

JOINT DECLARATION – COP24

Multi-purpose solutions in the heating and cooling sector for a clean planet with clean air!

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During the event organised by the Polish government at COP24 on “Action, finance and technology for clean air”, the European Heat Pump Association (EHPA) and the Polish Heat Pump Association (PORTPC) have issued the following joint declaration:

1. Heating and cooling needs to become the new priority for climate action

Nowadays, heating and cooling sector represents more than 50% of EU’s total energy consumption. It will also remain important till 2050 for domestic, commercial and industry consumers. **Modernising heating and cooling is essential to achieve the decarbonisation targets in Europe and worldwide.**

2. Multi-purpose solutions (such as heat pumps) should be given a special attention

Cost-effective political action entails achieving several societal goals with integrated solutions. Not only modern heating and cooling systems such as heat pumps help to mitigate climate change, **but also reduce local air pollution and increase air quality, improving the health of Europe’s citizens.** They are also the **only solutions providing smart, efficient and renewable-based thermal energy in the form of both heating and cooling in all sectors, while optimising the operation of other technologies, networks and businesses.**

3. Leaders need to act now!

Multi-purpose solutions in the heating and cooling sector, such as heat pumps are **already available.** EHPA and PORT PC appeal to local, regional, national, European and global leaders to **introduce relevant political and market frameworks** to facilitate and support their use for the clean planet with clean air.



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About EHPA

The Brussels based European Heat Pump Association (EHPA) represents the majority of the European heat pump industry. It has currently 123 members from all parts of the industry's value chain: heat pump and component manufacturers, research institutes, universities, testing labs and energy agencies. Its key goal is to promote awareness and proper deployment of heat pump technology in the European market place for residential, commercial and industrial application. EHPA coordinates the European Quality label for heat pumps and the EUCERT education and training scheme for heat pump installers. It compiles the annual sales statistics and market outlook. For more information, please visit: www.ehpa.org.

About PORTPC

The Polish Heat Pump Development of Technology Organization (PORTPC) is a branch association whose aim is to strengthen the image of heat pump technology by creating a quality management system, developing and implementing technical standards as well as certifying and conducting professional technical advice at a European level recognized on a European scale.

PORT PC since 2012 is a member of the European Heat Pump Association (EHPA) based in Brussels. In addition, cooperates with European industry organizations, including German BWP and the German engineers association VDI. For more information, please visit: www.portpc.pl

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