

EUROVENT EXPERT WEBINAR

QUALITY CRITERIA FOR AIR HANDLING UNITS: INDUSTRY RECOMMENDATION

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Part 1

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION

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What is Eurovent?

Eurovent is a European not-for-profit organisation bringing together manufacturers from various sectors of the HVACR industry.

Eurovent's mission is to foster energy-efficient and sustainable HVACR technologies with holistic consideration of other aspects such as health and life protection, quality of work, safety and the promotion of a level playing field for the entire industry.

Eurovent PG-AHU

Air handling units is one of the main products addressed by Eurovent and its Product Group 'Air Handling Units' is the largest gathering of AHU producers worldwide.





Key Eurovent activities to achieve our objectives

Advocacy

European Union legislation (specifically Ecodesign, Energy Labeling, EPBD)

Technical

EN and ISO standardisation, development of Eurovent standards (codes of good practice)

Marketing

General promotion of the European HVACR industry and its state-of-the-art approaches





Eurovent PG-AHU: Technical activities Examples of recent technical publications



Eurovent 6/15 - 2021

Air Leakages in Air Handling Units: Guidelines for Improving Indoor Air Quality and Correcting Performance

First Edition

Published on 17 February 2021 by Eurovent, 80 Bd A. Reyers Ln, 1030 Brussels, Belgium secretariatideurovent, eu



Eurovent 6/16 - 2021

Corrosion protection of Air Handling Units

First Edition

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Eurovent 6/17 - 2021

Control systems for Air Handling Units

First Edition

Published on Thursday, 09 December 2021 by Eurovent, 80 Bd A. Reyers Ln, 1030 Brussels, Belgium secretariat@eurovent.eu



Eurovent 6/18 - 2022

Quality criteria for Air Handling Units

First Edition

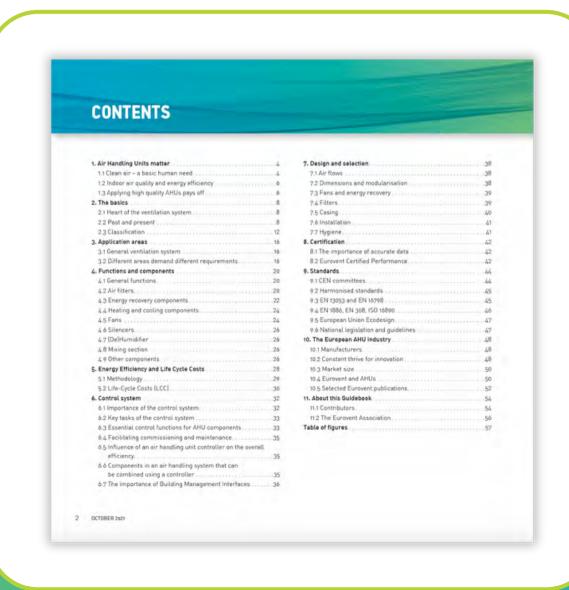
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Eurovent PG-AHU: Marketing activities Eurovent Air Handling Units Guidebook



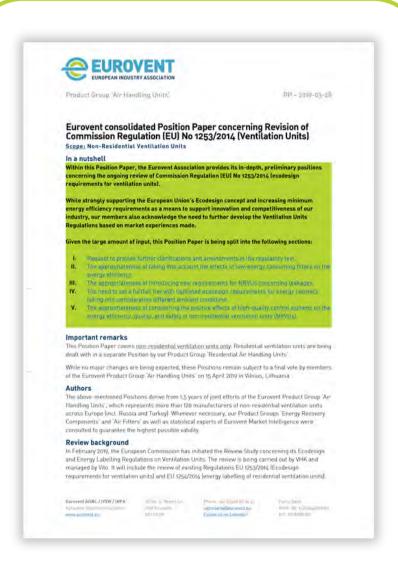






Eurovent PG-AHU: Advocacy activities Examples of advocacy efforts – EU legislation

Comprehensive Position Papers to the European Commission on the review of Regulation (EU) 1253/2014













Eurovent PG-AHU: Advocacy activitiesExamples of advocacy efforts – European standardisation



Secretariat

MAIL - 2020-12-11

Eurovent proposal for amendments in EN 16798-3

Eurovent members propose amendments in the revised EN 16798-3, which aim at:

- Clarification and additional explanation of issues related to internal air leakage in bidirectional
 ventilation units with heat recovery (notably with a rotary heat exchanger), which have a considerable
 impact on electric energy consumption and deterioration of IAQ.
- adjustment to the expected changes in the revised Regulation (EU) 1253/2014 and EN 308.

