

PRESS INFORMATION

About estec2009

The 4th European Solar Thermal Energy Conference (estec2009), which takes place on 25-26 May 2009 at the Hotel Bayerischer Hof in Munich, is the premier international event dedicated to solar thermal energy worldwide.

More than 100 speakers from over 25 countries worldwide followed the invitation the invitation of the European Solar Thermal industry federation (ESTIF) and will provide managers and industry experts with latest information not only on markets and trends, but also on technology and policies on solar thermal applications ranging from hot water preparation and space heating to industrial process heat and solar assisted cooling.

Hosted by ESTIF, in co-operation with the German Solar Industry Association (BSW-Solar) and with Intersolar09, the European Solar Thermal Energy Conference (estec) is held this year under the motto "Getting ready for the global solar thermal boom".

The increased economic concerns about the price of fossil fuels and electricity as well as the heightened awareness of climate change demonstrate the strong economic and environmental advantages of solar thermal. While the financial and economic crisis has affected a wide range of industries, solar thermal is holding its own. estec2009 will present detailed analyses of the market developments and discuss on how companies can benefit from the expected global solar thermal boom in the forthcoming years.

After the 2007 downturn, the European solar thermal market returned to dynamic growth in 2008. For the first time the newly installed capacity surpassed 3 GW_{th} in the European Union and Switzerland, four times the 2003 figures when the first European Solar Thermal Energy Conference took place.

Following the recent adoption of the Renewable Energy Directive which creates a favorable climate for the growth of solar thermal markets in Europe, estec2009 will also deliver updates on policies promoting the use of solar thermal energy.

More than 400 participants are expected at the estec2009 conference, which takes place again right before the Intersolar 2009 trade fair, allowing participants to attend both major solar thermal events in just one week.

estec2009 at a glance

Dates:	25 and 26 May 2009
Venue:	Hotel Bayerischer Hof, Munich
Organiser:	European Solar Thermal Industry Federation (ESTIF) in co-operation with the German Solar Industry Association (BSW-Solar) and Intersolar 2009
Participants' profile:	400 persons from 50 countries worldwide Managers, marketing and sales persons of solar thermal companies and suppliers, Executives of national and regional energy ministries and energy agencies, Energy market experts from private and public financing institutions, Marketing managers of energy utilities and energy contractors Technical researchers from universities and research institutes Market researchers Specialised press
Registration:	Online registration available under: www.estec2009.org
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