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### Definitions, Symbols and Abbreviations

For the purposes of this and all IEA PVPS National Survey Reports, the following definitions apply:

<u>PV power system market</u>: The market for all nationally installed (terrestrial) PV applications with a PV power capacity of 40 W or more.

<u>Installed PV power</u>: Power delivered by a PV module or a PV array under standard test conditions (STC) – irradiance of 1 000  $W/m^2$ , cell junction temperature of 25°C, AM 1,5 solar spectrum – (also see 'Rated power').

<u>Rated power</u>: Amount of power produced by a PV module or array under STC, written as W.

<u>PV system</u>: Set of interconnected elements such as PV modules, inverters that convert d.c. current of the modules into a.c. current, storage batteries and all installation and control components with a PV power capacity of 40 W or more.

<u>Module manufacturer</u>: An organisation carrying out the encapsulation in the process of the production of PV modules.

<u>Off-grid domestic PV power system</u>: System installed to provide power mainly to a household or village not connected to the (main) utility grid(s). Often a means to store electricity is used (most commonly lead-acid batteries). Also referred to as 'stand-alone PV power system'. Can also provide power to domestic and community users (plus some other applications) via a 'mini-grid', often as a hybrid with another source of power.

<u>Off-grid non-domestic PV power system</u>: System used for a variety of industrial and agricultural applications such as water pumping, remote communications, telecommunication relays, safety and protection devices, etc. that are not connected to the utility grid. Usually a means to store electricity is used. Also referred to as 'stand-alone PV power system'.

<u>Grid-connected distributed PV power system</u>: System installed to provide power to a gridconnected customer or directly to the electricity grid (specifically where that part of the electricity grid is configured to supply power to a number of customers rather than to provide a bulk transport function). Such systems may be on or integrated into the customer's premises often on the demand side of the electricity meter, on public and commercial buildings, or simply in the built environment on motorway sound barriers etc. They may be specifically designed for support of the utility distribution grid. Size is not a determining feature – while a 1 MW PV system on a rooftop may be large by PV standards, this is not the case for other forms of distributed generation.

<u>Grid-connected centralized PV power system</u>: Power production system performing the function of a centralized power station. The power supplied by such a system is not associated with a particular electricity customer, and the system is not located to specifically perform functions on the electricity grid other than the supply of bulk power. Typically ground mounted and functioning independently of any nearby development.

<u>Turnkey price</u>: Price of an installed PV system excluding VAT/TVA/sales taxes, operation and maintenance costs but including installation costs. For an off-grid PV system, the prices associated with storage battery maintenance/replacement are excluded. If additional costs are incurred for reasons not directly related to the PV system, these should be excluded. (E.g. If extra costs are incurred fitting PV modules to a factory roof because special precautions are required to avoid disrupting production, these extra costs should not be included. Equally the additional transport costs of installing a telecommunication systems in a remote area are excluded).

<u>Field Test Programme</u>: A programme to test the performance of PV systems/components in real conditions.

<u>Demonstration Programme</u>: A programme to demonstrate the operation of PV systems and their application to potential users/owners.

<u>Market deployment initiative</u>: Initiatives to encourage the market deployment of PV through the use of market instruments such as green pricing, rate based incentives etc. These may be implemented by government, the finance industry, utilities etc.

<u>Final annual yield:</u> Total PV energy delivered to the load during the year per kW of power installed.

<u>Performance ratio</u>: Ratio of the final annual (monthly, daily) yield to the reference annual (monthly, daily) yield, where the reference annual (monthly, daily) yield is the theoretical annual (monthly, daily) available energy per kW of installed PV power.

