

India-Europe solar manufacturing cooperation

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What is SolarPower Europe?



We represent the **whole solar value chain**

320+ organisations



We work closely with **45+ national associations**

Raw materials	WACKER	GCL	TW SOLAR	STÄUBLI		
Modules, wafers & cells	Trinasolar	First Solar.	LONGI	MEYER BURGER	JASOLAR	
Building integrated PV	akuo	Autarq	Heliup	Roofit.solar	Kromatix	Enpal.
Inverters	SMA	HUAWEI	Fronius	SUNGROW	ENPHASE.	
BOS	SCHLETTER	JUWI	K2 systems	CLENERGY	solar edge	
Developers & EPCs	BayWa r.e.	Statkraft	ABO ENERGY	plenitude	IBC SOLAR	SUNOTEC
Storage	TESLA ENERGY	sonnen	IBESA International Alliance	BATTERY & ENERGY STORAGE	UNIVERS	CanadianSolar
IPP	lightsourcebp	bp	SMARTENERGY	ENCAVIS	sonnedix	AMARENCO
Utilities	enel	ENGIE	fortum	e-on	Iberdrola	
O&M, Asset Management	kiwa	greentech	Nomad Electric	above	t∞ SOLAR	
Digitalisation	Flexidao	VIRTO	RatedPower	3E	Delfos	
Research organisations	eurac research	Fraunhofer ISE	TNO innovation for life	JÜLICH FORSCHUNGSZENTRUM	EPRI	
National associations	BSW SOLAR	Solar Energy UK	UNEF	ELETTRICITÀ FUTURA	SWISSOLAR	Renewables Finland
Advisory	DNV	InfoLink CONSULTING	UL Solutions	CEA	DLA PIPER	TÜV Rheinland

About ISMI

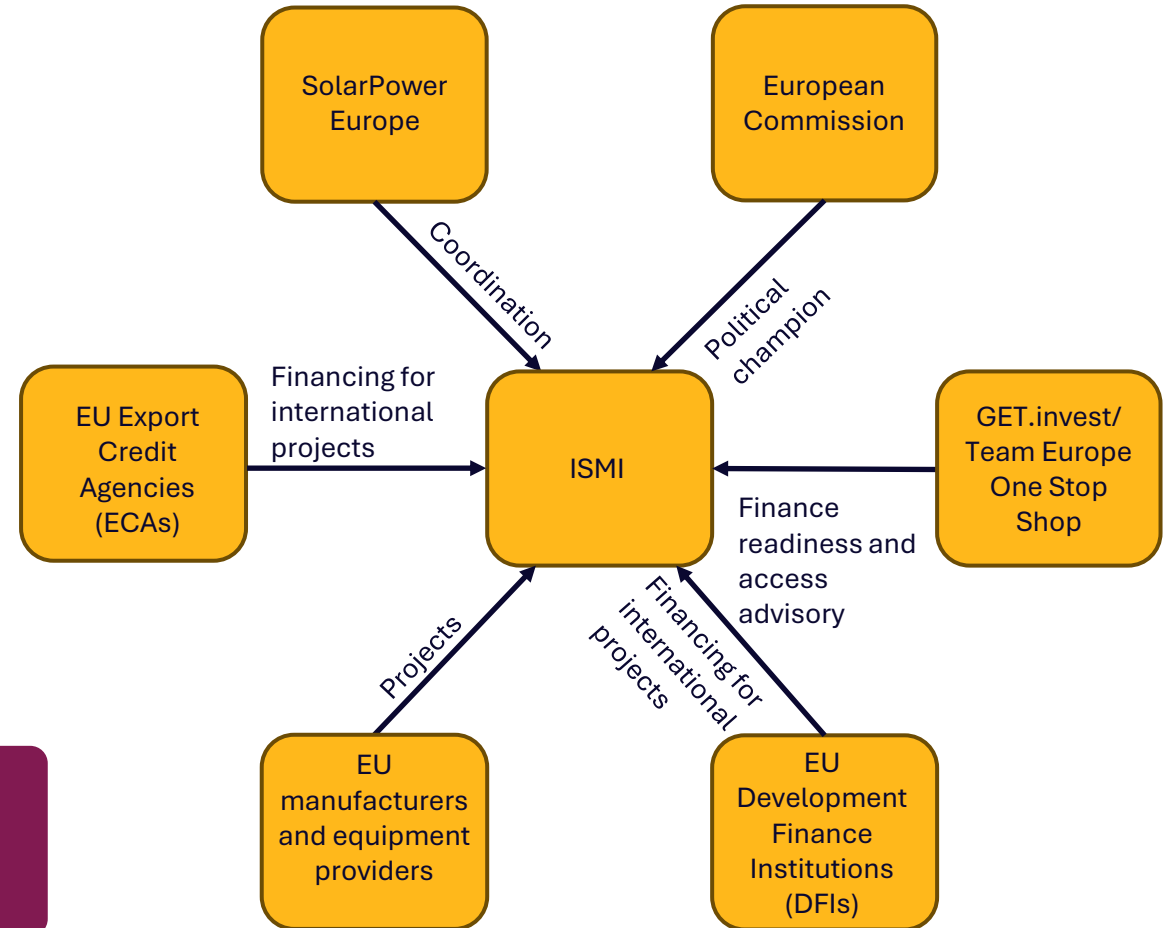
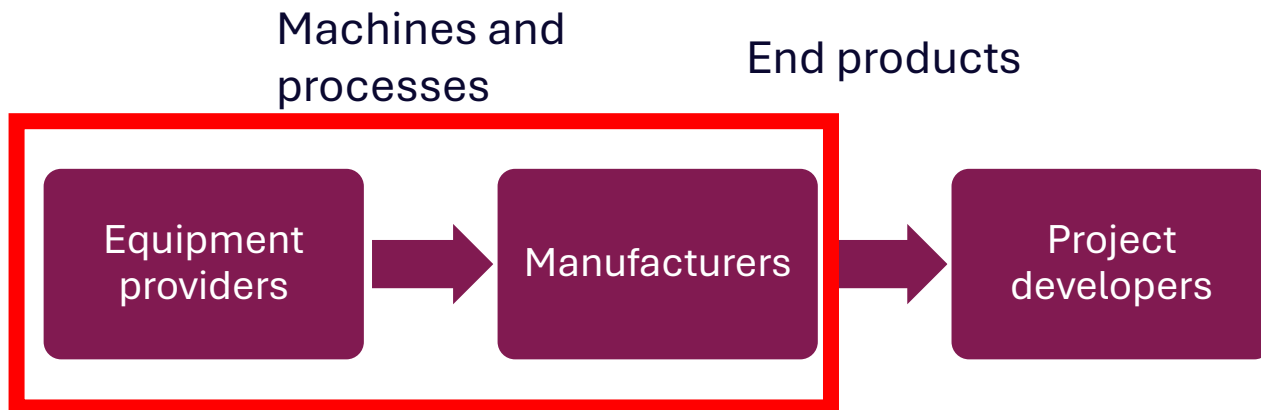
The International Solar Manufacturing Initiative (ISMI) helps European solar manufacturers and equipment providers maximise opportunities to do business internationally, with the support of EU initiatives such as the **Global Gateway**:

