

# SolarPower Europe

Policy and advocacy priorities for 2020



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A **clear commitment to achieve climate-neutrality by 2050** is a necessary signal to accelerate investments in clean-energy technologies across all sectors

- Support the adoption of the Climate Law **enshrining the objective of climate neutrality**
- Call for the **introduction of a 100% renewable scenario to achieve climate neutrality** in the European Commission Impact Assessment for the revision of EU 2030 CO2 and renewable targets
- Support the **upward revision of EU 2030 CO2 and RES targets**

However the EU must prioritize the work on the **enablers** with **2030** as a key milestone

## 1

### Remove national bottlenecks to the massive uptake of renewable generation towards 2030

- **Establish a Clean Energy Package Implementation body** to safeguard the achievement of Europe's 2030 targets, removing national bottlenecks (access to grids, PPAs, access to land and ensuring a harmonized implementation across countries)
- **Scale up the concept of “citizen-energy” to unlock the potential of utility-scale solar installations:** promote the development of a new ‘social pact’, enabling local authorities and communities to take part and ownership in the deployment of large-scale solar projects and facilitating social acceptance.
- A **European initiative to remove accelerate and facilitate permitting procedures** will also help achieving the EU 2030 target
- **Unlock the huge potential of solar roofs (680tWh) and building integrated solar technologies** leveraging the renovation wave initiative
- **Update the EU skills Agenda for clean energy technology** to overcome the workforce bottleneck

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## 2

**Accelerate the deployment of renewable electricity across all sectors**, as the most efficient way to achieve CO2 emission reduction the next decade

- **Rethink the concept of PCI and review the TEN-E regulation, to increase investments in electricity infrastructure** and accelerate the integration of renewables into the electricity system. The TEN-E regulation must also address the need for distributed infrastructure and electricity grids upgrades
- **Leverage the Smart Sectoral Integration initiative** to accelerate the digitalization and deployment of renewable electricity across transport, building and heating sectors, as the most efficient way to achieve CO2 emission reduction the next decade.
- **Develop sound policies to promote hydrogen from renewable electricity** as the sustainable solution to achieve the complete decarbonation of “hard to abate” sectors

## 3

**Develop a sound industrial Strategy for renewables**

- **Acknowledge the renewable industry as a key industrial ecosystem** to deliver on the EU Green Deal
- **Upcoming Industry Forum and existing Strategic Forum for Important Project of Common Interest (IPCEI's)** to include renewable industry representatives as the supply source of sustainable industrial value chains
- **Sharpen the toolbox** to complement IPCEI projects (large-scale) with **support instruments for smaller manufacturing project** sizes (SME), including preferential access to CEF, InvestEU, EIB financing or EU Funds + link with the Just Transition Fund to support the industrialization of restructuring economies
- Support the export of renewable technologies and know-how in Emerging markets with the **Green Deal diplomacy**

## 4

**Facilitate access to private and public finance for renewable projects across EU regions**

- **Launch of SolarPower Europe Finance workstream**, to build bridges between private financing stakeholders and Solar companies and channel access to EU funds
- Active lobbying on Sustainable finance taxonomy, EU Green Bonds standards and Non-Financial reporting Directive