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Newly Elected ETIP PV Chairs

MUNICH, Germany (Wednesday 23 October 2024): On Monday, an ETIP PV Steering Committee meeting took place online and in Munich to elect the new chairs for the term 2024 – 2026. The Steering Committee elected a new Chair, as well as two Vice-Chairs. On Tuesday, the members gathered to visit the Wacker Chemie factory in Burghausen.



Rutger Schlatmann, head of the division Solar Energy at the Helmholtz-Zentrum Berlin fuer Materialien und Energie (HZB), and professor at HTW Berlin, was re-elected as the ETIP PV Chair. He is supported by David Moser, the Head of the Research Group Photovoltaic Energy Systems at the Institute for Renewable Energy (Eurac Research), as well as Nora Adam, R&D Ecological Engineer at BayWa r.e.Solar Projects GmbH, elected as the Vice-Chairpersons of the ETIP PV Steering Committee.

Rutger Schlatmann, re-elected as ETIP PV Chair, expressed his optimism for the Platform: "I am honoured by the continued trust that the ETIP PV Steering Committee has expressed by my re-election. First and foremost, on the ETIP PV agenda for the coming years will be the planned Co-Programmed European Partnership (CEP) for Photovoltaics. This presents an excellent opportunity for our sector and for PV in general, with its still vast and untapped innovation potential. A second crucial ETIP PV task is to support the PV sector and the European Commission, in reshoring a







significant part of the PV value chain to Europe, especially on the 'upstream' side. Now more than ever, we need a vigorously growing, resilient European PV market, served by a strong European PV industry".

As stated by Schlatmann, ETIP PV is currently preparing for the establishment of the Co-Programmed Partnership with the European Commission to guide research and innovation (R&I) funding for the 2025-2027 period.

Moser continues by emphasising "In the next term we will have to shape an ETIP-PV that is be ready to face future challenges, to answer to the rapid changes in the research, development and innovation needs of industry, research, and academia: the PV EU R&D&I landscape needs a strong and efficient ETIP-PV. This is of fundamental importance with the recent development towards the co-programmed partnership for PV, where the role of the ETIP-PV will be key."

Nora Adam, newly elected Vice Chair of ETIP PV comments: "My vision is to enable PV whenever possible to go beyond delivering the classical single yield "green energy". Rather, I want to harness PV's ability to deliver more ecological and social benefits while remaining economically competitive. I thus want to take up this chance to contribute to the development of PV in Europe".

On Tuesday October 22nd, the Steering Committee members had the opportunity to visit Wacker Chemie factory, the leading manufacturer of polysilicon and a pioneer in silicones in Burghausen located 130 km from Munich.



Note to editors: About European Technology and Innovation Platform for Photovoltaics (ETIP PV)

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