According to the Eurovent members' expertise, in improperly designed/commissioned air handling units, internal leakage (expressed with OACF and EATR) may be very high (over 20% of the nominal air flow), which leads to a significant increase in the electric power consumption (up to 40%).

This aspect cannot be ignored, but in the current standard it is not explicitly emphasized. Thus, it is proposed to introduce a correction of SFP values against OACF and EATR. This improvement would bring about a better and more realistic evaluation of the actual electric power input.

To determine the actual SFP values of the bidirectional air handling unit with a heat recovery component (HRC) and without recirculation, its corrected nominal air flow rate must be taken into account.

Corrected nominal air flow rate of the bidirectional air handling unit with HRC means the declared design air flow rate of an air handling unit with a heat recovery component distributed to and/or extracted from the building, including any leakages or any pressure balancing flow, at standard air conditions 20°C and 101.325 Pa, whereby the unit is installed complete (e.g. including filters) and according to the manufacturer instructions.

The corrected air flows in each of the AHU connections (ODA, SUP, ETA, EHA) must be calculated with the consideration of actual EATR and OACF values. The actual EATR and OACF must not exceed the maximum acceptable design values for EATR and OACF.

The corrected air flows are calculated as follows:

Qsuecorr = Qsue + (1+ EATR)

QETACOTT = QETA + QSUP · EATR

QODACON = QSUPCON · OACF

QEMACOTT = QETACOTT + QSUPCOTT · (OACF-1)

Where

q_{SUP} is the required design air flow rate of outdoor air supplied to the building, calculated acc. to article 10.1.2 in EN 16798-3

q_{ETA} is the required design flow rate of the air extracted from the building

The corrected SFP value must be calculated by means of the AHU selection software to allow for corrected air flows, and accordingly corrected internal and external pressure loses.

If actual EATR < 1%, the SFP value do not need to be corrected.

Code of good practice to keep EATR and OACF low



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Part 2

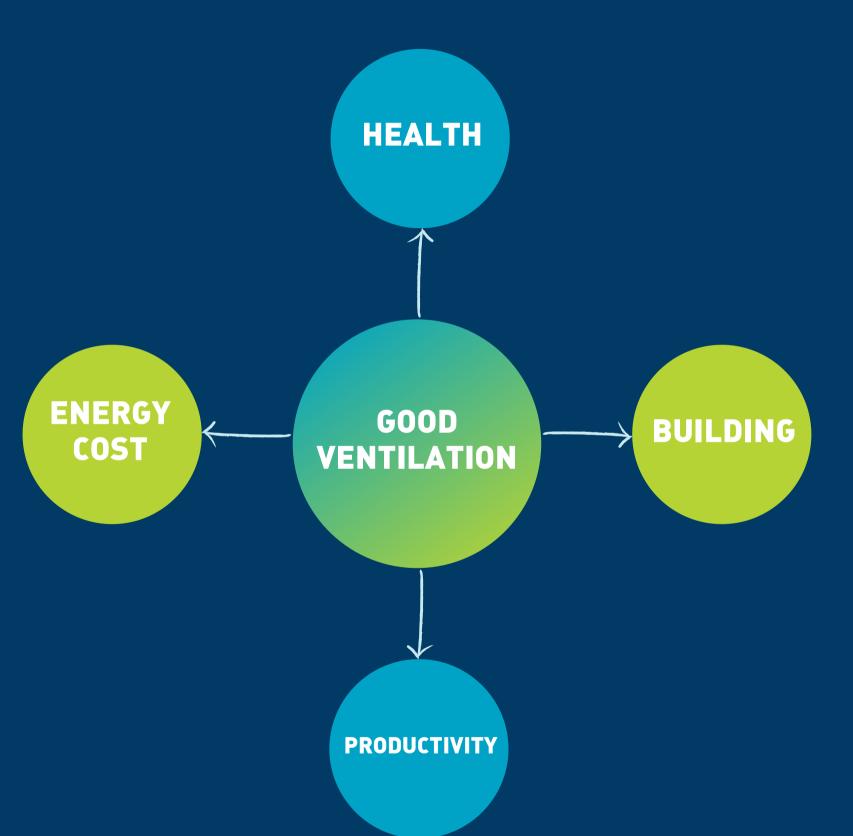
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Why is good ventilation important?







What is the future of ventilation in Europe?