<u>Currency</u>: The currency unit used throughout this report is €

| Enhanced feed-in<br>tariff               | an explicit monetary reward is provided for producing PV<br>electricity; paid (usually by the electricity utility) at a rate per<br>kWh somewhat higher than the retail electricity rates being paid<br>by the customer  |  |  |  |  |  |
|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|
| Capital subsidies                        | direct financial subsidies aimed at tackling the up-front cost<br>barrier, either for specific equipment or total installed PV<br>system cost  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Green electricity<br>schemes             | allows customers to purchase green electricity based on<br>renewable energy from the electricity utility, usually at a<br>premium price  |  |  |  |  |  |
| PV-specific green<br>electricity schemes | allows customers to purchase green electricity based on PV electricity from the electricity utility, usually at a premium price  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Renewable portfolio<br>standards (RPS)   | a mandated requirement that the electricity utility (often the<br>electricity retailer) source a portion of their electricity supplies<br>from renewable energies (usually characterized by a broad,<br>least-cost approach favouring hydro, wind and biomass) |  |  |  |  |  |
| PV requirement in RPS                    | a mandated requirement that a portion of the RPS be met by<br>PV electricity supplies (often called a set-aside)   |  |  |  |  |  |

#### <u>PV support measures</u>:

| Investment funds for<br>PV        | share offerings in private PV investment funds plus other<br>schemes that focus on wealth creation and business success<br>using PV as a vehicle to achieve these ends  |  |  |  |  |  |
|-----------------------------------|---|--|--|--|--|--|
| Income tax credits                | allows some or all expenses associated with PV installation to<br>be deducted from taxable income streams   |  |  |  |  |  |
| Net metering                      | in effect the system owner receives retail value for any excess<br>electricity fed into the grid, as recorded by a bi-directional<br>electricity meter and netted over the billing period   |  |  |  |  |  |
| Net billing                       | the electricity taken from the grid and the electricity fed into the grid are tracked separately, and the electricity fed into the grid is valued at a given price  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Commercial bank activities        | includes activities such as preferential home mortgage terms for<br>houses including PV systems and preferential green loans for<br>the installation of PV systems  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Electricity utility activities    | includes 'green power' schemes allowing customers to purchase<br>green electricity, large-scale utility PV plants, various PV<br>ownership and financing options with select customers and PV<br>electricity power purchase models  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Sustainable building requirements | includes requirements on new building developments (residential<br>and commercial) and also in some cases on properties for sale,<br>where the PV may be included as one option for reducing the<br>building's energy foot print or may be specifically mandated as an<br>inclusion in the building development |  |  |  |  |  |

### Foreword

The International Energy Agency (IEA), founded in November 1974, is an autonomous body within the framework of the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) which carries out a comprehensive programme of energy co-operation among its 23 member countries. The European Commission also participates in the work of the Agency.

The IEA Photovoltaic Power Systems Programme (IEA-PVPS) is one of the collaborative R & D agreements established within the IEA and, since 1993, its participants have been conducting a variety of joint projects in the applications of photovoltaic conversion of solar energy into electricity.

The 21 participating countries are Australia (AUS), Austria (AUT), Canada (CAN), Denmark (DNK), France (FRA), Germany (DEU), Israel (ISR), Italy (ITA), Japan (JPN), Korea (KOR), Malaysia, Mexico (MEX), the Netherlands (NLD), Norway (NOR), Portugal (PRT), Spain (ESP), Sweden (SWE), Switzerland (CHE), Turkey, the United Kingdom (GBR) and the United States of America (USA). The European Commission and the European Photovoltaic Industry Association are also members.

The overall programme is headed by an Executive Committee composed of one representative from each participating country, while the management of individual Tasks (research projects / activity areas) is the responsibility of Operating Agents. Information about the active and completed tasks can be found on the IEA-PVPS website <u>www.iea-pvps.org</u>

This report is related to the status and trends of PV power applications in Italy in 2008 and is intended for the use of IEA Photovoltaic Power System Programme experts. It has been prepared by:

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> The previous company's name, CESI RICERCA S.p.A., has been changed into "ENEA - Ricerca sul Sistema Elettrico S.p.A. (in brief ERSE S.p.A.) on 29 April 2009.

### Introduction

The objective of Task 1 of the IEA Photovoltaic Power Systems Programme is to facilitate the exchange and dissemination of information on the technical, economic, environmental and social aspects of photovoltaic power systems. An important deliverable of Task 1 is the annual Trends in photovoltaic applications report. In parallel, National Survey Reports are produced annually by each Task 1 participant. This document is the Italian National Survey Report for the year 2008. Information from this document will be used as input to the annual Trends in photovoltaic applications report.

The PVPS website <u>www.iea-pvps.org</u> also plays an important role in disseminating information arising from the programme, including national information.

