

April 2017

**Annual Conference of the European Technology and Innovation Platform Photovoltaics:
PV Manufacturing in Europe, Brussels, Belgium
#PVmanufacturingEU**

The European Technology and Innovation Platform for Photovoltaics (ETIP PV) announced today the preliminary programme of the PV Manufacturing Europe Conference, covering the complete value chain. The conference takes place on 18 & 19 May, 2017, at the BIP House in Brussels.

The conference will offer the opportunity to join the industry leaders as well as top-ranking scientists, engineers and policy makers to discuss the status and future of "PV Manufacturing in Europe".

Conference Programme, 18 May 2017 – By invitation only

09.30 - 13.00 ETIP PV Steering Committee Meeting and Policy Debate

14:00 - 16:30 Meeting with Member States Platforms and National PV Associations

17:00 - 19:00 Policy Debate

Introduction and debate opening – Marko Topic – ETIP PV Chairman

Moderation – Gaëtan Masson – ETIP PV Vice-Chairman

Subject: Manufacturing in Europe is a key policy topic. Not only for the PV industry is manufacturing a key element of the political commitment to let PV unlock and support the energy transition. National and European industrial policies are at the core of the policy debate. However, the question how it can translate into concrete policy decisions at a European level is a much more challenging debate.

Panel Debate

- Piotr Tulej, European Commission
- Xavier Daval, SER-Soler
- Jose Donoso, UNEF
- Gianni Chianetta (invited), Italia Solare
- James Watson (invited), Solar Power Europe
- Eric Ast, Solar United

REGISTRATION

The technical conference on 19th May is free to attend but space is limited. Book your seat now!

Register [here](#)

Conference Programme, 19 May 2017

09:00 Opening

Marko Topic, ETIP PV Chairman

09:15 Session 1: A Global and European Overview of PV Markets and Industry

Moderation by Bryan Ekus – Solar United

Subject: The rapid evolution of the PV markets has hardly been foreseen by energy expert and starts to be understood by policy makers. Will PV accelerate the energy transition? Will it require technological and economic improvements to shift from a promise to a sustainable future deployment? This session will highlight different perspectives about the PV markets and industry developments, showing how cost and prices evolved faster than expected and how today's PV can pave the way for the complex and challenging energy transition in Europe.

Presentations:

- Paolo Frankl (invited), IEA
- Arnulf Jaeger-Waldau, EC JRC
- Christoph Hünnekes, PV TWG Chairman
- Christian Breyer, LUT
- Gaëtan Masson, Becquerel Institute, ETIP PV Vice-Chair

10:45 Coffee & Tea Break

11:15-12:45 Session 2: PV R&D and Technology Status

Moderation: Marko Topic

Subject: What the term "photovoltaics" means consists of several technologies, different manufacturing processes and a large variety of final products that can cover different applications. From utility-scale PV in desert areas to BIPV integrated into the roofs, PV technology evolves and its evolutions are as diverse as the possible applications. This session will browse state-of-the-art PV technologies.

Presentations:

- Stefan Glunz (invited), Fraunhofer ISE
- Andreas Wade, PV THIN
- Gerhard Strobl, Azurspace

Panel discussion:

- Peter Wohlfart, SINGULUS TECHNOLOGIES AG
- Jef Poortmans, IMEC
- Benjamin Strahm (invited), Meyer Burger

12:45 Lunch Break

14:00-15:30 Session 3: Technology Game Changers for Manufacturing in Europe?

Moderation: Wim Sinke – ECN, Vice-Chairman ETIP PV

Subject: With a large part of the PV value chain in Asia, which are the technologies that could

ensure some manufacturing developments in Europe in the coming years. This session will discuss whether new developments could economically make sense for manufacturing in Europe and how key European actors could benefit from it.

Presentations:

- KIC InnoEnergy
- Milan Nietschke (invited), SolarWorld

Panel discussion:

- Name to be confirmed, ENEL Green Power
- Ernesto Macias, SolarWatt
- Philippe Malbranche, CEA-INES
- Thomas Boecke (invited), von ardenne
- Jörg Palm (invited), AVANCIS

15:30 Coffee & Tea Break

16:00-17:00 Session 4: Panel Discussion – Global Actors with European Know-how: What Makes Europe Attractive for Global Companies?

Moderator: Gaëtan Masson

Subject: Several European countries are known for their expertise in manufacturing quality products, not only in the PV sector. But could Europe be attractive enough for manufacturing PV components and which ones?

Panelists:

- Luc de Marliave, Total
- David Müller (invited), Merck
- Bernhard Dimmler (invited), Manz
- Stephan Padlewski, Dupont

17:00-17:15 Closing Remarks

Marko Topic, ETIP PV Chairman



VENUE

How to find the conference building: [BIP, Rue Royale 2-4, 1000 Brussels, Belgium](#)

ACCOMODATION

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About ETIP PV

The European Technology and Innovation Platform Photovoltaics (ETIP PV) is a continuation of the European PV Technology Platform (EU PVTP) and the Solar European Industry Initiative (SEII) in a single platform under the new SET Plan governance. The ETIP PV's mission is in line with the Energy Union and the SET Plan priorities with focus on "Renewable technologies at the heart of the new energy system" and Europe to become "number 1 in renewables". ETIP PV gathers all the relevant stakeholders of the PV sector, with arrangements for cooperative discussions with member states (MS), associated countries (AC), and the Commission services. Its main role is to provide consensus-based strategic advice on all issues relevant to progressing research and innovation (R&I) efforts.

More information about ETIP PV is available online <http://www.etip-pv.eu/>

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