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**SOLAR-ERA.NET receives 49 preproposals with total project volume of 55 million euros in its second set of transnational calls in the field of solar power generation**

The second set of transnational SOLAR-ERA.NET calls PV2 and CSP2 found good interest in the solar power industry sector and research community. 49 preproposals with a total project volume of around 55 million euros and funding requested of around 39 million euros were submitted by the deadline set (30 April 2014). Preproposals involve 221 partners from 17 countries and regions (s. Figure 1).

About half of the organisations involved in the preproposals submitted belong to the categories of small and medium sized enterprises and large enterprises; research organizations have a share of 46%. Figure 2 shows the share of different types of organizations among the partners being involved in the preproposals submitted

44 out 49 preproposals were submitted for PV topics, 5 preproposals for CSP topics. Figure 3 shows the number of preproposals submitted per call topics.

17 countries and regions participate with their RTD and innovation programmes in these calls. The total public funding budget for both calls is 12 million euros, covering topics in photovoltaics (PV) and concentrating solar power (CSP). Innovative project proposals are sought on transnational level between different European countries strengthening the competitive position of the European solar power industry.

The participating SOLAR-ERA.NET funding organisations will now check the eligibility of the preproposals submitted and their suitability for national funding. The preproposal assessment results will be communicated to the applicants latest by end of June 2014. Applicants who pass this first stage will then be invited to submit a full proposal. Full proposals will then be evaluated and ranked by independent experts and funding organisations. First successful projects are expected to start end of 2014 / early 2015.

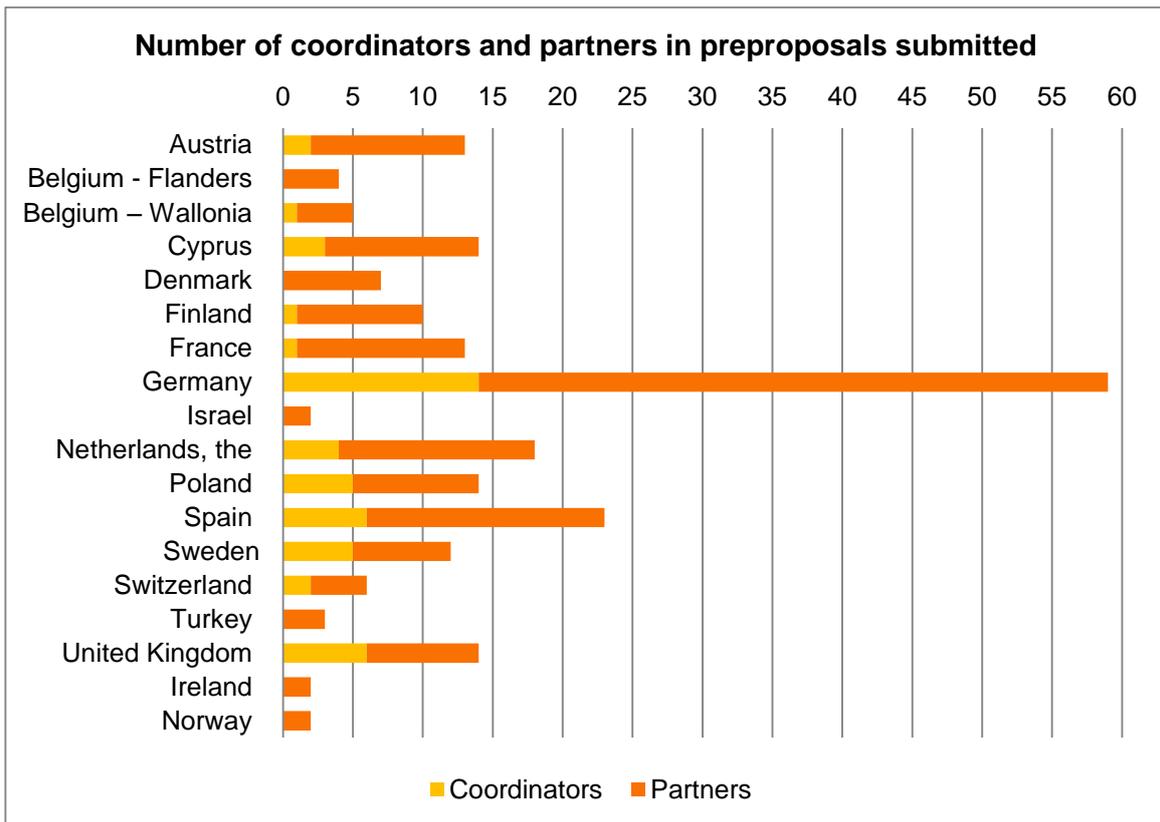


Figure 1: Number of coordinators and partners in the preproposals submitted by country / region participating in the second transnational SOLAR-ERA.NET calls PV2 and CSP2. Germany includes preproposals submitted to the regional agency of North-Rhine-Westphalia. All countries and regions except Ireland and Norway are official joint call participants.