### 1 EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The programme "Conto energia" promoting Programme is eventually ensuring a stable situation, providing the basis for the expansion of PV market in Italy. In this contest, during 2009 photovoltaic is becoming more and more important as proofed by the following numbers and trends.

#### 1.1 Installed PV power

PV power installed in Italy during 2009 sums to about **723 MWp** and then the cumulative installed and operating power has reached **1 181 MWp**, with an increase around 160 % as respect to the previous year.

### 1.2 Costs & prices

The average system price decreased reaching a lower value of  $3 \in W$  for large free standing applications while in the case of small rooftop the prices have recoded a wide spread ranging from  $4 \notin W$  to  $5 \notin W$ . The average module prices has reached during this year the lowest values of  $1.6 \notin W$  for large volume orders while for small orders prices typically range from  $2 \notin W$  to  $3 \notin W$ .

### 1.3 PV production

The growth of the national PV industry has not been adequate to the installed capacity. By the end of 2009, the production of photovoltaic modules, both single and multi crystal technologies, amounted in fact to only 163 MW while the cells are mainly imported and only about 60 MW have been produced in Italy. The situation is better in the case of inverter, indeed about 50% of the installed apparatus are produced in Italy.

### 1.4 Budgets for PV

Public and private budget for research and demonstration initiatives remain flat with respect to the previous years and very small with respect to the budget of about 292 M€ allocated for promoting tariffs during 2009.

## 2 THE IMPLEMENTATION OF PV SYSTEMS

The PV power system market is defined as the market of all nationally installed (terrestrial) PV applications with a PV capacity of 40 W or more. A PV system consists of modules, inverters, batteries and all installation and control components for modules, inverters and batteries.

For the purposes of this report, PV installations are included in the 2009 statistics if the PV modules were installed between 1 January and 31 December 2009, although commissioning may have taken place at a later date.

## 2.1 Applications for photovoltaics

In Italy four sectors of PV power system applications are identified:

- <u>Off-grid domestic systems</u>: the total power is decreasing reaching about **5,0 MWp** because the plants installed in the early eighties are going to be dismounted;
- <u>Off-grid non-domestic applications</u>: slowly, but constantly increasing roughly reach **8,0 MWp**;
- <u>On-grid centralized systems (<sup>2</sup>)</u>: this sector is allowed to benefit feed-in tariffs; at the end of 2009 an amount of **511,5 MWp** has been counted for this application;
- <u>On-grid distributed systems</u>: growing up to **656,8 MWp** as cumulative installed power; this sector is still dominating with a share of about 56% Italy's cumulative installed power.

## 2.2 Total photovoltaic power installed

The PV power installed in the 4 sub-markets/applications during 2009 is reported in Table 1.

Data of grid connected PV plants have been obtained by means of the database of the Manager of Electric Services (GSE), which manages the feed-in Programme.

Moreover, the following data have been collected by authors among Italian PV operators through direct interviews:

- 1. Module and cell production data (obtained from the industrial operators).
- 2. Prices of PV systems and components (declared by the installer of the plant after plant construction)
- 3. The quantity of imported modules and inverter installed in 2009 (obtained from the industrial operators).

The accuracy of these data is rather high. Uncertainty is around 20% (and not less than 100 kW), associated to the real quantity of installed *off-grid* PV plants, whose installation often is arranged directly by the user.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> In this sector, PV plants with power not greater than 200 kWp are taken into account.

| Sub-market/                        | off-grid | off-grid non- | grid-connected | grid-connected | Total   |
|------------------------------------|----------|---------------|----------------|----------------|---------|
| application                        | domestic | domestic      | distributed    | centralized    |         |
| PV power installed<br>in 2009 (kW) | -400     | 100           | 361 800        | 361 500        | 723 000 |

| Table 1: PV power installed during calendar year 2009 in 4 sub-markets |
|--|
|--|

A summary of the cumulative installed PV Power, from 1992-2009, broken down into four sub-markets is shown in Table 2.

