

Will the EU rooftop solar standard drive more rooftop solar capacity?

According to our analysis, the EU Rooftop Solar Standard within the EPBD could drive the installation of 150 to 200 GW of additional rooftop solar capacity in the EU between 2026 and 2030. Critically, the Solar Rooftop Standard will unlock the potential of large rooftops such as those installed on offices, commercial buildings, or car parks.

What is the EU solar rooftop obligation?

These initiatives will introduce a legally binding EU solar rooftop obligation to ensure accelerated installation of solar panels on buildings, help create a skilled workforce necessary to produce, install and maintain solar panels, and support the EU industry in expanding the domestic production of photovoltaic panels.

What is the EU solar standard?

Image: Markus Spiske, Unsplash Members of European Parliament (MEPs) have adopted the EU Solar Standard, which will require the installation of solar on buildings across EU member states. The standard forms part of the European Performance of Buildings Directive, which was provisionally agreed upon in December.

Will the European Parliament adopt the EU solar standard in 2026?

Jan Osenberg, Senior Policy Advisor at SolarPower Europe, said (he/him): "Today, the European Parliament reached a huge milestone to accelerate renewable deployment, by adopting the EU Solar Standard. From 2026, the EU Solar Standard will require solar rooftop installations across a significant proportion of Europe's building stock.

When will solar installations be mandatory in Europe?

On March 12, 2024, European legislators acceded to the EU Solar Standard in the European Parliament within the European Performance of Buildings Directive. As per the standard, solar installations on buildings will now be mandatory across the European Union.

How can the EU boost solar energy?

EU measures to boost solar energy include making the installation of solar panels on the rooftops of new buildings obligatory within a specific timeframe, streamlining permitting procedures for renewable energy projects, improving the skills base in the solar sector and boosting the EU's capacity to manufacture photovoltaic panels.

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Solar energy, in particular photovoltaics (PV), is currently the fastest growing renewable energy source in the EU. Last year, 56 GW of solar PV were installed in the EU, two thirds of it on rooftops, empowering consumers and protecting them from high electricity prices and reducing land use. The installations in 2022 and 2023 saved the ...

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These job opportunities can't be taken for granted. We urge the new EU leadership to improve regulatory conditions to add more solar, support EU solar manufacturers, and develop Europe's strategy around solar skills." The annual EU Solar Jobs Report has revised last year's projection that the EU would reach 1 million solar jobs by 2025 ...

The effective execution of the EU Rooftop Solar Standard within the directive could potentially provide solar energy for the equivalent of 56 million European homes. An initial assessment by SolarPower Europe indicates that the EPBD could catalyze the installation of 150 to 200 GW of rooftop solar in the coming years, harnessing the untapped ...

The European Union's Solar Rooftop Standard, part of the Energy Performance of Buildings Directive, could prompt the installation of 150-200 GW of rooftop photovoltaics, powering around 56 million European homes. The directive mandates new buildings to be solar-ready, aiming for widespread solar adoption.

So, if there is an outage for any reason, then your system will most likely stop generating power. When planning your investment in a solar system and hardware, consider whether you want it to be set up so it will operate independently if the power goes out. Speak with your solar installer about how to set it up for an outage scenario.

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