

PRESS RELEASE

RELATECH PARTICIPATES THROUGH GRUPPO SIGLA IN THE RE-WITCH PROJECT WITHIN THE HORIZON FRAMEWORK PROGRAM OF THE EUROPEAN UNION

- Gruppo SIGLA will be among the 26 partners within the industrial-led multidisciplinary consortium that will participate in the RE-WITCH project of the Horizon Europe Framework Programme
- RE-WITCH will work to find competitive energy efficiency solutions through heat-to-cold technologies, with the aim of bringing them to market by 2029

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Relatech S.p.A., Digital Enabler Solution Know-How (DESK) Company listed on the Euronext Growth Milan market (Ticker: RLT) announces that **Gruppo SIGLA** (a company part of the Relatech Group) will participate in the European RE-WITCH project, present among the calls of the Horizon Europe Framework Program scheduled for the four-year **period 2024-2027**.

RE-WITCH is part of the "Efficient, Sustainable and Inclusive Energy Use" destination of the Horizon Europe framework program, with the aim of developing energy efficiency solutions within buildings and industries and contributes to the SET Plan (Strategic Energy Technology Plan). Specifically, the call called for innovative proposals for the development of competitive solutions capable of making the industrial air conditioning and refrigeration sector increasingly sustainable.

The <u>Horizon Europe Framework Programme</u> has the ambition to facilitate collaboration between research, innovation and development to address the challenges of climate change, and, through the implementation of European policies, also contribute to economic and social development. Gruppo SIGLA, a Relatech company, with specialized skills in the development of energy efficiency solutions, will be part of the 26 partners from 10 different countries who, together, within an industrial-led consortium, will contribute to the RE-WITCH project.

Specifically, **Gruppo SIGLA** collaborates with partners for the design and implementation of the customized controller for the automation of the logics for the use of waste heat and/or from renewable sources for the optimization of the energy parameters of all the systems involved. In this way, the company will be able to implement the know-how already under development for the **ZHENIT Project**, which always acted on the efficiency of the recovery of waste heat produced by naval systems, reducing their overall energy needs; and for the development of a simulation software tool to extend the use of this solution to other industrial realities in the future.

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Subsequently, the new systems and solutions developed by the RE-WITCH project consortium will be demonstrated in **4 different demonstration sites**, located in four different European countries, which fall within the food and beverage sectors, but also in the industrial sector, where heat-to-cold technologies are still being tested. The activity will be completed with the **study of the replicability** of the solution, in replication sites integrated with district heating networks. RE-WITCH's action plan envisages that the proposed prototypes **will be on the market by 2029**.

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