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EU Policy Framework

- European Green Deal (12/2020)
- Proposal of European Climate Law (03/2020)
- The Recovery and Resilience Facility (01/2021)
- Recast of RES Directive
 <u>2018/2001/EU</u>
- Solar Strategy (05/2022)

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Ongoing Recast of Directive 2018/2001/EU

- 40 to 45 % RES share in the EU by 2030
- No binding targets at Member State level
- Transparency regarding RES electricity integration
- European wide certification scheme for installers
- Governance Regulation stipulates: MS must submit updated NECPs by 2023



Solar Strategy

- European Solar Rooftops Initiative
- Utility scale deployment
- Solar value for buildings, districts and cities
- Preparing the energy network for the efficient distribution of solar energy
- Establishment of a resilient supply chain
- Supporting investments regarding EU PV manufacturing (de-risking, funding)



Status of PV in the EU



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Grid Connected PV in the EU





Annual EU PV Installations





EU PV capacity scenarios 2021

	Market Trend	NECP High	55% GHG red.	55% + H ₂
PV capacity [GW _p]	614	314	468	563
Δ PV capacity from 2020 [GW _p]	475	175	329	424
Compound Annual Growth Rate 2020-2030	16%	8.5%	13%	15%



EU PV capacity scenarios 2022

	Market Trend	Solar Strategy	1 TW
PV capacity [GW _p]	745	720	1 000
Δ PV capacity from 2021 [GW _p]	577	552	832
Compound Annual Growth Rate 2020-2030	18%	17.5%	22%



Necessary EU PV Installations



Conclusions

- The European Green Deal calls for an accelerated GHG reduction by 2030 (min 55%)
- Solar photovoltaics is one of the pillars to achieve this GHG reduction
- The 2022 Solar Strategy calls for more deployment of PV in the EU
- The European Recovery Plan + Solar Strategy could make a European solar value chain possible
- More efforts needed to accelerate the transition to a net zero CO₂ energy sector



Increase in global temperature by 2100



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