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## Eurovent Association preparing for the future

### Francesco Scuderi becomes Deputy Secretary General

**Versailles, 19 May 2017. During the 60th Annual Meeting of the Eurovent Association in Versailles, France, Francesco Scuderi (Italian, born 1981) has been assigned Deputy Secretary General of Europe's Industry Association for Indoor Climate (HVAC), Process Cooling, and Food Cold Chain Technologies. Scuderi's assignment is immediately effective and initiates a further generation change within Europe's leading HVACR sector association. In the upcoming years, the Electrical Engineer is gradually taking over responsibilities of the ongoing Secretary General Felix Van Eyken.**

Francesco Scuderi has joined Eurovent in September 2015 as Technical and Regulatory Affairs Manager and Team Leader 'Process Cooling and Food Cold Chain'. Before joining the association, Scuderi has gained in-depth experience in the HVACR industry for the EPTA Group as Intellectual Property and Regulatory Affairs Engineer. He possesses an extensive knowledge of European Union decision-making and is a well-respected contact person for authorities. Scuderi is also convenor of ISO/TC86/SC7/WG2 and CEN/TC44/WG6 'Commercial beverage coolers and ice cream freezers'.

Following his nomination, Francesco Scuderi stated: 'It is an honour for me to take on a leading role in the Eurovent Association while supporting the unity and advanced technological development of our HVACR industry in Europe and abroad. Eurovent is the most recognised European stakeholder for HVACR technologies, and the Eurovent brand is well-known and respected around the globe. Thank you to Felix Van Eyken and all members for the support.'

Felix Van Eyken, Secretary General of Eurovent, added: 'With Francesco as my future successor, I am convinced that our members have entered the right path towards a sustainable development. I also believe that he will enjoy the same trust and respect that I have built up over the past decades among our industry and authorities. Me aside, our team around Europe now has an age average of 34 years and I am very happy to see the positive change and level of expertise this adds to our activities.'

In line with the generation change, the Eurovent Association has also updated its corporate identity, with an updated design, homepage, social media portals, and a new newsletter system called ClimaNovela. Furthermore, new procedures and lean measures were introduced in Versailles to increase the association's efficiency.

### Enclosed documents

Eurovent Association logo files
PDF version of the PR
Business portrait of Francesco Scuderi

## About Eurovent

Eurovent is Europe's Industry Association for Indoor Climate, 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.

## Our Members and 'Affiliated Manufacturers'

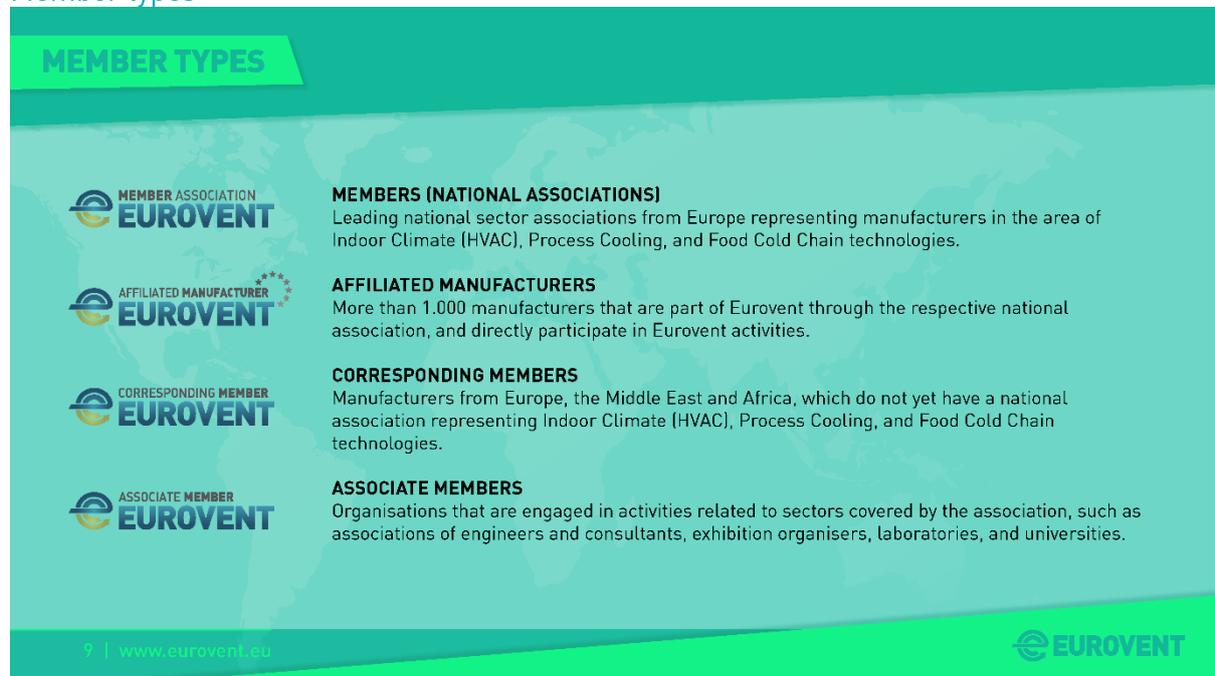


Our Members are national associations from Europe, the Middle East and Africa that are representing manufacturers in the area of Indoor Climate, Process Cooling, and Food Cold Chain technologies.



The more than 1000 companies within their networks (Eurovent 'Affiliated Manufacturers') can directly participate in Eurovent activities in a democratic and transparent manner.

## Member types



**MEMBER TYPES**

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**MEMBERS (NATIONAL ASSOCIATIONS)**  
Leading national sector associations from Europe representing manufacturers in the area of Indoor Climate (HVAC), Process Cooling, and Food Cold Chain technologies.
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**AFFILIATED MANUFACTURERS**  
More than 1.000 manufacturers that are part of Eurovent through the respective national association, and directly participate in Eurovent activities.
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**CORRESPONDING MEMBERS**  
Manufacturers from Europe, the Middle East and Africa, which do not yet have a national association representing Indoor Climate (HVAC), Process Cooling, and Food Cold Chain technologies.
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**ASSOCIATE MEMBERS**  
Organisations that are engaged in activities related to sectors covered by the association, such as associations of engineers and consultants, exhibition organisers, laboratories, and universities.

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## Democratic decision-making



**DEMOCRATIC DECISION-MAKING**

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Activities rest upon democratic decision-making procedures between members and their representatives
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'Umbrella association' structure ensures broad and truly credible representation of our industry vis-à-vis policy makers
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Voting rights independent from amount of membership contributions or company sizes

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