

# **European Photovoltaic Power Generation and Energy Storage**

### What is Solarpower Europe?

SolarPower Europe is the award-winning link between policymakers and the solar PV value chain. Get to know the SolarPower Europe team working to transform the European energy system. Get to know everything about solar power. Interested in joining SolarPower Europe? Become a member! What is Agrisolar and what benefits does it have for Europe?

#### Is solar power a competitive source of electricity in the EU?

The cost of solar power decreased by 82% between 2010-2020, making it the most competitive source of electricity in many parts of the EU. The EU solar generation capacity keeps increasing and reached, according to SolarPower Europe, an estimated 259.99 GW in 2023. The EU has long been a front-runner in the roll-out of solar energy.

## How can the EU boost solar energy?

EU measures to boost solar energy include making the installation of solar panels on the rooftops of new buildings obligatory within a specific timeframe, streamlining permitting procedures for renewable energy projects, improving the skills base in the solar sector and boosting the EU's capacity to manufacture photovoltaic panels.

### What is the EU doing with solar energy?

The EU funds many solar cell projects, such as the PERTPV project, in which perovskite-based materials were used to build a new type of solar cell. Photovoltaic technology is becoming more widely used worldwide. Year after year, photovoltaics make up a bigger share of the EU's energy mix.

#### Are solar power potentials spatially aggregated over Europe?

Finally, the results were spatially aggregated on the same rectangular regions used for solar power potential (left-hand side panel of Fig. 1), whereby only 477 of the 995 regions (or pixels) contained wind power. Time series of renewable energy potentials aggregated over Europe show both high short-term intermittency and seasonal variations.

#### Is the EU ready for solar energy?

The EU has long been a front-runner in the roll-out of solar energy. Under the European Green Deal and the REPowerEU plan, solar power is a building block of the EU's transition to cleaner energy. Its accelerated deployment contributes to reducing the EU's dependence on imported fossil fuels.



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