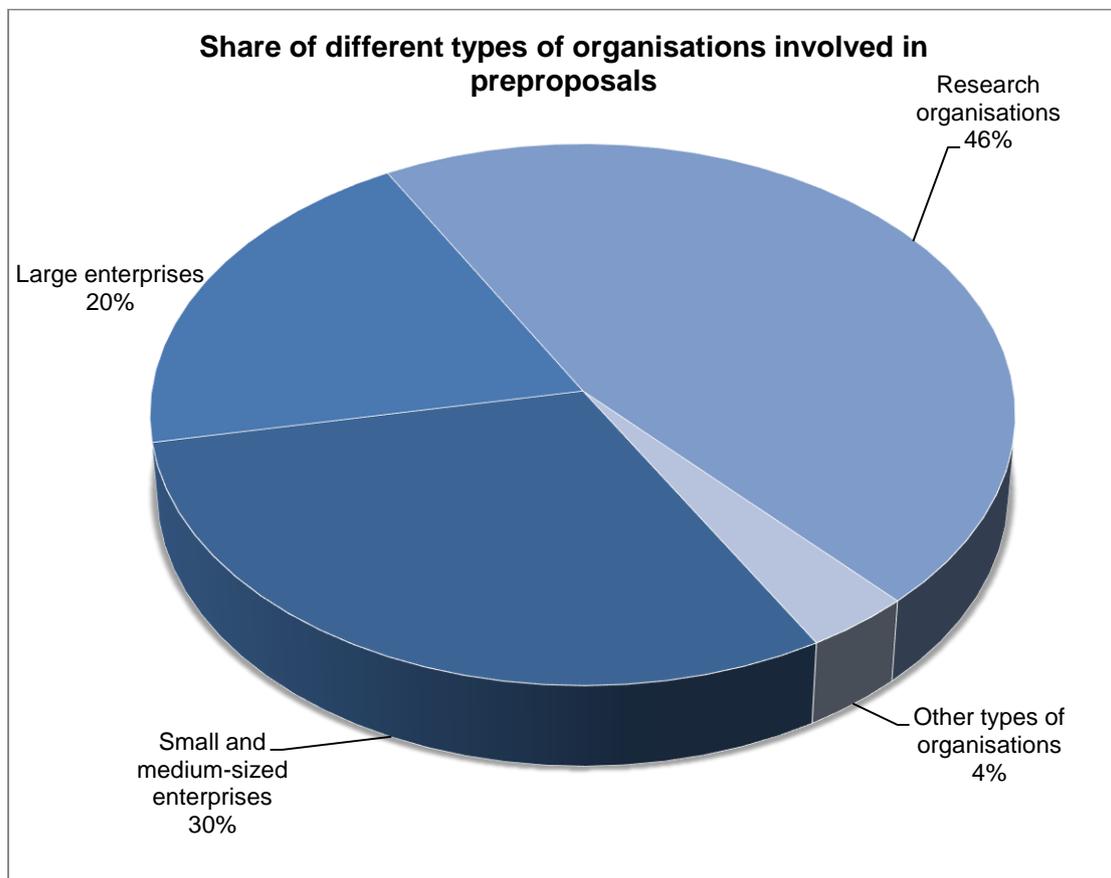


Figure 2: Share of different types of organizations among the partners involved in the preproposals submitted in the second transnational SOLAR-ERA.NET calls PV2 and CSP2