Efficiency & Sustainability

Reinforced standards and Air Quality

Responsible use of resources



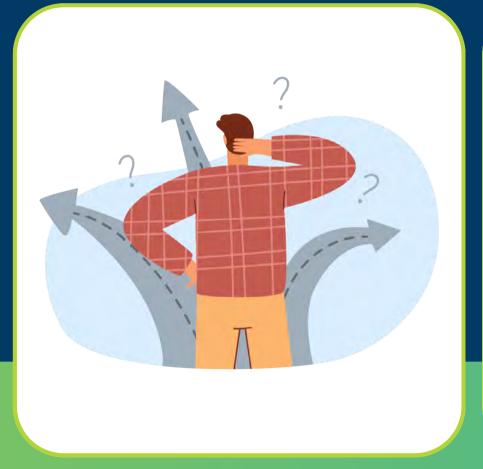






A complex & important component of building performance











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Part 3

OVERVIEW OF THE RECOMMENDATION AND HOW TO USE IT

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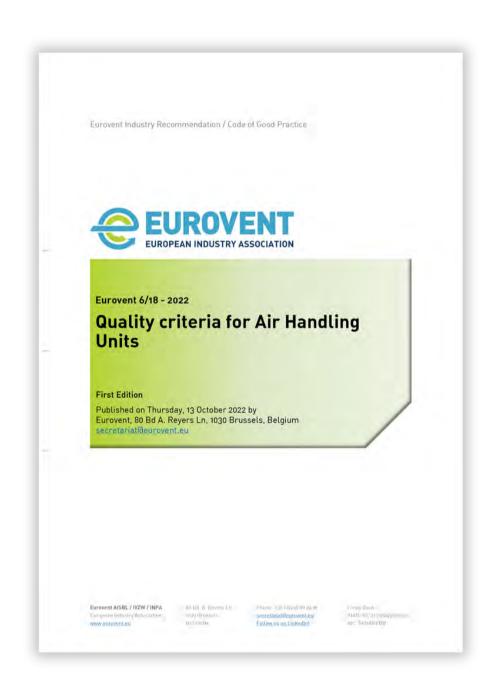




The document: How it is built and why

What does it contain?

- Information on the state of the art on the European market
- Recommendation for minimum quality criteria related to:
 - Design
 - Materials and construction of both the casing and components of the unit
 - Documentation and delivery





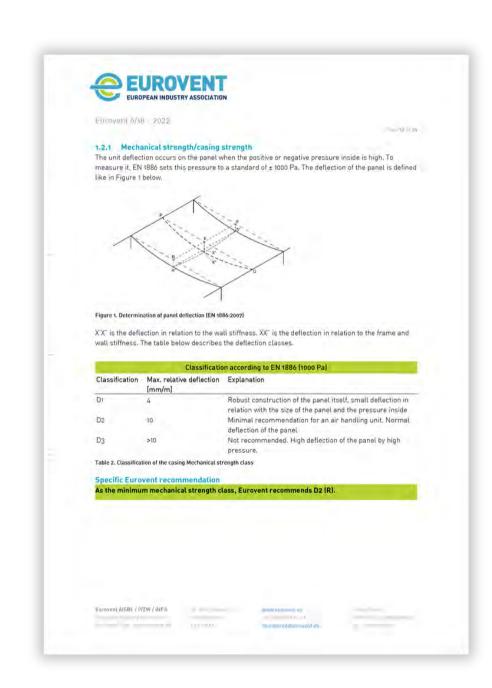


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How is it constructed?

- List of pertinent standards and regulations (e.g. EN 1886)
- Content structure with main focus area (e.g. casing)
- Sub points: Focus on each important aspect (e.g. mechanical strength / casing strength)
- Bullet points: For each chapter, a specific Eurovent recommendation

The intent is to balance quality of information with ease of use



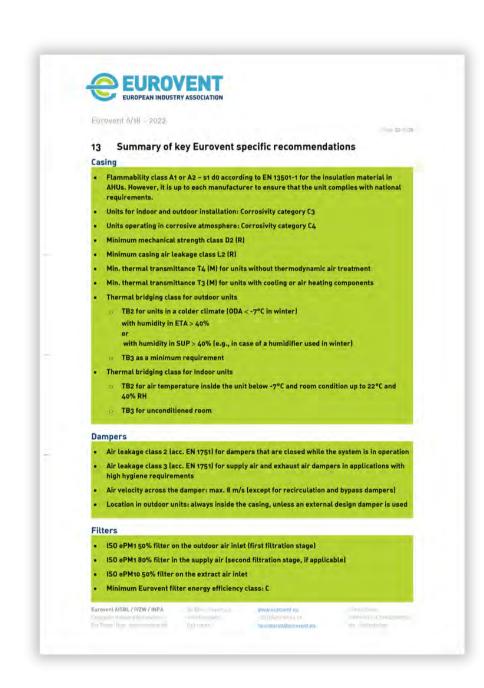




The document: How it is built and why

How can it be used?