| Sub-market/<br>application | 92    | 93     | 94     | 95     | 96     | 97     | 98     | 99     | 00     | 01     | 02     | 03     | 04     | 05     | 06     | 07      | 08      | 09        |
|----------------------------|-------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|---------|---------|-----------|
| off-grid<br>domestic       | 3 950 | 4 350  | 4 700  | 4 830  | 4 962  | 5 052  | 5 210  | 5 220  | 5 240  | 5 300  | 5 300  | 5 300  | 5 300  | 5 300  | 5 300  | 5 400   | 5 400   | 5 000     |
| off-grid<br>non-domestic   | 3 750 | 4 150  | 4 650  | 4 780  | 4 792  | 4 814  | 5 100  | 5 640  | 5 890  | 6 350  | 6 365  | 6 400  | 6 700  | 7 000  | 7 500  | 7 700   | 7 900   | 8 000     |
| on-grid<br>distributed     | 100   | 100    | 150    | 335    | 404    | 677    | 780    | 905    | 1 155  | 1 635  | 3 620  | 7 600  | 12 000 | 18 500 | 30 500 | 83 900  | 295 000 | 656 800   |
| on-grid<br>centralised     | 680   | 3 480  | 4 590  | 5 850  | 5 850  | 6 166  | 6 590  | 6 715  | 6 715  | 6 715  | 6 715  | 6 700  | 6 700  | 6 700  | 6 700  | 23 200  | 150 000 | 511 500   |
| TOTAL                      | 8 480 | 12 080 | 14 090 | 15 795 | 16 008 | 16 709 | 17 680 | 18 480 | 19 000 | 20 000 | 22 000 | 26 000 | 30 700 | 37 500 | 50 000 | 120 200 | 458 300 | 1 181 300 |

 Table 2: The cumulative installed PV power (kWp) in 4 sub-markets. (as at 31 December)

# 2.3 PV implementation highlights, major projects, demonstration and field test programmes

The national market stimulation initiative in operation during the year 2009 is the "conto energia" Programme.

The first phase, called "primo conto energia", has been defined through two governmental decrees issued in 2005 and in 2006 and has been completed toward the end of 2009 with 5 733 PV plant's installations (corresponding to about 165 MWp).

The second phase, called "nuovo conto energia", has been defined through a governmental decree issued in February 2007 and resulted in setting in operation, including the "primo conto energia", 71 284 (+123%) plants, corresponding to about 1 142 MW (+165%). The incentivated limit of 1 200 MW, supported in this phase, is expected to be reached within July 2010.

## 2.4 Highlights of R&D

Research, development and demonstration activities on photovoltaic devices and systems are mainly conducted by ENEA (the Italian Agency for New Technology, Energy and the Environment) and ERSE Spa (already CESI RICERCA, a research company owned by ENEA and CESI, the Institute for Research and Certification of Electric Components and Systems). Additional contributions have been supplied by some Universities, CNR (the National Council for Scientific Research) and few private Laboratories.

ENEA is the main PV Research organization operating in Italy. Its most significant fields of interest regard: crystalline silicon, Cu<sub>2</sub>O solar cells, microcrystalline Si devices, micromorph tandem solar cell as well as concentrators technologies.

ERSE is carrying out activities in research and development on high efficiency single and triple junction solar cells (InGaP/InGaAs/Ge) for terrestrial and concentrator applications, in the frame of Italian electric system research programme RdS (Ricerca di Sistema) and in the European project "APOLLON".

Furthermore, ERSE is involved in components' characterization and performance evaluation of PV innovative systems, as well as in research and demonstration activities for electrification of remote communities, again in the frame of the RdS programme.

# 2.5 Public budgets for market stimulation, demonstration / field test programmes and R&D

The figures for the year 2009 on budgets from the public authorities for R&D, demonstration/field test programmes and market incentives (public subsidies, fiscal incentives) on the national/federal level, and on the state/regional level are given in Table 3

# Table 3: Public budgets for R&D, demonstration/field test programmes and market incentives.

|                  | R & D | Demo/Field<br>test | Market<br>incentives |
|------------------|-------|--------------------|----------------------|
| National/federal | 5 M€  | 0,2 M€             | 292 M€               |
| State/regional   |       |                    |                      |
| Total            |       | 297,2 M€           |                      |

## 3 INDUSTRY AND GROWTH

### 3.1 Production of feedstocks, ingots and wafers

During the year 2009 no production of ingots or wafers has been performed in Italy.

