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European photovoltaic sector to discuss future perspectives of development

Brussels, 30 May 2007 - After two years of activity, next 12th June, the European Photovoltaic Technology Platform will meet in Berlin at the 2nd General Assembly to assess results and give new impulses to develop solar Photovoltaic in the long term.

The European Photovoltaic Technology Platform was launched in July 2005 after the adoption of a vision report to 2030 setting long term goals for the sector. Since then the platform has been working on the development of action plans in areas where cooperation between the different stakeholders of the sector are key to ensure Europe's leadership in the long term.

A Strategic Research Agenda has been defined between the main research centres of Europe and the industry setting priorities at short, medium and long term. Policy guidelines have been realized in order to advise European governments and the European Commission on the necessary measures that can enable the European market to grow in a sustainable way. Bridges between several sectors such as the construction industry or the electricity sector have been built up to better cooperate and advance together towards the integration of solar electricity in our daily life. Photovoltaic electricity's huge potential stands in parts of the world where there is no access to energy today. The PV Platform has been active in developing strategies to tackle this issue and propose solutions for a rapid integration of this clean form of energy in off-grid areas where access to energy is synonym of development.

This second General Assembly takes place in a time when Germany has the presidency of the EU council and G-8 summit. In this position, Germany tries to convince other nations, e.g. USA, to reduce their CO₂ emissions and to contribute with firm targets reducing the climate change.

Today Germany is the global leader in terms of installed capacity of photovoltaic electricity systems. In 2004, it improved the already well functioning feed-in tariff framework which not only consolidated its leadership position but also contributed to develop a strong industry. Today the photovoltaic business is one of the only sector creating new jobs. These are in general highly qualified and decentralised. The European photovoltaic community gathering in Berlin will try to show to the German government that this leadership is appreciated and should remain *pulling* all Europe in the same direction.

The 2nd General Assembly will take place on Tuesday, 12th June 2007 at the ICC- International Conference Center, Neue Kantstrasse/Ecke Messedamm, 14057 Berlin – Germany

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