



Dear President Juncker,

The signatories to this letter, all leading European solar companies and associations, believe that the EU's solar trade measures, consisting of the minimum import price (MIP), anti-dumping and anti-subsidy duties on cells and modules from China, Taiwan and Malaysia, should be removed immediately and at the latest by 3rd September 2018.

After more than 5 years of the use of these trade barriers, it is time for the European Commission to live up to their promise of 8 February 2017 and phase out these highly damaging measures. Due to the application of these measures, European demand for solar has reduced, EU jobs have been lost and competitiveness impaired. Conversely, European solar module and cell production has continued to decline.

There is a growing body of evidence that shows the trade measures on solar panels and cells are causing injury to the European solar sector.

A 2017 study from The European Commission's Directorate-General for Justice and Consumers (DG JUST) has assessed the impact of the trade measures on solar self-consumers in Europe today. This research recommends removing the trade measures, as this would result in an increase in the uptake of rooftop solar in most of the EU Member States by some 20-30%, in comparison to their baseline scenario. From Poland to Portugal, France to Finland, we would see a major solar deployment surge. This is fully in the interest of the European Union's energy transition, and in line with the desire to have the consumer at the heart of the Energy Union.





The DG Justice and Consumer's study confirms the findings of the 2017 EY study on 'Solar Jobs & Value added in Europe. This report found that removing the trade measures would have a hugely positive impact on European employment and wealth creation. The report found that lifting the trade measures could result in the creation of more than 40,000 new jobs by 2019. We believe that this is a significant number considering that today Europe is employing just over 80,000 people in the solar sector.

Removing the measures would increase European jobs by 50% in this clean technology so badly needed in Europe, as our energy policies move consumption away from conventional fuels. By removing solar trade measures, the Commission would support these new technologies to replace the jobs that are inevitably declining in traditional energy sectors. This is the best way to drive a socially just transition.

SolarPower Europe's annual assessment of European module and cell production has shown that manufacturing output has fallen in 2014, 2015, 2016 and 2017. Trade measures simply do not work to drive investment in solar module and cell manufacturing.

The European Commission must create a holistic policy that bolsters the entire solar value chain, not segmental measures that benefit no one. To drive investment into the European solar sector the European Commission must lift the trade measures and create a strong industrial strategy for our sector for generations to come. An industrial competitiveness strategy for solar in Europe, could see the EU take global leadership on the existing and next generation of solar technologies, manufacturing and services – while creating more than 300,000 jobs.





To return sustainable growth to our sector, to see more European solar jobs and to have more consumers take part in the European energy transition, we call on the Commission to make good on their promise to end the trade measures on solar modules and cells by 3rd September 2018.

Yours sincerely, the undersigned below.



Companies and associations signing this statement:

SolarPower Europe

The European Association for Electrical Contractors (AIE)

REScoop, the European federation of renewable energy cooperatives

WKO Electrotechniker, Austria

Energy3000 GmbH, Austria

ODE Vlaanderen, de Organisatie voor Duurzame Energie Vlaanderen, Belgium

Nationale Federatie van Elektrotechnische Ondernemers, Fédération Nationale des Installateurs-Electriciens, Belgium

