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Greece joins AREA

AREA is proud to announce that Hellas Union Fgas, the Greek Association of Certified and Licensed Engineers and Technicians of Refrigeration and Air Conditioning Systems, became members on 26th May 2018 on the occasion of the AREA General Assembly spring meeting in Vienna.

Founded in December with 30 members, the association was officially recognised by the Greek authorities 3 months later and now counts 220 members from all 13 regions of Greece. The association's main purposes lie in the identification of issues for the sector, the provision of support to its members and the protection of the environment. It is notably very active on training.

Thanos Biris, President of the Greek association, said: *"We in Hellas Union Fgas (SOPIMIPSIK), are a new and fast-growing association, which gives a lot of interest, and of course efforts in training, certification and whatever is needed in our sector for the technicians. I have always wanted to be in touch with the centre of decisions in Europe and after discussing with my dear friend Marco Buoni, we have decided as Hufgas board to join AREA and get involved in working groups, task forces and be in general in close contact with companies and contractors of the HVAC family."*

Marco Buoni, President of AREA, said: *"I am delighted to see Greece back in AREA. Although it is a young association, Hufgas is already well established and recognised and very dynamic. I am sure that the collaboration with AREA will be extremely mutually beneficial."*

AREA now counts 26 member associations from 22 countries, including 19 out of the 28 EU Member States.



Photo (left to right): Nikos Pantelakis, Marco Buoni, Thanos Biris, Dimitris Tairis

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