

Casale Monferrato, 26th November 2020

"REAL Alternatives - the Next Generation of Training and Certification"

On Wednesday, November 25th 2020, **Centro Studi Galileo** hosted one **Side Event** alongside the **32nd Meeting of the Parties to the Montreal Protocol – MOP32**, focused on **low-GWP training and certification**.

With a **great attendance** of 80 participants, among UN Delegates and Experts, and **8 international project partners** (AREA, IIF-IIR, ATF, IOR, IKKE, Prozon, SCHKT, CNI) presenting the **EU-funded** blended learning project, **the online event was a striking success**.

The webinar faced **relevant and up-to-date topics** such as:

- **Training and certification**, mandatory or voluntary, their advantages, commitment to improving standards, **policy implications**, etc.
- **Alternative and natural refrigerants** in the HVAC/R sector worldwide
- **REAL Alternatives training impact worldwide**: why organisations got involved in the project, what they have achieved and how they see the future

You may click here to view the event's video recording: bit.ly/CSGSideEventMOP32Video

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"The importance of training and certification"

- Mr Didier Coulomb | IIF-IIR, Director General
"EU F-gas revision, needs for training in alternative refrigerants"
- Mr Marco Buoni | AREA, President - ATF, Secretary General - CSG, Director General
"REAL Alternatives 4 LIFE project: what it is, how to join, main advantages"
- Ms Silvia Romanò | RA4LIFE, Training Providers Coordinator - CSG, Head of International Affairs
"Good practices for Flammable Refrigerants (excerpt from the training)"
- Mr Marino Bassi | CSG & ATF Expert Trainer

"Experiences of joining Real Alternatives, providing training and certification"

- Ms Miriam Rodway | IOR, CEO (United Kingdom)
- Mr Karsten Beermann | IKKE, Director General (Germany)
- Mr Krzysztof Grzegorzczak | Prozon, President of the Board (Poland)
- Mr Stepan Stojanov | SCHKT, Secretary General (Czech Republic)
- Ms Blanca Gómez García-Verdugo | CNI, Director General (Spain)



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REAL Alternatives 4 LIFE is an international **learning programme** that aims at **increasing knowledge** amongst technicians worldwide, **filling the gaps** in skills while overcoming concerns over **safety, reliability and efficiency**, alongside supporting implementation of **F-Gas Regulation**, that encourages wider adoption of **alternatives to HFC** refrigerants in favour

of a transition to **low-GWP** alternatives.

The programme provides **comprehensive, high quality and free learning material** focused on **flammables** (hydrocarbons, HFO's/A2L's, R32), **carbon dioxide, ammonia**. Such material has already been translated into **17 languages** and is delivered throughout **20 countries worldwide** through **training and certification sessions in class**. The material is further available for self-study as **e-learning and booklets**. More than **5000 users** registered for the e-learning and over **600 Technicians were certified!** The resources developed for the programme offer **innovative blended learning**, bringing together **industry knowledge and expertise across Europe about alternative refrigerants**.

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