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EU approves photovoltaic panels



Overview

The European Solar Charter, signed on 15 April 2024, sets out a series of voluntary actions to be undertaken to support the EU photovoltaic sector. Will EU members have to install solar panels in public and non-residential buildings?

The legislation says that if technically and economically suitable, EU member states will have to deploy solar installations progressively in public and non-residential buildings, depending on their size.

What is the EU solar standard?

Image: Markus Spiske, Unsplash Members of European Parliament (MEPs) have adopted the EU Solar Standard, which will require the installation of solar on buildings across EU member states. The standard forms part of the European Performance of Buildings Directive, which was provisionally agreed upon in December.

What does the new EU solar law mean for buildings?

The new law is set to require solar installations on buildings across the European Union. This means that solar installations must be integrated into building works, and public bodies must retroactively install PV on their buildings, entering into force gradually from 2026.

Will the European Parliament adopt the EU solar standard in 2026?

Jan Osenberg, Senior Policy Advisor at SolarPower Europe, said (he/him): "Today, the European Parliament reached a huge milestone to accelerate renewable deployment, by adopting the EU Solar Standard. From 2026, the EU Solar Standard will require solar rooftop installations across a significant proportion of Europe's building stock.

What is the European solar rooftops initiative?

The European Solar Rooftops Initiative is part of the EU Solar Energy Strategy,

which aims to deliver over 320 GW of new photovoltaic capacity by 2025 and almost 600 GW by 2030. The European Parliament on Tuesday adopted the so-called EU Solar Standard, which will require the installation of solar on buildings across the EU.

When will a solar system be mandated in the EU?

EU Solar Standard will mandate solar installations on new commercial and public buildings by end-2026, non-residential buildings that undergo a relevant renovation by end- 2027, new residential buildings by end-2029, and existing public buildings, in steps depending on the size, by 2030.

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