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EurObserv'ER consortium releases Solar Thermal Barometer

After four successive years of growth the European solar thermal market decreased by almost 7% in the year 2007

The European solar thermal market decreased in 2007 by 6.9% relative to the year 2006 after four successive years of growth. The highest growth has been realized between 2005 and 2006: 46% additional installations. Thus, the market passed below the mark of 3 million m² of collectors installed annually. In the year 2007, EurObserv'ER estimates an installed collector surface of 2.9 million m² (i.e. a capacity of 2038.5 MW_{th}). This includes flat plate collectors, vacuum collectors and unglazed collectors.

Topics in the newly released Barometer

Besides the 2007 realisations *per EU Member State* other subjects that are discussed in the Solar Thermal Barometer are:

- Renewable energy policies
- Selected country reviews
- Industry overview
- Projection to the year 2010



About the EurObserv'ER Barometer

The EurObserv'ER barometer regularly provides publications of indicators reflecting the current dynamics in renewable energies (solar, wind, hydropower, geothermal and biomass) worldwide and within the European Union. In the consortium name, 'ER' stands for renewable energy in French: *énergies renouvelables*. In the beginning of December the next EurObserv'ER Barometer is expected, focusing on solid biomass.

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