- The paragraph on each aspect gives context and background information for an <u>in-depth understanding</u>
- The take-away section (highlighted in green) shows the essential information and the Eurovent recommendations
- The summary section condenses on 3 pages all the essential information and recommendations for easy access to all main points
- The standards and regulations are also summarised with key values, highlighted for easy referral
- Finally, access (very important for maintenance and long-term performance) is visually explained with guidance values







In the spotlight: FAQ

Accessibility & assembly: How to integrate into the building?

- If the unit is not assembled well, it can have an impact on the energy consumption of the unit and on its durability
- Good assembly keeps the air leakage as low as possible, as it can be declared by the manufacturer
- The recommendation of Eurovent on what should be done by the customer to enforce the quality of the unit onsite

12.4 What should the customer do before assembling?

- Check the technical data sheet and the unit drawings
- Check the instructions for installation, commissioning and maintenance
- Check the CE conformity declaration
- Check the warnings on the unit
- Check the fixing point for lifting devices
- If the unit is stored on site before assembling, it should remain dry and clean
- Check if the floor or support construction on which the unit will be mounted is in one horizontal plane





In the spotlight: FAQ

Energy efficiency: How to minimise the energy impact?

- Well-known on the market, because of the different changes of the legislation in the past few years
- The Eurovent Recommendation gives more ideas on how to save energy, for example:
 - Optimal control of AHU operation with factorysupplied optimised systems
 - Effective and leak-free air delivery: Air leakages increase the energy consumption of the AHU - not only air leakages through the casing are relevant, but also internal air leakages

Specific Eurovent recommendation

The following general minimum requirements regarding energy efficiency are recommended:

- SPF_{int} < SPF_{int_limit} according to Regulation (EU) 1253/2014
- SFPv within the range of 1300 and 1800 W/(m3/s)
- Control system covering a function level 3 or higher according to EN 15232 or IDA-C5 /C6 according EN 16798-3 (either installed by AHU manufacturer or on site)
- Temperature efficiency nt according to Regulation (EU) 1253/2014
- Efficiency class of the HRS: H2 (acc. EN 13053)
- EATR < 5% (where applicable)
- OACF with the range of 0.95 and 1.05 (where applicable)
- AHU technical data (including SPF_{int}) shall be reported including the impact of leakages (EATR, OACF) according to Eurovent 6/15
- Energy efficiency of ePM1 / ePM2,5 / ePM10 filters: Class C
- Minimum Eurovent Energy Efficiency Class: B*





In the spotlight: FAQ

Durability & maintainability: What level of quality should be installed for the casing and all components?

- Hygiene, place and safety have the main impact on durability and maintainability
- 2 Main quality criteria:
 - Every material must be resistant to abrasion, be emission free and microbially not metabolisable
 - Each component in the unit should be accessible
 - The casing surfaces should not have any sharp metal sheets

1.1.4 Maintainabilit

For good maintainability, different aspects must be taken into account: hygiene, place, safety.

The hygienic criteria of chapter 1.1.2 should be fulfilled. Moreover, every material must be resistant to abrasion, emission free and microbially not metabolizable. Metallic surfaces are recommended. It is better to avoid the use of plastic in the air flow. If it's necessary, every plastic element should have a certificate according to ISO 846 and fulfil a minimum class of 1 for method A (fungi) and C (bacteria).

Each component in the unit should be accessible. This means:

- Every revision area should be accessible with a door. Panels that need to be unscrewed from
 the outside to access to the maintenance place are not recommended, and panels which can
 only be unscrewed from the inside are strongly discouraged.
- For big units (height > 1,6m): the revision area should be big enough to let a person enter the unit and work properly. Bent over position for the maintenance team should be avoided.

To ensure a safe maintenance, the casing and its surfaces should not have any sharp metal sheets.

Specific Eurovent recommendation

Every revision area should be accessible with a door.

For the maintenance of the AHU, a neutral cleaning agent or alcohol-based disinfectants should be used on the inner surfaces.

