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**ETIP PV & SOLARUNITED to distribute a New White Paper on PV  
Quality at the 33<sup>rd</sup> EU PVSEC 2017 in Amsterdam**  
***“SUPPORTING THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE EUROPEAN PV INDUSTRY AND  
MARKETS THROUGH ENHANCED QUALITY”***

SOLARUNITED – The global Solar Business Technology Association as a partner of the European Technology and Innovation Platform for Photovoltaics (ETIP PV) and a member of ETIP PV Secretariat has prepared a white paper regarding the questions of quality, reliability and performance for the European PV Industry.

The PV sector has evolved extremely fast in the last decade and in 2016 crossed the 100 billion EUR turnover threshold. In a context of this fast market development, components are improving constantly, while operators are implementing more efficient processes and PV system prices are dropping dramatically.

Considering such a dynamic context, the question of the quality of the PV installations becomes central now that the industry faces reduced margins and global competition. The only way to achieve a sustainable development of PV technology in this environment must be to focus on quality products and procedures.

By focussing on quality at all levels the position of the European PV industry will be strengthened, resulting in new jobs and a long-term sustainable future for all interested parties.

The white paper will be presented at the 33rd European Photovoltaic Solar Energy Conference and Exhibition that will be taking place in Amsterdam, The Netherlands, from



25 September to 29 September 2017. The white paper is also available for download at [www.etip-pv.eu/publications/etip-pv-reports.html](http://www.etip-pv.eu/publications/etip-pv-reports.html).

SOLARUNITED and ETIP PV have started a new Working group on “PV Quality Assurance and Reliability”.

**Note to editors:**

The European Technology and Innovation Platform Photovoltaics (ETIP PV) is a continuation of the European PV Technology Platform (EU PVTP) and the Solar European Industry Initiative (SEII) in a single platform under the new SET Plan governance. The ETIP PV's mission is in line with the Energy Union and the SET Plan priorities with focus on “Renewable technologies at the heart of the new energy system” and Europe to become “number 1 in renewables”. ETIP PV gathers all the relevant stakeholders of the PV sector, with arrangements for cooperative discussions with member states (MS), associated countries (AC), and the Commission services. Its main role is to provide consensus-based strategic advice on all issues relevant to progressing research and innovation (R&I) efforts.

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