- Aim to mobilise up to €150 billion of investments in the climate & energy sectors alone
- Combining concessional finance, guarantees, and export finance to de-risk private sector investments
- A combined effort of all EU financial institutions and Member State development finance institutions (DFIs) and export credit agencies (ECAs)



Who does ISMI work for? How does it work?

ISMI focuses on finding business opportunities for equipment providers and manufacturers. The key difference between these two is that manufacturers make end products that are destined for project developers. These include, among others, components like modules, inverters, trackers, mounting systems, cables and connectors.



Resilience criteria in DFI mandates

NZIA resilience criteria

The EU Net Zero Industry Act (NZIA) establishes a threshold for resilient equipment in solar systems under public procurement, with at least 50% of eligible components coming from “outside the dominant source of supply”.

In DFI mandates

This could be applied in the context of EIB-financed projects internationally, where project promoters would receive a bonus, potentially in the form of better lending rates if they can demonstrate this type of resilience.

Cooperation between European and Indian companies

With resilience criteria applied, EU companies would be able to offer better payment terms, making technology more accessible to Indian manufacturers, supporting the further growth of solar manufacturing in India and opening up export opportunities globally.

Solar Production Equipment - Explained

- SolarPower Europe's **analysis of the market for solar production equipment in the EU** in each segment, featuring **Case Studies**.
- Conducted alongside ISMI to bring light to the Solar Production Equipment sector.



