

CEP 2026 CONFERENCE

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Claudelands, Hamilton

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European Heavyweight for CEP Conference

CEP has just announced the first Keynote speaker for its conference in Hamilton in May. Delegates will learn of best practice execution in energy efficiency from the Managing Director of the Energy Efficiency Movement, Mike Umiker.

The Energy Efficiency Movement is focused on building a global network of large, industrial companies to drive collaboration and innovation to accelerate energy efficiency. It is led by European powerhouses ABB and Alfa Laval and works closely with the IEA (International Energy Agency).

Like New Zealand, Europe is in the grip of an energy crisis with supply constraints – especially in respect of gas – and costs driving companies to look for alternative fuel sources and to prioritise the “first fuel”, efficiency.

Umiker is a passionate advocate for energy efficiency and has worked in the industrial sector on efficiency projects for over 15 years. He is a doer and the Movement is all about sharing experiences and best practices.

Commenting on the announcement, CEP Chief Executive, Mike Hopkins, said: “Having Mike join us is a great win for New Zealand’s industrial sector. He’ll be sharing the latest in best practice in Europe, which is leading the world in efficiency and in transitioning to lower emissions. We all know efficiency is the most cost-effective way to alleviate price and supply pressures and hearing about how global leaders are boosting their energy productivity is essential listening for our struggling industrial sector”.

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Notes to Editors

About Mike Umiker

Mike Umiker is a seasoned executive and passionate ambassador for energy efficiency, with over 15 years of international leadership experience in the industrial sector. As Managing Director of the Energy Efficiency Movement, co-founded by ABB and Alfa Laval, he leads a global platform driving collaboration, innovation and C-level engagement to accelerate energy efficiency. His career spans from P&L roles to global strategic roles in marketing, sales and digital transformation across Switzerland, Germany and the UAE.

Mike is a frequent keynote speaker at global forums including the International Energy Agency and Climate Week NYC. He holds a Bachelor of Science in Electrical Engineering from the University of Applied Sciences Northwestern Switzerland, a Certificate of Advanced Studies in Marketing Management from the University of St. Gallen, Switzerland and is currently obtaining a Certificate of Advanced Studies in General Management from the University of Zurich, Switzerland.



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