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Reliable and predictable regulatory frameworks are key for cost-effective deployment of solar photovoltaics in Europe

The newly elected European Commission President has affirmed that Europe should become the world number one in renewable energies. At the same time, renewable energy sources will be a key pillar of the European Energy Union.

Yet, unplanned, retrospective and discriminatory regulatory changes introduced by some national governments are currently jeopardising the renewable energy business in Europe. They are leading to bankruptcies and to project owners' inability to repay bank loans. They are making new projects more expensive because financiers can no longer trust policy making.

The undersigned associations urge European leaders to restore confidence within the solar photovoltaic sector. The recent agreement by European Heads of State and Government on a binding renewable energy target for 2030 is a first important step in that direction. We now call on the new European Commission to ensure fair and consistent regulatory frameworks that underpin the achievement of this target and enable renewables to grow further. Only in this way will solar photovoltaics be able to cost-effectively contribute to making Europe the world leader in renewable energies.

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