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### **A unique virtual permanent workshop, source of practical information on how to apply the F-Gas Regulation is on line:**

[www.figaroo.org](http://www.figaroo.org)

**Brussels, 15 October 2007:** A "virtual" workshop on the application of the F-Gas Regulation made accessible in the form of a website was presented on 12<sup>th</sup> October to the F-Gas Regulation Regulatory Committee meeting organised by Directorate-General Environment of the European Commission. The aim of this new website is to provide a national and international resource for those needing to understand and comply with the F-Gas Regulation. Linked to users, trade associations, media and others with an interest in promoting clarity on the Regulation; it will make available expertise gained across Europe.

A simple and passive communication is not sufficient to be effective. This site provides information for anyone who uses F-Gas, from professional end users or owners of installations of refrigeration and air-conditioning equipment and heat pumps, to contractors, installers, distributors and producers. Its easy to use format, in different languages, presents specific and practical information on their duties and responsibilities, taking into consideration the national differences.

**The website is named [figaroo.org](http://www.figaroo.org) for "F-Gas Regulation Online Observatory".** *"The site will make best use of existing resources",* said Nick Campbell, chairman of EFCTC, *"It will provide clarity and raise awareness to improve compliance with the Regulation as well as link with other relevant information websites. This will help reduce emissions, which is the objective of the Regulation"*.

More specifically, the aims of the site are:

- to create a single, searchable point to present up to date information on F-Gases,
- to give greater visibility for the industry and its associations,
- to ensure information is updated by these associations,
- to link back to contributors main sites,
- to highlight Member States activity and interpretation in one place,
- to provide answers to questions and examples of best practices.

Nick Campbell added *'the conclusion of the EU debate was that, used responsibly, F-Gases should continue to provide important socio-economic value through the combination of their effectiveness, their eco-efficiency and their safety in use. With a successful implementation of the Regulation, F-gases can continue to help to further reduce Europe's overall greenhouse gas emissions (\*)'*.

We hope that this proactive contribution will serve the objective of the Regulation and the interests of all the professionals involved in its effective implementation and success.

*(\*) As a matter of fact, while in 1990 CFCs represented more than 20% of total GHG emissions, their HFCs substitutes are expected to represent less than 2% of these emissions in 2010.*

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Note to Editors

- F-gas Users associations are cooperating to make Figaroo a success.
- Although basically in English, specific documents and pages will be made available in other languages, especially in the "browse by country" section.
- AC-refrigeration is the main focus of Figaroo, and the information sections are particularly developed since these applications are the main users of F-Gases.
- Although the content of the MAC Directive will be covered, the website will direct web traffic to other relevant information websites.

How to contribute:

- By agreeing to provide relevant (source of) information directly or indirectly;
- by establishing contacts with the (national) associations involved in the project now or later on;
- by feeding the site with (links to) practical information on regulations and implementation, tools and initiatives in your respective countries;
- by informing the stakeholders and promoting the initiative: links, publications ... (leaflets are available on request).

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## Your Practical Guide to Implementing the F-Gas Regulation



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