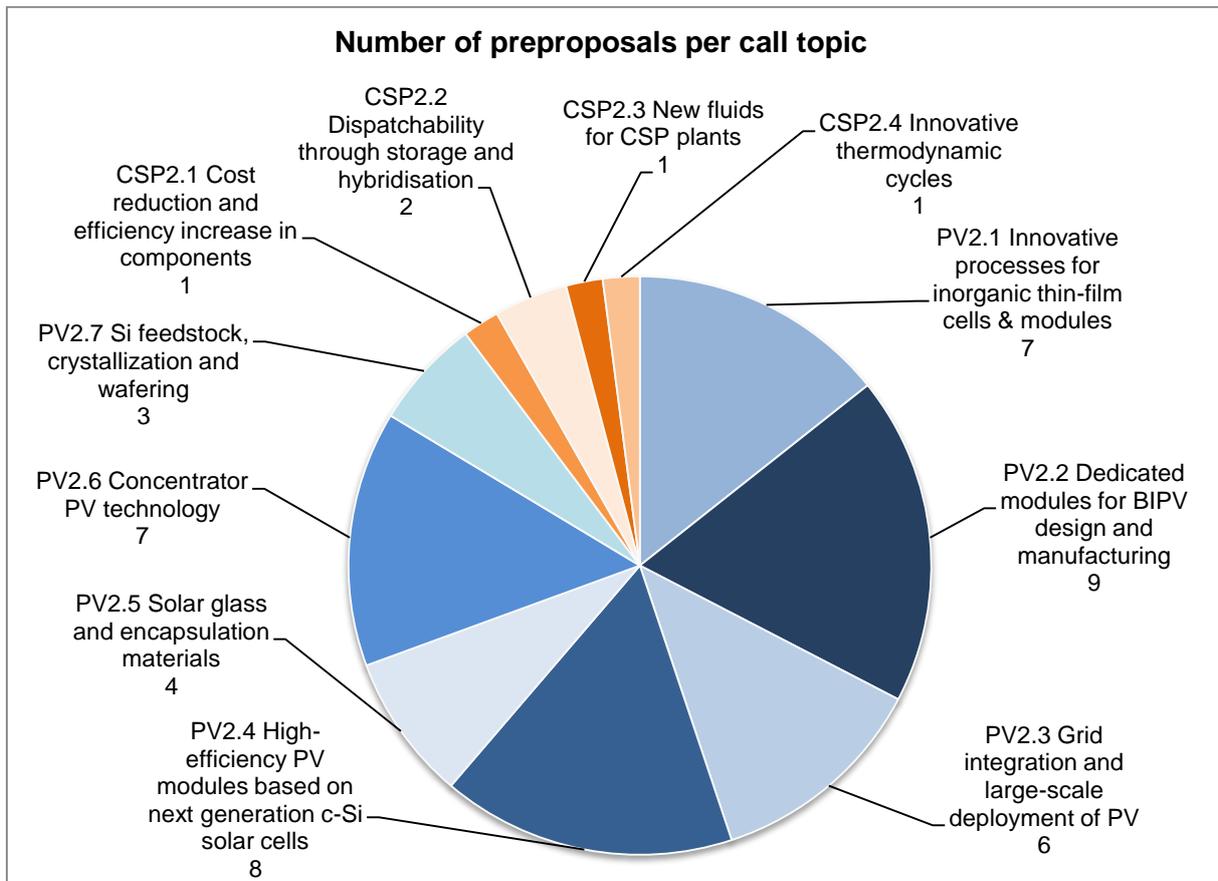


Figure 3: Number of preproposals submitted per topic in the second transnational SOLAR-ERA.NET calls PV2 and CSP2

#### What is SOLAR-ERA.NET?

SOLAR-ERA.NET is a FP7 funded European network of national and regional funding organisations and RTD and innovation programmes in the field of solar electricity generation, i.e. photovoltaics (PV) and concentrating solar power (CSP) / solar thermal electricity (STE).

SOLAR-ERA.NET shall contribute to reaching the objectives of the Solar Europe Industry Initiative (SEII) by carrying out the coordination and support actions for the implementation of the SEII between national and regional RTD and innovation programmes.

The SEII is embedded in the European Strategic Energy Technology Plan (SET-Plan) which aims to increase, coordinate and focus EU support on key low-carbon energy technologies in order to achieve Europe's 2020 energy objectives in the future. The SEII is a joint initiative of the industry sector, EC and member states. The objective of the SEII is to boost the development of the PV and CSP sector beyond "business-as-usual" in the areas of Research and Development, Demonstration and Deployment. For the concerned solar electricity technologies Implementation Plans have been developed setting out priorities for RTD in Europe.

The goal of SOLAR-ERA.NET is to undertake joint strategic planning, programming and activities for RTD and innovation in the area of solar electricity generation. Joint activities, namely joint calls, are defined for key topics and priorities in accordance with the Solar Europe Industry Initiative (SEII). These transnational calls are part of these activities.

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