

# Latest news on exporting photovoltaic panels to the EU

Will a new European Solar charter support EU photovoltaic manufacturing?

Leaders pledge extended support with new European Solar Charter to back European EU photovoltaic manufacturing. Leaders of 23 EU member states and the European Commission have signed a Solar Charter pledging to step up financing opportunities, skills capacity and to address unfair competition in the bloc during an Energy Council.

How does the EU support the European solar PV manufacturing sector?

Over the last years, the EU has taken initiatives to strengthen its support to the European solar PV manufacturing sector, which includes several globally competitive companies in several steps of the value chain.

Will European countries help Europe's ailing solar panel manufacturers?

REUTERS/Stephane Mahe/File Photo Purchase Licensing Rights BRUSSELS, April 15 (Reuters) - Most European Union countries are set to commit more support to help Europe's ailing solar panel manufacturers on Monday, but steer clear of restrictions on cheap panel imports from China, a draft document showed.

Will EU funding back solar projects?

A draft 'European Solar Charter' set to be signed by the European Commission and most EU countries on Monday said governments would consider using more EU funding and national aid to back solar manufacturing projects.

Where do solar panels come from in Europe?

However, the bulk of the demand for solar modules in Europe is covered by imports. Currently, 97% of the solar panels imported into the EU come from China. The charter sets out a series of voluntary actions to be undertaken to support the EU photovoltaic sector.

Will European solar panels be able to trade with China?

European solar panel manufacturers have previously asked the EU to consider trade safeguards on Chinese imports, but Brussels and governments including Germany have warned broad curbs on Chinese supply could stunt Europe's fast expansion of clean energy.

of installed solar photovoltaic (PV) capacity as set out in the European Union's Solar Energy Strategy (European Commission, 2022 a) - up from around 263 GW today 2 See SolarPower Europe press release of 12 ...

Chinese solar producers currently take 80% of the EU market. The new import tariff is intended to protect the EU's 25,000 jobs in solar production, and encourage the sector ...

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Some facts on the production of solar panels China is the world's largest producer of solar panels. Approximately 65% of all solar panels are produced in China. The EU is China's main export ...

Customs duty on solar panels. Payment of customs duties is one of the importer's many obligations. Customs codes and tariff rates can be found in the tariff systems - TARIC (Integrated Tariff of the European Communities) in case of ...

The term "solar panel" is often used interchangeably to describe panels generating electricity and those generating hot water. The former are photovoltaic (PV) modules and are best suited to ...

The European Solar Charter marks the latest step in the Commission's actions to support solar panel manufacturing in Europe. Previous measures include, amongst others, a proposal for a Net-Zero Industry Act, ...

In 2023, the solar photovoltaic sector in the EU and globally saw the prices of the panels plummet from circa 0.20 EUR/W to less than 0.12 EUR/W. This unsustainable situation is weakening the viability of existing European ...

Two policies are working their way through the European parliament that could lead to obstacles for solar panel imports from China: the corporate sustainability due diligence directive and the ...

The EU import value of solar panels decreased by 12% between 2022 and 2023 (see Figure 2), due to a drop in prices, even though the quantity imported slightly increased by +5%. During the same period the value of EU imports of liquid ...

Import of solar panels from China - duty rates. Before starting the import from China, one must first check the customs rates for the selected goods. One can find the duty rates on goods ...

However, the European solar module manufacturers have faced recently a particular challenge due to the combination of import dependency and a sharp drop in the prices of imported panels. In 2023, the solar photovoltaic ...

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