

ESTIF, the Voice of Solar Thermal in Europe

The European Solar Thermal Industry Federation represents manufacturers, service providers and national solar associations. With more than 100 members from 19 countries, ESTIF represents more than 95% of the European market for solar thermal products.

ESTIF's mission

ESTIF's mission is to achieve high priority and acceptance for solar thermal as a key element for sustainable heating and cooling in Europe and with immediate effect to work for the implementation of all steps necessary to realise the high potential of solar thermal.

ESTIF's key activities

ESTIF is involved in a wide range of activities and projects aimed at fostering the use of solar thermal energy.

The main activities of ESTIF consist of:

- Representing the sector at EU level
- Promoting renewable heating and cooling at EU, national and local levels
- Shaping policies and helping to promote the Renewable Energy Directive at the national level
- Opening markets for solar thermal products and services
- Driving research and development through the European Heating and Cooling Platform
- Creating networks and supporting our members
- Organising major events such as the biennial European Solar Thermal Energy Conference (estec)

Some concrete examples

- European legislative framework for Solar Thermal:
Since 2003, ESTIF has promoted the "Barcelona Model" making solar thermal obligatory in new and existing buildings. The concept has been included into the recently agreed EU Renewables Directive.
- Research and development:
In collaboration with the EUREC Agency, ESTIF launched the ambitious **European Solar Thermal Technology Platform (ESTTP)** which aims at identifying the technological and non-technological conditions necessary to utilise the full potential of solar thermal for 2030. The ESTTP's Strategic Research Agenda can be downloaded from www.esttpp.org. In the beginning of 2009, the platform was enlarged to work on all renewable energies in

heating and cooling – the Renewable Heating and Cooling Technology Platform.

- Promoting renewable heating and cooling at EU, national and local levels:
In the framework of the **ProSTO** project, ESTIF brings its support and expertise to European local authorities in planning, developing, introducing and managing efficient solar thermal ordinances.
- Awareness raising and public campaigns:
ESTIF has also been coordinating since 2008 the “**European Solar Days**” which consist of a variety of events in different European countries.

ESTIF’s key publications

- Solar Thermal market reports
- Solar Thermal Action Plan for Europe
- Strategic Research Agenda

The Renewable Energy House in Brussels

ESTIF is also a founding member of EREC, the European Renewable Energy Council, with whom it shares headquarters in Brussels’ Renewable Energy House.

For more information about ESTIF, please go to our website www.estif.org.

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