

ABSTRACT OF THE PRESIDENTS' PRESENTATIONS

THE TRANSITION TO ALTERNATIVE REFRIGERANTS: THE IMPACT ON NEW AND EXISTING SYSTEMS

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What did we tell you?

The new F-gas regulation No 517/2014 was adopted in April 2014 and went into force on 1 January 2015. Immediately in 2014 AREA, the European Air-Conditioning, Refrigeration and Heat Pumps Contractors, together with our national member associations, started an information campaign. A campaign aiming on everyone, all from contracting members via manufacturers, consultants to end users.

What we called for was "Don't wait – act now! 2018 was yesterday – 2020 is already here!" Because the new F-gas regulation:

- Will have a great influence on the whole RACHP industry for many years to come.
- Will have a bigger impact on common people than the Ozon battle in the 80s and 90s.
- Well known best practices, refrigerants and system solutions will be challenged and will have to change or develop.

But, it's a good decision for the end user, for the contractor and for the environment

Everybody is now aware that the new F-gas regulation will have a great influence on the whole RACHP industry for years to come. But in order to come out in the very best of the situation I want to emphasize some important messages to be addressed to contractors and end users.