



Press Release

AREA welcomes new members Assofrigoristi and ÖGKT

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AREA is pleased to announce that two associations, Assofrigoristi and ÖGKT, were welcomed as members during the annual General Assembly meeting in Athens, Greece on 13 May 2022.

Assofrigoristi, the Italian Refrigeration Association, is a non-profit association which brings together companies and SME's that carry out the design, assembly, installation, maintenance, repair and disposal of industrial refrigeration and non-domestic air condition systems. They are committed to the qualification of the HVAC&R professionals and joining AREA is a natural step towards participation in the European sphere regarding legislation and regulation for our industry.

Marco Oldrati, Managing Director of Assofrigoristi, stated, *"The networking possibilities, offered by AREA, is a precious resource that Assofrigoristi will exploit and cooperate to with the maximum effort. The Athens' assembly was the natural place to discuss, at a continental level, what is relevant in our daily business and how the world of HVAC&R professionals will evolve in the future. We hope to take an active role in the development of a safe, environmentally sustainable, and efficient market."*

The Österreichische Gesellschaft der Kältetechnik (ÖGKT) is the independent network of refrigeration, air conditioning and heat pump technology in Austria. They are committed to the development of education and training as well as to the exchange of knowledge, experience and information. They provide professional expertise to public authorities and companies in a range of topics including standardisation.

Harald Erös, President of ÖGKT stated, *"We are proud of how far we have come in the past few years and are happy to be able to participate on a European level at AREA."*

AREA is proud to have 25 associations from 21 countries, including 19 out of the 27 EU Member States, as part of its membership.

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About AREA

Established in 1989, AREA is the European association of national refrigeration, air conditioning and heat pump (RACHP) associations, representing RACHP contractors and engineers.

Contractors are responsible for the design, installation, maintenance, and repair of RACHP equipment.