

PV-IPCEI launching event

20 May 2022

Hybrid event

Residence Palace, Passage room (Rue de la Loi 155, Brussels) [Meeting link for MS Teams](#)

Important Projects of Common European Interest (IPCEI) has been one of the decisive factors for the European-wide batteries and hydrogen projects to foster R&D and the first industrial deployments. As the EU is extensively increasing the ambition for the PV deployment during the forthcoming years, the European PV manufacturing industry has initiated the PV-IPCEI framework with more than 50 European PV manufacturing companies and research institutes participating and 6 projects being developed.

AGENDA

11:00 – 11:15 Opening Session

- Eicke Weber, Co-Chair, ESMC – Welcoming remarks
- Žygimantas Vaičiūnas, Policy Director, ESMC – PV-IPCEI framework
- Walburga Hemetsberger, CEO, SolarPower Europe

11:15 – 11:45 EU policy priorities for the PV manufacturing and PV-IPCEI

- Kadri Simson, European Commissioner for Energy – Keynote speech
- Maive Rute, Deputy Director General, Directorate General for Internal Market, Industry, Entrepreneurship and SMEs
- Michael Bloss, Member of the European Parliament

11:45 – 12:15 Framing the PV-IPCEI in the current geopolitical and energy landscape

- Claude Turmes, Minister for Energy and Spatial Planning, Luxembourg
- Leonore Gewessler, Federal Minister for Climate Action, Environment, Energy, Mobility, Innovation and Technology, Austria
- Jovita Neliupšienė, Vice-minister of Economy and Innovation, Lithuania
- Joan Groizard, Director General, Institute for Diversification and Energy Savings (IDEA), Spain
- Marcin Ścigan, Director of Renewable Energy Sources Department, Ministry of Climate and Environment, Poland

12:15 – 12:30 Coffee break

12:30 – 13:45 Forthcoming PV-IPCEI projects – deliverables for the EU

- Marc Rechter (MCPV) / Stefan Rinck (Singulus) – Industrializing heterojunction cell and module technology
- Grzegorz Wisniewski (GIGA PV) / Jochen Rentsch (Fraunhofer ISE) – Manufacturing of TOPCon PV cells
- Julius Denafas (Solitek) / Juras Ulbikas (Protech) – PV integrated solutions
- Trude Nysæter (REC Solar) / Sean Erik Foss (IFE) – Circular PV production
- Radovan Kopecek (ISC Konstanz) – Industrializing Interdigitated Back Contact (IBC) bifacial ingot, wafer, cell and module technology to GW scale

13:45 – 14:20 Setting the PV-IPCEI strategic agenda for 2022

- Demos Spatharis, Head of Unit, State aid, IPCEI, Environment and Innovation I, DG Competition – Outline of State aid rules for IPCEI
- Marc Isabelle, Founder & Director, European Economics
- Žygimantas Vaičiūnas, Policy Director, ESMC – Forthcoming steps of the PV-IPCEI

14:20 – 14:30 Closing remarks

14:30 Light lunch