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**solar thermal and concentrating solar power barometer**

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**EurObserv'ER barometer available on two technologies: solar thermal energy for hot domestic water heating and concentrating solar power (CSP) for electricity generation**

## **Key data for the year 2010:**

- Total EU solar thermal collectors at the end of 2010: 25 135.6 MW<sub>th</sub>
- The solar thermal collector surface area installed during 2010: 3 753 644 m<sup>2</sup>
- Total CSP plant electrical capacity in the EU at the end of 2010: 638.4 MW<sub>e</sub>

*For the second year running, new installations for hot water production and space heating (collectors) decreased. According to the EurObserv'ER survey the newly-assigned surface area was 3.8 million m<sup>2</sup> in 2010, down from 4.2 million m<sup>2</sup> in 2009 and 4.6 million m<sup>2</sup> in 2008.*

The European high-temperature solar sector for electricity production has been taking shape with 638.4 MW already installed. Added in the year 2010 was 406 MW<sub>e</sub> of which Spain accounts for almost all of this capacity. A further five EU countries, mostly Mediterranean, intend to develop the sector.

Besides the 2010 realisations *per EU Member State* other subjects that are discussed in the new barometer are:

- Selected country reviews
- Renewable energy policies
- Industry overview
- Comparison with National Renewable Energy Action Plans

## About the EurObserv'ER Barometer

The EurObserv'ER Barometer regularly publishes indicators reflecting the current dynamics in renewable energies (solar, wind, hydropower, geothermal and biomass, biogas, biofuels) worldwide and within the European Union. In 'The State of Renewable Energies in Europe' two additional technologies have been assessed: solar thermal electricity, small hydropower and ocean energy.

See also the EurObserv'ER policy files at [www.eurobserv-er.org/policy.asp](http://www.eurobserv-er.org/policy.asp) with renewable energy policies in all 27 EU Member States for all technologies

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