

## Solar Weekly Highlights

Welcome to the 05-11-2011 edition of Solar Weekly Highlights, presenting the most important developments in the global solar industry, ranging from significant industry trends, policies, research, and new technologies to markets and pricing.

This week Solar Weekly Highlights focuses on developments in solar policy in several nations, further reduced spot market prices for PV modules across the board, and EPIA's Outlook for PV, projecting 130 to 200 GW of PV systems to be installed by 2015.

## Important developments in solar policy



After much anticipation, Italy unveiled its new Conto Energia, with a cap for large arrays and feed-in tariff rates to be reduced on a monthly basis. [More](#)

The Australian government announced the phase-out of its solar credits system. [More](#)

And in the U.S. state of Colorado, a bill has passed the legislature to limit permitting costs imposed by local and state governments. [More](#)

## Average spot market price for PV modules price first time ever below 1 EUR / Wp

Price trends April 2011

Module type, origin	\$/Wp	Trend since 2011-03	Trend since 2011-01
Crystalline Germany	1.61	↔ 0.0 %	↓ - 5.8 %
Crystalline China	1.32	↓ - 3.6 %	↓ - 10.2 %
Crystalline Japan	1.54	↓ - 1.9 %	↓ - 5.5 %
Thin film CdSi/CdTe	1.09	↓ - 6.0 %	↓ - 12.8 %
Thin film a-Si	0.94	↓ - 6.9 %	↓ - 12.9 %
Thin film a-Si/μ-Si	1.19	↓ - 3.3 %	↓ - 5.6 %

For the very first time the average price of PV panels on the spot market across the board decreased to less than 1 EUR / Wp.

The prices are reduced across the board. Only the German manufacturers moved against the trend in March 2011 and did not further reduce.

With falling prices and large stocks of Chinese PV products especially the manufacturers of thin-film modules will have to adapt their prices.

Solar Server's up to date PV price index and Previous price developments and long term Trends are available [here](#)

If the subsidies in Europe are focused more on small roof-mounted systems in future, the competition will move to the disadvantage of the thin-film manufacturers, unless other markets will arise. [More](#)

## [Solar Industry Summit - UK 2011](#): Policy, markets, finance, quality, sales & marketing, technology

The Solar Industry Summit – UK 2011 will bring together international solar energy players from the UK and other parts of Europe, from across the industry sector: representatives from the political and financial worlds, manufacturers, installers and the press.



While ongoing policy is a key feature, this leading industry conference offers presentations and discussion on a much wider range of issues facing the PV and the solar thermal sectors today, such as technology developments, project planning, equipment and installer certification, quality issues, finance and marketing.

More than 50 experts present first-hand market information and about 250 participants are expected. Date: 12-13 May 2011; Venue: Grand Connaught Rooms, London (Holborn); Registration: 695/795 € + VAT on [www.solarpraxis.de/en/conferences/registration/](http://www.solarpraxis.de/en/conferences/registration/); Contact: Severine Scala, Solarpraxis, [severine.scala@solarpraxis.de](mailto:severine.scala@solarpraxis.de)



On may 6<sup>th</sup>, 2011, the European Photovoltaic Industry Association released its Global Market Outlook for PV until 2015. EPIA projects that between 130 to 200 GW of PV systems could be installed by 2015.

Adequate support policies that have been driving the markets so far, such as the Feed-in Tariffs, must continue and should ever be brought in tune with the declining cost curve of PV. [More](#)

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