



Press Release

## 1 372 MW<sub>th</sub> of new solar thermal capacity installed in the EU-28

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### Key data for European Union (EU) Solar thermal / CSP sector in 2017

#### For solar thermal appliances

**1 960 666 m<sup>2</sup>:** Annual installed collector surface area in the EU-28 in 2017 (2 585 023 m<sup>2</sup> in 2016.)

**51 406 679 m<sup>2</sup>:** Cumulative installed collector surface area in the EU-28 in 2017 (+ 2.1% since 2016.)

#### For Concentrating Solar Power (CSP) plants

**2 314.3 MW:** Concentrating Solar Power (CSP) plants in operation in 2017

**438.4 MW:** CSP projects under development in the EU at the beginning of 2018

### Main findings of the EurObserv'ER Solar thermal and CSP Barometer 2018

#### Solar thermal appliances

The solar thermal market in the European Union contracted sharply by 24.2% in 2017 as the annual collector surface installed fell below 2.5 million m<sup>2</sup> levels as attained in 2016. Flat plate collectors still account for most of the installed surface area (91.9%), followed by vacuum tube collectors (6.4%) and unglazed collectors (1.7%). Many European countries are either finding it hard to stabilize or are trapped in a downward spiral due to political choices on imposing regulations for thermal heating. The European market's trend decline continued since 2009 and is now lower than 2003 levels (2.1 million m<sup>2</sup>). This is partly attributed to the decommissioning of old installations from the market surge twenty years ago.

#### Concentrated Solar Power (CSP)

European concentrated solar power capacity for producing electricity has been stable since 2013. This is the result of the market slowing down after the flurry of installations in Spain from 2007 to 2014. Several projects are expected to take place in 2018 primarily in France and Italy adding another 10 MW into the EU total CSP capacity.



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