Encon, Belgium

Menapy NV, Belgium

QWAY Energy gcv, Belgium

Viessmann, Belgium

Voestalpine, Belgium

Zero Emission Solutions, Belgium

Bulgarian Photovoltaic Association (BPVA), Bulgaria

Bulgarian Solar Association (BSA), Bulgaria

Aclima-G Ltd., Bulgaria

Alfa Energy KA EAD, Bulgaria

BCI JSC, Bulgaria

BNRG Kamoно Ltd., Bulgaria

CAHAPO ЕООД (Sanaro Ltd), Bulgaria

Devnya Solar EAD, Bulgaria

DIANA HUNT EOOD, Bulgaria

Dimsol-1 Ltd., Bulgaria

Elsol Ltd, Bulgaria

EKO-STROI INJENERING EOOD, Bulgaria

EVRO BETON EOOD, Bulgaria

Fec Invest Ltd, Bulgaria

Feeria -, Bilding LTD, Bulgaria

Greentech Engineering Solutions JSC, Bulgaria

Helios Power, Bulgaria

Kamenar Solar Ltd., Bulgaria

Kamenar PV Ltd., Bulgaria

Kamenar Sunpower Ltd., Bulgaria

Kameno Solar Ltd., Bulgaria

MAT Ltd, Bulgaria

NEDSTAR Ltd, Bulgaria

Nvision.Energy, Bulgaria

Philimex Ltd, Bulgaria

PSSI Ltd, Bulgaria

Raklinovo Solar Ltd., Bulgaria

Renergy Ltd, Bulgaria

RIAL STEYTS EOOD, Bulgaria

Solar Vision OOD, Bulgaria

SOLARPRO HOLDING AD, Bulgaria

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Technosun Ltd

ULER 2009 EOOD, Bulgaria

Yan Solar Technology LTD, Bulgaria

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Czech Solar Association, Czech Republic

Czech Photovoltaic Association (ČFA), Czech Republic

IBC SOLAR s.r.o. , Czech Republic

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TEKNIQ, Danish Mechanical and Electrical Contractor's Association, Denmark

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European Energy, Denmark

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Finergreen, France	ILG Energie GmbH, Germany
GenSun SAS, France	Kistler Elektrotechnik & Neue Energie GmbH & Co. KG, Germany
Synapsun, France	Mathias Shoft Consulting, Germany
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Solar Alliance for Europe (SAFE), Germany	PvXchange Trading GmbH, Germany
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ASG Engineering, Germany	PFALZSOLAR GmbH, Germany
Baywa r.e, Germany	pbs energie GmbH, Germany
BayWa r.e. Solar Projects GmbH, Germany	provoltaik GmbH & Co.KG, Germany
Berolina Solar GmbH & Co. KG, Germany	Öko Haus GmbH, Germany
ECO-MC GmbH, Germany	revotec energy GmbH, Germany
Elektrotechnik Otterbach GmbH & Co KG, Germany	Solarpraxis, Germany
EnBW, Germany	Solarfaktor GmbH, Germany
Elser Elektro+Haustechnik GmbH & Co. KG, Germany	SUNTEC Energiesysteme GmbH, Germany
Energietechnik Stuhlenmiller GmbH & Co. KG, Germany	Solarzentrum Mittelhessen GmbH, Germany

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VISPIRON GmbH, Germany	Napelemszolnok, Hungary
Wacker Chemie, Germany	Napelem Zounok Kft, Hungary
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Copernicus Energy, Greece	Jacobs, Ireland
Data Venia, Greece	JBM Solar Ireland
ECOSUN LTD , Greece	Kingspan ESB DAC, Ireland
ELPE Renewables, Greece	Mainline Group, Ireland
GLOBAL-ENERGY Solutions Ltd, Greece	Power Capital Renewable Energy, Ireland
Iris Hellas, Greece	Power Capital, Ireland
Juwi Hellas SA, Greece	Italia Solare, Italy
Kmetrics, Greece	Elettricità Futura, Italy
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Upsolar System Italia Srl, Italy	Power Service Int. s.r.o., Slovakia
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SolarNRG, Netherlands	Upplands Energi, Sweden
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Polish Association of Solar Energy (PSES), Poland	Scottish Renewables, UK
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Caplor Energy, UK

Eco2 Solar Limited, UK

Ecocute Ltd, UK

Elgin Energy, UK

Haymaker Energy, UK

Hawkeye Aerial cameras, UK

iChoosr, UK

Lark Power Services Limited, UK

Lightsource BP, UK

Libra Energy UK Ltd, UK

Next energy, UK

Octopus Investments, UK

SBC Renewables, UK

Secon Solar, UK

Solar Kingdom Ltd, UK

Solar Technology International Ltd, UK

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