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KI Europe helps the world's leading organisations to create working environments that bring together great design and new technology.

RFID and other contactless technologies present vast opportunities for both workers and organisations, and KI Europe is at the forefront of this. Its contactless lockers can be linked to bank cards, phones, Oyster cards or existing security passes to reduce the need for multiple keys or keycards. This not only saves money on replacements, but also avoids the keycard falling into the wrong hands.

David Venables, director of KI Europe Workplace, says: "This technology eliminates expensive and complicated key management while also enhancing data security. Specific users can be granted access in a very granular way, to very specific points across an estate."

Smart locks can vastly improve flexible and agile workspaces by

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allowing an organisation to monitor user behaviour. The gathered data can help streamline and optimise the provision of storage, multipurpose and meeting rooms.

"This can reduce capital expenditure, procurement costs, and real estate footprint," says Venables. "Workers benefit from better, more appropriate facilities and a more user-friendly way to access them. Online booking and management tools can improve an agile workspace, giving users the flexibility to access a locker adjacent to where they are working on any given day."



EUROWORKSPACE

Euroworkspace is innovating and updating the traditional office environment with technology-integrated storage solutions. Its Simplicity range is a collection of software-based lockers for smart offices, which support businesses who adopt hotdesking and flexible working environments.

Simplicity looks at how to make storage more of a function than an object. Adrian Cowley, managing director, says: "Storage may not seem interesting, but it's essential. An office doesn't really work without it. Storage is becoming more of a solution to other office-based

problems and, across the board, we find that people want better utilisation and access to data."

The Simplicity range also considers new GDPR regulations with its confidential waste locker. This is, essentially, a box into which all confidential material can be disposed of by any member of staff, yet only the contractor has access to the contents. This is monitored by technology that logs user access and creates data-driven reports.

Cowley notes that Euroworkspace has noticed a shift from card-access to app-access software as clients cut down on unnecessary access measures. One client now uses app-based mobile tech to access lockers, meeting rooms and more, reducing the need for keycards and individual logins. "It's about how you integrate this technology into storage," he says. "It's like access control to a building, but on a smaller scale."

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