Units with humidification process should be maintained in intervals of maximum 6 month. Units without humidification process should be maintained in intervals of maximum 12 month. In addition, a detailed hygienic check should be carried out every 2 years for units with humidification and every 3 years for units without humidification.





Part 4

MAINTAINABILITY

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Maintainability

Eurovent Recommendations:

- Hygiene
 - Materials
 - Cleaning
- Safety
- Maintenance intervals
- Accessibility
 - Doors
 - Inspection spaces





Dimensions of access doors and access panels



AHU SECTION SIZE (+- 1%)		ALL LEVELS		LEVEL 1	LEVEL 2	LEVEL 3
Internal unit depth (= IMC- D) per air stream	Internal unit height (=IMC- H) per air stream	Designed type of IMC (after entering the unit, all relevant inner surfaces shall be reached with the hand)		Minimum IMC length IMC-L (For quickly removable components: including free space when component is removed)		
< 800mm	> 300 mm and <1900 mm	Standing outside and entering the unit with the arm or with arm plus the shoulder		250 mm	400 mm	550 mm
≤1000mm	>400 mm and < 1900 mm			400 mm	400 mm	550 mm
<1300mm	>550 mm and ≤1300 mm	Standing outside and entering the unit with the upper part of the body.		400 mm	400 mm	700 mm
Any	>600 mm and <=800 mm	Entering the unit partially or with the full body by crawling and working in lying position.		500 mm	500 mm	700 mm



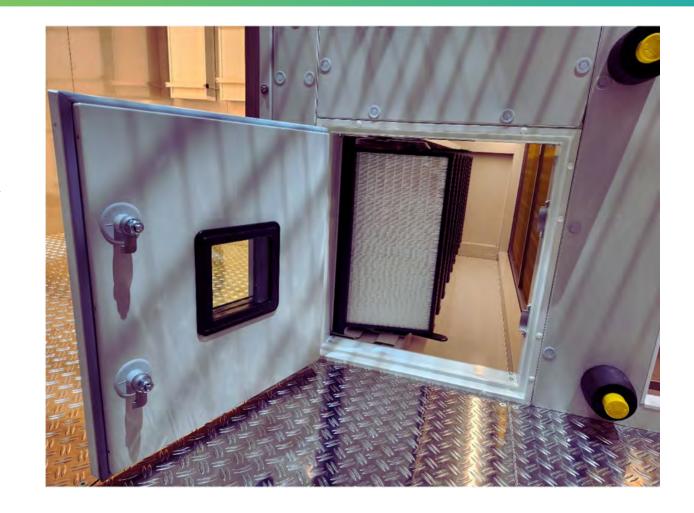
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- Unit installed 2 m above the ground
- No indication of where maintenance should be made
- Access requires to unscrew panels
- Access is dangerous and difficult
- Not clear that maintenance is required (easy to forget)
- Takes time Not easy Probably discourages good maintenance

- Unit installed at user level
- Clear indication on door
- Easy access with door handles and fast filter mounting
- Easy access for cleaning and inspection





Possible consequences of inadequate maintenance / No access due to space optimisation









- Slide out filter
- Not air tight
- Lots of filter by-pass
- Short filter life span
- No access to clean the unit



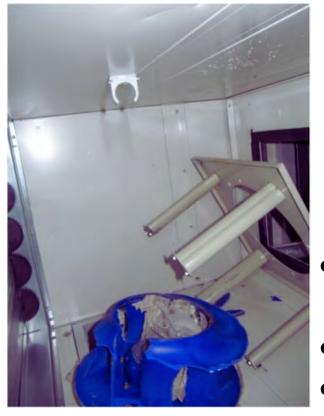


- After year 4 of use: Heat recovery device clogged and not repairable
- No more heat recovery
- Huge increase in energy cost





- Filter clogged at the end of the building construction (cement, plaster, etc.)
- Pressure detector disconnected





