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The European Union has set ambitious energy and climate targets, aiming to achieve climate neutrality by 2050 and reduce GHG emissions by 55% by 2030 compared to 1990. Moreover, Europe is experiencing the second major fossil fuel crisis of the decade caused by geopolitical events outside of its control, highlighting the urgency to bring down energy costs and increase energy security. The transformation of the building sector and a faster rollout of heat pumps are key to achieving these objectives. This presentation will explore market trends for heat pumps, the main drivers to increase their deployment, and the overarching EU policies to promote the transition of the building sector towards clean and secure heating and cooling.		
Short CV (EN) :		
Saverio Papa is Head of Energy Policy at the European Heat Pump Association (EHPA), where he focuses on reducing the cost differential between electricity and fossil fuels to improve the business case for heat pumps; EU financing; demand-side flexibility and the digitalization of the energy sector. His expertise is on EU's energy and climate policies, particularly in heating and cooling.		
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Saverio Papa joined the European Heat Pump Association (EHPA) in 2025 as Head of Energy Policy. He coordinates EHPA's work on reducing the cost differential between electricity and fossil fuels (electricity-to-gas price ratio) to improve the business case for heat pumps; EU financing, particularly for industrial decarbonization; demand-side flexibility and the digitalization of the energy sector. He has been working on EU's energy and climate policies in Brussels since 2019, focusing on the decarbonization of the heating and cooling sector. He holds a master's degree in European studies from King's College London and a bachelor's degree in political sciences, international relations, and human rights from the University of Padova.		