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PVTRIN Training and Certification of PV installers in Europe

Raising standards and promoting confidence

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The PVTRIN Scope

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Development of training and certification scheme for technicians active in the installation and maintenance of small scale PV systems

Aim:

To set the base for the adoption of a mutually acknowledged certification scheme in EU

Duration: **May 2010 – April 2013**

Countries of implementation: **Greece, Bulgaria, Croatia, Cyprus, Romania, Spain**

Project Coordination: **Technical University of Crete, Greece**

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Background

- **RES applications require highly-qualified installers to ensure a good functioning of systems**
- **In general, markets are growing faster than the qualified PV installers force**
- **Developers/ Designers/Potential investors seek for skills' certification and quality assurance in a PV project (design, installation, and maintenance) to ensure higher performance**
- **Lack of accredited training and certification schemes for PV installers in most EU countries**
- **EU policy forcing for acknowledged qualifications and certification schemes**

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PVTRIN supports EU policy and targets

PVTRIN addresses to the 2009/28/EC Directive, incorporating the criteria set for qualification schemes, certified training courses and accredited training providers in each MS

***"*Member States shall ensure that certification schemes or equivalent qualification schemes become or are available by 31 December 2012 for installers of small-scale biomass boilers and stoves, solar photovoltaic and solar thermal systems, shallow geothermal systems and heat pumps. Each Member State shall recognise certification awarded by other Member States in accordance with those criteria".*

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PV TRIN success stories

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- Created **a new professional framework** in most of the countries participated
- Has very **high added value** especially for countries with no PV certification scheme
- Generated **new training material** (trainers, trainees, e-platform etc) with **specifications** defined by the PV market stakeholders
- Common guidelines integrated according to the **national conditions** created the new certification schemes; impact in the national policies

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Benefits for the installers, the PV industry and the society 1/2

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- Creating a qualified installers workforce, PVTRIN supports the **EU PV Industry** for skilled technicians. The increased confidence of PV investors will lead to market growth.
- The **trained installers** gain professional competitive advantage, improving their technical skills and knowledge; the certification provides a "passport" to the EU job market. The training material, tools and web platform will provide them a "24/7" technical assistance.

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Benefits for the installers, the PV industry and the society 2/2

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- **Developers and engineers** will profit by skilled installers. Involving them in their PV projects means efficient installations, less technical failures and satisfied customers
- **PV investors** win confidence that the appropriate level of quality and performance is met and maintained for their PV system
- **National authorities** will find a supporting instrument to meet their obligations for acknowledged certifications for RES installers
- **The entire society** is to benefit; the higher PV penetration to the energy mix will reduce the greenhouse gas emissions improving citizens' quality of life.

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BUILDING RESEARCH ESTABLISHMENT LTD	UK
ENERGY INSTITUTE HRVOJE POŽAR	CROATIA
EUROPEAN PHOTOVOLTAIC INDUSTRY ASSOCIATION	EU / BELGIUM
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TECHNICAL CHAMBER OF GREECE - WESTERN CRETE	GREECE

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