



SolarPower Europe and the European Association for Electrical Contractors (AIE) announce new cooperation agreement to power Europe's energy future

7 March 2018, Brussels – Today, SolarPower Europe and the European Association for Electrical Contractors (AIE) are thrilled to announce the beginning of a new cooperation between the two trade associations.

James Watson, CEO of SolarPower Europe announced this new cooperation saying: "SolarPower Europe has worked with AIE in the past on key issues such as the Small is Beautiful campaign, to promote rooftop solar installations and the campaign to remove trade duties from solar panels. With this new cooperation, we can work even closer on other important issues that impact the electricity sector - from innovative technology development to safe installation. This cooperation is strengthening links between the solar industry and electric installers and will enhance both organisations".

Thomas Carlsson, President of AIE commented: "Together, AIE and SolarPower Europe represent over 1,4 million workers and €155 billion total turnover in Europe. This constitutes a significant part of the total energy value chain in Europe, which means that this cooperation will result in a more coordinated approach between the solar industry and the electric installers in Europe. This cooperation will help our organisations deliver a boost for business opportunities and job creation in Europe".

Christian Westermeier, President of SolarPower Europe added: "Working together, we will be able to access a greater pool of knowledge and expertise to better inform policy makers and industry leaders to develop a more efficient framework to ensure a clean and secure energy future for all Europeans".

AIE and SolarPower Europe will join forces on the main European policy issues in the coming weeks and months, to underline the enhanced relationship between electrical installers and the solar industry in Europe today.

About AIE

For over 60 years, the [European Association for Electrical Contractors \(AIE\)](#) has represented the interests of electrical contractors from 15 different countries at the EU-level. The AIE works as a network to exchange information and best practices for electrical contractors between its members and to inform policy makers to ensure all electricity is installed safely and efficiently in Europe.

About SolarPower Europe

[SolarPower Europe](#) is a member-led association representing organisations active along the whole value chain. Our aim is to shape the regulatory environment and enhance business opportunities for solar power in Europe.

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