



Communiqué for the Call Preannouncement and Webinar, November 2016

**SOLAR-ERA.NET Cofund Joint Call
for the Solar Power Industry, Research and Innovation**

Call with funding budget of 19 million euros

SOLAR-ERA.NET Cofund will launch its Joint Call in PV and CSP on 5 December 2016. Eleven countries participate with their RTD and innovation programmes in this call: Austria, Cyprus, France, Germany, The Netherlands, Poland, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Turkey and United Kingdom.

The total public funding budget is 19 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. Preproposals have to be submitted not later than 20 February 2017.

The following topics are part the SOLAR-ERA.NET Cofund joint call:

- A) Innovative and low-cost PV manufacturing issues
- B) Advanced PV products and applications
- C) PV system integration
- D) CSP cost reduction and system integration

Join the Webinar on 21 November – Register now

Register now for the pre-opening information webinar. It will take place on Monday, 21 November 2016, 12-13 CET. Topics:

- Hear about the core details of the competition
- Understand which partners are funding projects
- Be introduced to the follow up brokering webinar (your chance to pitch and partner!) which will take place on 12 December 2016, 12-14 CET

Register here: <http://bit.ly/2fhgZ02> or via www.solar-era.net

What is SOLAR-ERA.NET Cofund?

An ERA-NET Cofund is designed to support public-public partnerships, including a trans-national call for proposals with a topping-up coming from the European Union. The SOLAR-ERA.NET Cofund is a H2020 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 Cofund shall contribute to reaching the objectives of the Strategic Energy Technology Plan (SET-Plan) by carrying out the coordination and support actions between national and regional RTD and innovation programmes. The SET-Plan 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 goal of SOLAR-ERA.NET is to undertake joint activities, namely joint calls for key topics and priorities in accordance with the SET-Plan.

This Cofund call can be considered a follow-up activity of SOLAR-ERA.NET that launched four joint calls in the previous years. The SOLAR-ERA.NET Cofund Action is supported by funding from the European Union's HORIZON 2020 Research and Innovation Programme.

More information on the call and network: www.solar-era.net