



Spain: World Leader in Photovoltaic Power

Spain is a world leader in photovoltaic power production, where solar power already covers about 3% of the nation's electricity demand - a world record. Spanish photovoltaic power companies compete on an international scale, carrying out industrial projects, installing farms and electricity generation installations, with generalised approval and recognition.

Spain is at the forefront of the establishment of photovoltaic power on a world scale. Over the last five years, photovoltaic power has gone from an installed power of 22 MW to one of 3,500 MW, with a further 500 MW already approved and in an advanced phase of development.

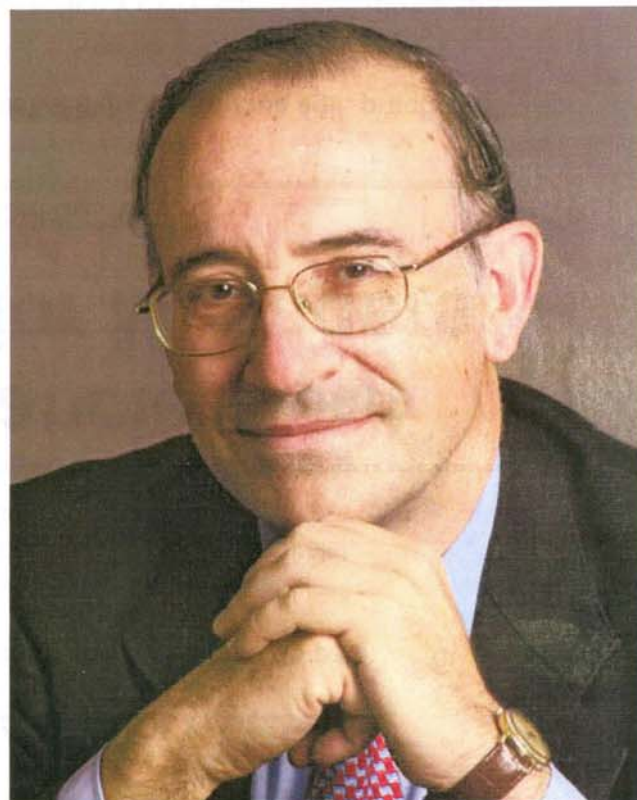
Although it is true that the Spanish photovoltaic market has experienced a hard adjustment period during 2009, when global economic downturn has been of some importance, during the next few years we will see a clear upward trend, in which the technology will gain ground and will bring to Spanish society jobs and other benefits, as well as progress towards the preservation of the environment.

In terms of its immediate geographic context, the prime location of Spain, which enjoys plentiful sunshine (and therefore plenty of solar energy resources) and is the natural link between Europe and North Africa, provides the country with an exceptional position to continue leading the development of photovoltaic power installations within the framework of Euro-Mediterranean cooperation.

In fact, in addition to the execution of specific projects in Spain and on the southern shores of the Mediterranean, important renewable energy development plans, such as the Mediterranean Solar Plan -included in the European Union legislation for the promotion of renewable energies- or Desertec, consider Spain as a reference model, as well as a country of transit for energy exchanges.

In a future much nearer than many imagine, a new, highly distributed energy model based on renewable energies and intelligent networks will replace the current model. Europe leads this new industrial revolution, and Spain is at its technological forefront.

Spanish companies, at the centre of the amazing development that has taken place within the Spanish territory, will also be at the centre of this development in neighbouring countries. In fact, they are already establishing their presence in other countries, whether by creating equipment manufacturing industries or providing installations that produce clean, safe and renewable energy. To do so they have the experience and the know-how they have gained in their ventures in Spain. Quality is without a doubt the seal of distinction of Spanish companies wherever they operate.



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