EHPA President Calls For The ‘Heat Pumpification’ Of Society

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

As discussions start in the European Parliament with a view to establishing a pan-European 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.

Mr. Forsén said, “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, waste-treatment, 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 of the European Commission, Slovakian diplomat Maroš Šefčovič.

In a video message to the forum, Maroš Šefčovič said he recognised the role of heat pump technology in meeting all the objectives of the Energy Union, i.e. ‘climate change’ mitigation, energy security and competitiveness. He also expressed his personal support and the European Commission's support to encourage the further deployment of heat pumps through upcoming EU policies on heating and cooling, market design, circular economy and research.

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