Heat pumps roundtable explores market growth

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A recent Utilities & Heat Pumps Roundtable, organised by Delta-ee in association with the European Heat Pump Association (ehpa), explored market potential for the technology.

Thomas Nowak, Secretary General of the ehpa kicked off the presentations at the Roundtable by giving an overview of the most recent heat pump market data from 2013 when the European HP market saw slight growth. France led with an increase in annual sales of more than 11,000 units.

Meanwhile, Lukas Bergmann, Heat Pump Research Service Manager at Delta-ee, presented an outlook on the future development of the heat pump market in Europe, which is set to grow over the coming years.

Key drivers of this development will mainly be tightening new build regulations, but the technology is also expected to benefit from a wider range of applications being opened up by the development and commercialisation of new technical solutions, e.g. hybrids and gas heat pumps for the domestic retrofit sector and large capacity heat pumps for commercial and industrial applications.

Finally, new types of players and business models are expected to increasingly support the development of heat pump markets across Europe.