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## **PV MED: First Photovoltaic Mediterranean Conference**

- ***PV MED: First Mediterranean gathering to ensure solar electricity take-off***

Brussels, 26.08.2005 / The Italian Ministry for the Environment and Territory and EPIA are organising PV MED: the First Photovoltaic Mediterranean Conference, "The gate to the Mediterranean Area" on 5 and 6 October 2005 in Catania, Sicily (Italy).

The potential to develop solar electricity in the Mediterranean Area is very high, the climatic conditions and the lack of access to clean energy in some countries offer ideal conditions to favour photovoltaic applications' spread. The European photovoltaic industry thanks to a long experience, its proximity to the Mediterranean market and high-quality products can answer to the needs in photovoltaic application in this area.

### **Political framework and concrete answers**

Speakers from all over the Mediterranean Area and Europe are expected to present and discuss the conditions for the Photovoltaic development in the region. Specific parallel sessions will debate in round tables the appropriate framework such as financing mechanisms, cooperation programmes and regulation needed to develop both the southern and northern markets of the region; experiences and solutions for rural applications such as mini grids, solar home systems and hybrid systems; new photovoltaic technologies and research (storage; concentrators; thin Film; Large scale power plants; hybrid systems) adapted to the area.

### **Meet the right people, at the right place, at the right moment**

Several hundreds of participants are expected to attend. Among them are decision-makers for energy and environment matters from Southern and Northern Mediterranean Countries; European Photovoltaic manufacturers and distributors; Local players such as developers, distributors and installers; National Energy agencies and associations.

**PV Med** organised in the frame of the Barcelona process is supported by the Italian Ministry for the Environment and Territory. For all organisational information, registration, programme go to the dedicated website: [www.pvmed.org](http://www.pvmed.org).

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