad and credible representation.

4. How representative is the organisation?

Eurovent represents more than 1.000 companies of all sizes spread widely across 20+ European countries, which are treated equally. As each country receives the same number of votes, there is no 'leading' country. Our national member associations ensure a wide-ranging national outreach also to remote locations.

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We are Europe's Industry Association for Indoor Climate (HVAC), Process Cooling, and Food Cold Chain Technologies – thinking 'Beyond HVACR'

Eurovent is Europe's Industry Association for Indoor Climate (HVAC), Process Cooling, and Food Cold Chain Technologies. Its members from throughout Europe, the Middle East and Africa represent more than 1.000 companies, the majority small and medium-sized manufacturers. Based on objective and verifiable data, these account for a combined annual turnover of more than 30bn Euros, employing around 150.000 people within the association's geographic area. This makes Eurovent one of the largest cross-regional industry committees of its kind. The organisation's activities are based on highly valued democratic decision-making principles, ensuring a level-playing field for the entire industry independent from organisation sizes or membership fees.

Eurovent's roots date back to 1958. Over the years, the Brussels-based organisation has become a well-respected and known stakeholder that builds bridges between manufacturers it represents, associations, legislators and standardisation bodies on a national, regional and international level. While Eurovent strongly supports energy-efficient and sustainable technologies, it advocates a holistic approach that also integrates health, life and work quality as well as safety aspects. Eurovent holds in-depth relations with partner associations around the globe. It is a founding member of the ICARHMA network, supporter of REHVA, and contributor to various EU and UN initiatives.