Solar Production Equipment

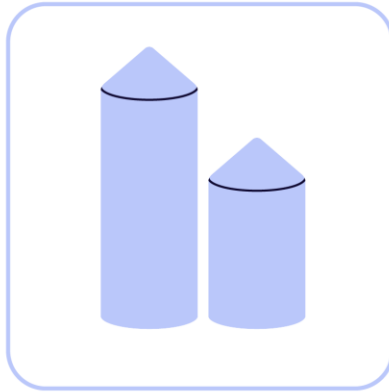
Key players in the EU's industrial ecosystem for solar PV

Solar Production Equipment along the value chain



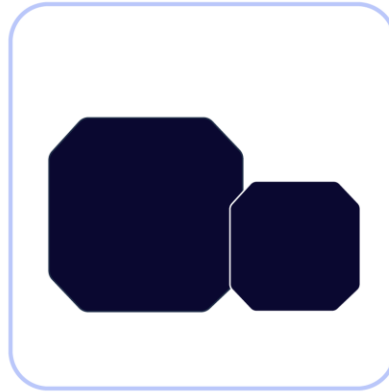
Polysilicon

- Siemens reactors
- Fluidised Bed Reactors (FBR)



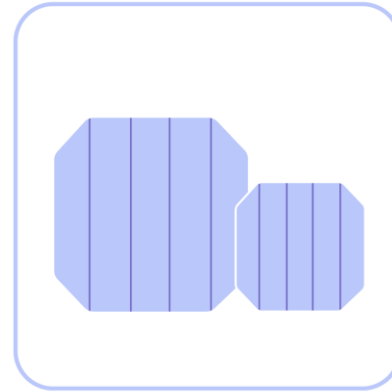
Ingot

- Cz ingot pullers
- Poly-Si cleaning & crushing equipment
- Cropping, squaring, grinding machines



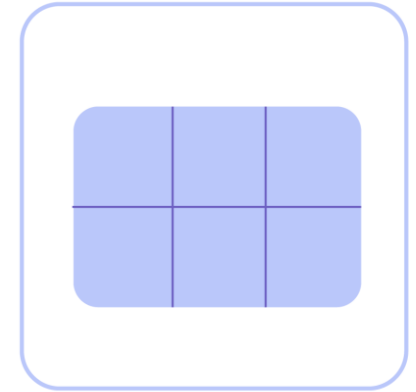
Wafer

- Diamond wire saws
- Separation and fine cleaning equipment
- Wafer inspection/testing equipment
- Sorting and packing systems



Cell

- Wet chemical tools (texture, etching, etc.)
- Thermal tools: diffusion and passivation (LPCVD, PECVD, PVD)
- Laser tools
- Screen printers and firing equipment
- Cell testing and sorting equipment



