

The Steering Committee of the European Technology & Innovation Platform PV (ETIP PV) met in Larnaca, Cyprus in November 2017

PV specialists from 12 European countries discussed the role of photovoltaics in EU energy policy and prepared ideas and plans for activities in the coming year 2018.



Implementation Plan of the TWG PV endorsed by the SET-Plan Steering Group

The [Implementation Plan](#) of the TWG PV was endorsed by the SET-Plan Steering Group in November 2017. The Implementation Plan is a key document containing priority R&I activities to deliver the targets of the SET-Plan Declaration on Strategic Targets in the context of an Initiative for Global Leadership in Photovoltaics. The IP was presented at the SET-Plan Conference in Bratislava on 30 November 2017.

Open letter “Urgent Call for Action to Ensure a Sustainable Future for European PV Manufacturing”

The discussion of the next steps for the “Open letter II” was one of the major topics of the meeting. PV is transforming Europe’s and the world’s energy system. It is strategically important for Europe to maintain strong involvement in this technology. This can only be achieved with an innovation-driven robust ecosystem of companies and research centers supplying different PV-related products and services. Large-scale manufacturing sites across the whole value chain are needed to ensure a sustainable future of PV in Europe. Cheap finance, accelerated R&D and smart regulation are the main ways to achieve sustainable PV manufacturing in Europe.

ETIP PV will be co-organising the next action steps of the ‘European Photovoltaic Industry Forum’, the name given to the group of organizations that signed our [Open Letter](#) in support of PV manufacturing in Europe in June of this year.

ETIP PV Conference 2018 decided

The PV sector has evolved extremely fast in the last decade and in 2016 crossed the 100 billion EUR turnover threshold.

Considering such a dynamic context, the question of the quality of the PV installations becomes central now that the industry faces reduced margins and global competition. The only way to achieve a sustainable development of PV technology in this environment must be to focus on quality products and procedures.

The ETIP PV Conference 2018 will be focused on PV Quality and will take place in Brussels, Belgium. The dates will be published soon.

Innovation in Solar Building Skins & Energy Efficiency towards Sustainable Cities: A series of BIPV-workshops will be organized in Europe in 2018

Within the context of energy efficiency in buildings and cities for new and existing building stock, the development of innovative design concepts, flexible manufacturing technology enabling flexibility in dimension, colour and market approaches are essential for the future development of the BIPV market and the development of related national value chains. The various national workshops aim at identifying the specific needs and opportunities of the respective national market structures in connection with the requirements for NZEBs and Positive Energy Buildings.

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