- Filter ripped out of frame and flew into fan
- Fan destroyed
- Risk of injury





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Part 5

SUMMARY AND WRAP-UP

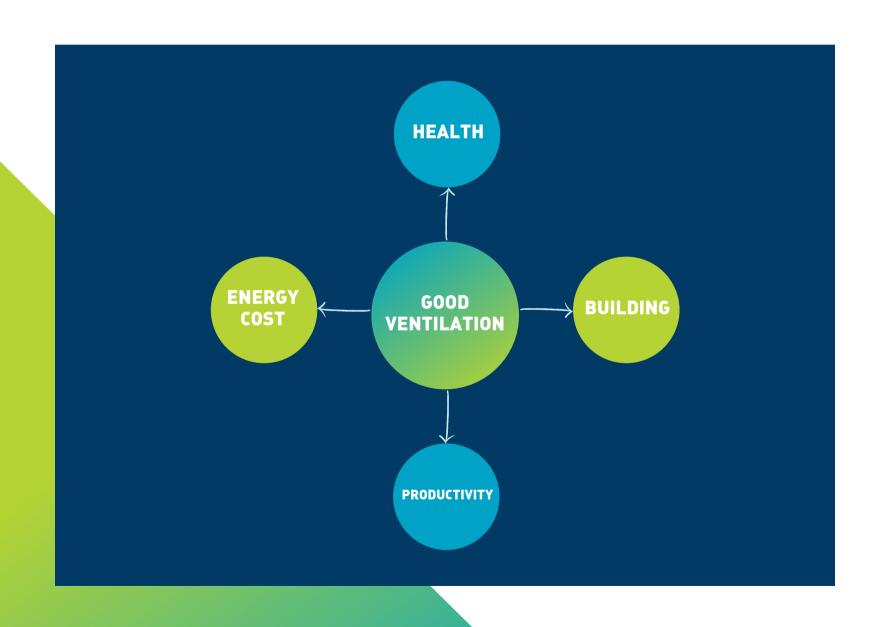
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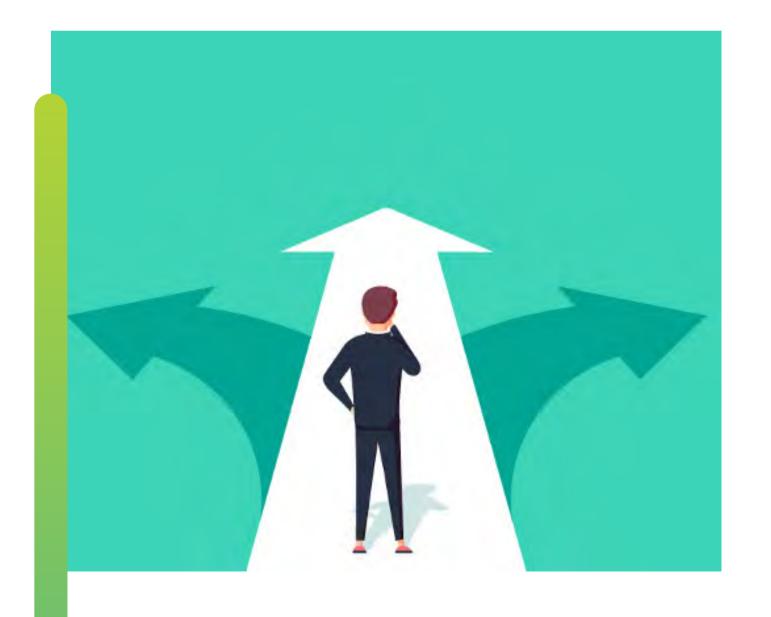






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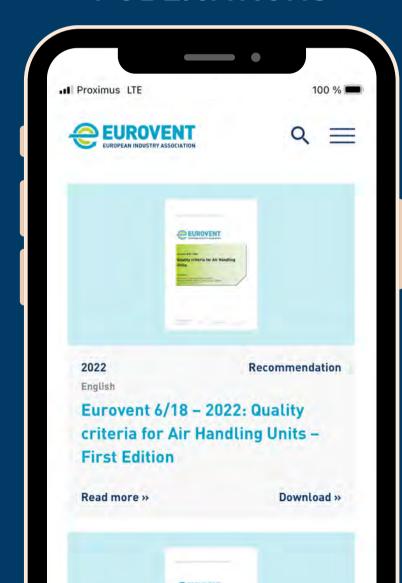






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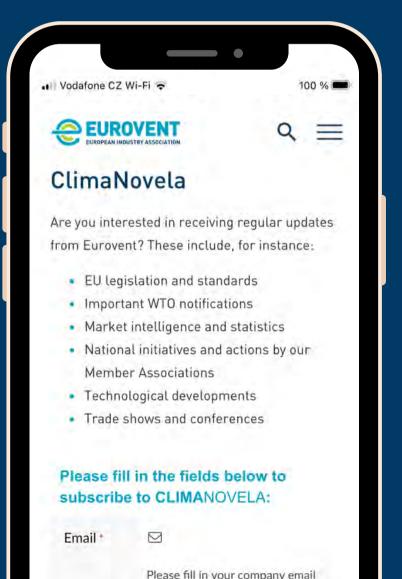








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