

SOLAR-ERA.NET

TRANSNATIONAL IMPLEMENTATION OF THE SOLAR EUROPE
INDUSTRY INITIATIVE



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SOLAR-ERA.NET is a network that brings together more than 20 RTD and innovation programmes in the field of solar electricity technologies in the European Research Area. The network of national and regional funding organisations has been established in order to increase transnational cooperation between RTD and innovation programmes, as well as to contribute to achieving the objectives of the Solar Europe Industry Initiative (SEII) through dedicated transnational activities (especially transnational calls).

More than 100 MEUR shall be mobilised for transnational RTD and innovation projects for photovoltaics (PV) and concentrating solar power (CSP) through the support of the funding organisations. By identifying and choosing SEII call topics, SOLAR-ERA.NET will select and fund industrially relevant transnational RTD and innovation projects potentially boosting the PV and CSP sectors development beyond "business-as-usual".

The project proposals submitted in SOLAR-ERA.NET joint calls must clearly demonstrate i) potential commercial impact, relevance to industrial and market needs and added transnational value, ii) scientific and technological excellence and iii) high quality and efficiency of the implementation and management. The first set of

transnational calls raised great interest in the solar power industry sector and research community. Approximately 60 preproposals, with a total project volume of around 90 MEUR were submitted. Based on the full project submissions, the first projects selection to be funded under SOLAR-ERA.NET is planned to take place towards the end of 2013. The second set of joint calls is expected to be launched early 2014.

SOLAR-ERA.NET is an EU funded FP7 project running from 2012 to 2016 with the mission to implement the SEII on the transnational level. The main activity is the launch and coordination of joint transnational calls for industry oriented RTD projects. SEII is embedded in the European Strategic Energy Technology Plan (SET-Plan). ●

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