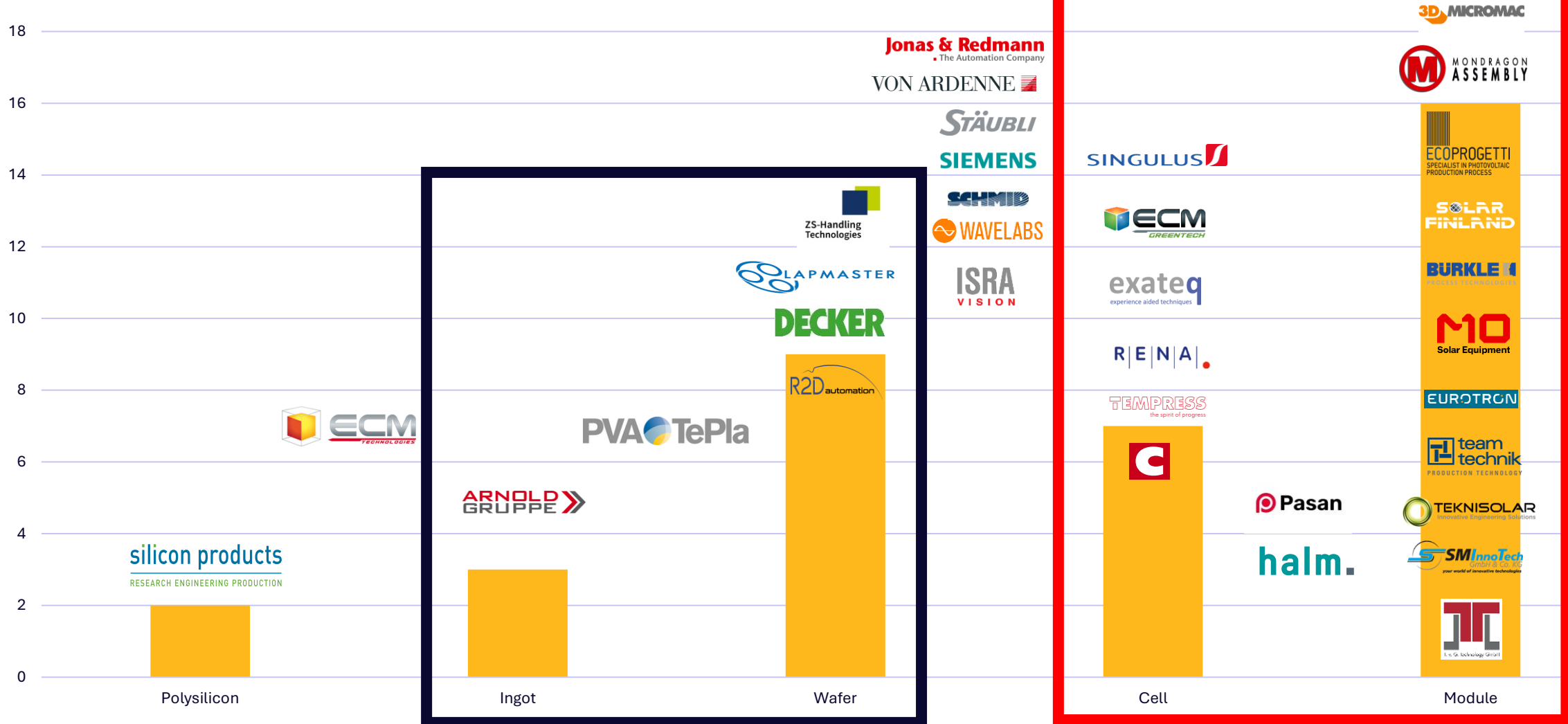
Module

- Laser cell cutters
- Stringers
- Laminators
- Testing equipment (IV measuring, inline quality control)

Smart fab/factory automation tools

Snapshot of production equipment capacities in Europe

Number of production equipment companies per value chain segment in Europe



Capacities exist, but these segments are less developed

Europe's technological strength lies here

EU-funded research projects at SolarPower Europe



Secretariat of the European Technology and Innovation Platform for PV, funded under Horizon Europe



SUPERNOVA is a Horizon Europe funded project, aiming to establish quality and a high-performance for solar PV projects.



Accelerating the market uptake of building- and infrastructure-integrated PV technology, funded under Horizon Europe



Development of technological solutions for reusing Silicon, recycling PV modules and designing new products, funded under Horizon Europe



Developing solutions for handling end-of-life solar PV panels in the EU; and optimising PV recycling techniques, funded under Horizon Europe



Helping companies comply with and understand the upcoming Ecodesign and Labelling regulation, through the development of guidance and tools, funded under LIFE



Accompanying successful Horizon projects in submitting Innovation Fund applications, funded under Horizon Europe

RESKILL4NETZERO

Create a Skills Strategy for specific high demand roles across renewable sectors, develop and test a VET training programme, and provide an EU recognised certification.



Support the implementation of the updated EPBD. In particular with a focus on maximising solar PV deployment in buildings by providing guidelines to Member States.

EU-India Cooperation on R&I

Solar innovation in the EU

- Perovskite solar cells (high efficiency, low manufacturing costs, flexibility and lightweight)
- Tandem PV modules (high efficiency, improved energy yield, versatile applications)
- Heterojunction cells (high efficiency, long lifespan, simplified production)
- Thin Silicon Wafers (reduced Si consumption, low manufacturing costs, higher Power-to-Weight ratio)

EU-India initiatives on R&I

- February 2023: establishment of **EU-India Trade and Technology Council** (Working Group on Green & clean energy technologies)
- EU-India Agreement on Science and Technology
- **EU-India Horizon Europe research projects** (hybrid energy storage, climate change, nature-based solutions, Sustainable Aviation Fuels (SAF), water scarcity, migration, health,...)
- Projects under Batt4EU Partnership

EU-India cooperation opportunities

- India is one of the largest and most dynamic solar markets, with a strong presence of European companies in the country.

European solar equipment providers can offer:

- Highly customisable equipment that can be integrated into modern production facilities;
- Higher machine yields and longer lifetimes
- Better after-sales service;



India excels at creating its own domestic solar manufacturing market:

- Supportive regulatory framework (PLI scheme);
- High domestic demand, Approved List of Models and Manufacturers (ALMM);
- Possibility to expand the export of panels globally

Joint initiatives to support industry cooperation:

- **India-EU Clean Energy and Climate Partnership (CECP)** designed to enhance EU-India collaboration on clean energy, clean-tech supply chains, and climate change.
- Ongoing negotiations for **EU-India Free Trade Agreement**.
- India-EU cooperation on solar **research & innovation**, such as under Horizon Europe

Thanks for listening



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