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## Solar Thermal Energy Barometer

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## ***EurObserv'ER releases new Barometer***

*Topic of the barometer: solar thermal energy*

The EurObserv'ER estimate for the annual 2009 figure for installed collector surface area in the European Union countries is approximately 4.17 million m<sup>2</sup> (equivalent to a thermal capacity of 2.9 GW<sub>th</sub>). (► Table 2 on pdf page 5) This represents a market decline of 10% compared to the year 2008.

The solar thermal collector surface area currently in service in the European Union is of the magnitude of 32.6 million m<sup>2</sup>, equivalent to a capacity of 22.8 GW<sub>th</sub>. The largest national collector bases are to be found in Germany, Austria and Greece. (► Table 3 on pdf page 13)

Cyprus keeps the lead in the per capita surface area indicator with 873.9 m<sup>2</sup> for 1000 inhabitants, ahead of Austria (517.1 m<sup>2</sup> for 1000 inhabitants) and Greece (360.5 m<sup>2</sup> for 1000 inhabitants). (► Table 4 on pdf page 14)

In 2009 European market was dominated by flat glazed collector technology, accounting for 86.6%, against 9.8% for vacuum tube collectors and 3.6% for unglazed collectors (► Graph 1 on pdf page 8)

Besides the 2009 realisations *per EU Member State* other subjects that are discussed in the new barometer are:

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

**Next release**, expected in July 2010: **biofuels barometer**

## About the EurObserv'ER Barometer

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