



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 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2018.

Yours sincerely, the undersigned below.



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**Techlink, Belgium**

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