EHPA calls on EC to make heat pumps central to policy

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The European Heat Pump Association (EHPA) has called for the European Commission to put the technology at the heart of the Energy Union.

As discussions start in the European Parliament on the Energy Union, the European Heat Pump Association (EHPA) Forum 2015 has focused on how the technology should be central to European policy.

EHPA President Martin Forsén shared his vision on the future of Europe’s energy system and the ‘heatpumpification’ of society.

"Heat pumps provide renewable and efficient solutions for space heating cooling, hot water for residential, commercial and industrial applications."

"They are also a cheap and available energy storage option and help balancing the electricity grid. They can be combined with other renewable technologies, wastetreatment, with district heating, CHP and even used in dryers, dish-washers and cars.

"Heat pumps are not just ANY technology. They are a smart solution to be used when possible in order to avoid wasting energy, the same way as a fridge is an undisputed solution to avoid spoiling food.”

EHPA’s call to the Commission to put heat pumps ‘at the heart of the Energy Union’ was answered by Vice-President Sefcovic himself.

In a video message, he recognised the technologies role in meeting all the objectives of the Energy Union (climate change mitigation, energy security, competitiveness) and expressed his personal and his administration’s support to encourage their further deployment through upcoming EU policies on heating and cooling, market design, circular economy and research.