| Table 4: | Production                                   | and | production | capacity | information | for | the | year | for |
|----------|--|-----|------------|----------|-------------|-----|-----|------|-----|
|          | silicon feedstock, ingot and wafer producers |     |            |          |             |     |     |      |     |

| Manufacturers | Process &<br>technology | Total<br>Production | Maximum<br>production capacity | Product destination | Price |
|---------------|-------------------------|---------------------|--------------------------------|---------------------|-------|
|               | Silicon feedstock       | tonnes              | tonnes/year                    |                     |       |
|               | sc-Si ingots.           | tonnes              | tonnes/year                    |                     |       |
|               | mc-Si ingots            | tonnes              | tonnes/year                    |                     |       |
|               | sc-Si wafers            | MW                  | MW/year                        |                     |       |
|               | mc-Si wafers            | MW                  | MW/year                        |                     |       |

## 3.2 Production of photovoltaic cells and modules

In the year 2009, four producers of cells have been active in Italy: the two historical producers of cells and modules, Enipower (ENI group) and Helios Technology (Kerself group), and an emerging manufacturer, Xgroup. Another one (Omniasolar) produces only cells.

In total, the cells production in Italy sums to about 66 MW.

Further companies assembling and encapsulating standard or tailor-made and especially designed modules can be found in Italy. During 2009, the module production of such companies sums to about 163 MW with a capacity of 468 MWp.

About 15,5 % of the modules installed in 2009 (722 MW) have been produced in Italy (112 MW). The other 51 MW have been exported while have been imported about 610 MW.

Information on PV cell and module manufactures production and on production capacity is summarised in Table 5 below.

| Cell/Module<br>manufacturer | <b>Technology</b><br>(sc-Si, mc-Si, | Total Prod  | uction (MW)     |      | production<br>(MW/yr) |
|-----------------------------|-------------------------------------|-------------|-----------------|------|-----------------------|
|                             | a-Si, CdTe)                         | Cell        | Module          | Cell | Module                |
|                             |                                     | Wafer-based | PV manufactures |      |                       |
| Solon Spa (S.E.<br>Project) | sc-Si, mc-Si                        |             | 34              |      | 110                   |
| Helios<br>technology        | sc-Si, mc-Si                        | 40          | 11.8            | 60   | 55                    |
| Solarday                    | mc-Si                               |             | 40              |      | 60                    |
| Enipower                    | sc-Si, mc-Si                        | 1.7         | 14              | 10   | 14                    |
| Xgroup                      | sc-Si, mc-Si                        | 22.6        | 9.5             | 90   | 25                    |
| Sorgenia Solar              | sc-Si, mc-Si                        |             | 7               |      | 10                    |
| Renergies Italia            | sc-Si, mc-Si                        |             | 10.6            |      | 30                    |
| Elettrosun                  | sc-Si, mc-Si                        |             | n.a.            |      | 3                     |
| Azimut                      | sc-Si, mc-Si                        |             | 2               |      | 5                     |
| DG Energy                   | mc-Si                               |             | 6               |      | 10                    |
| Ancora                      | sc-Si, mc-Si                        |             | 0.3             |      | 2                     |
| Brandoni Solare             | mc-Si                               |             | 8               |      | 20                    |
| Solsonica                   | mc-Si                               | n.a.        | n.a.            | 30   | 60                    |
| Omniasolar                  | sc-Si, mc-Si                        | 1.8         |                 | 10   |                       |
| Eo Solare                   | sc-Si                               |             | 3               |      | 6                     |
| Sunerg Solar                | sc-Si, mc-Si                        |             | 2               |      | 5                     |
| AV project                  | mc-Si                               |             | 2.5             |      | 10                    |
| Total                       |                                     | 66.1        | 163.5           | 200  | 478                   |
|                             |                                     | Thin film   | manufacturers   |      |                       |
|                             |                                     |             |                 |      |                       |
|                             |                                     | Cells for d | concentration   |      |                       |
|                             |                                     |             |                 |      |                       |
| TOTALS                      |                                     | 66.1        | 163.5           | 200  | 478                   |

# Table 5: Production and production capacity information for 2008 for each manufacturer

- a) The manufacturers, that produce only modules, purchase cells on the international market. As a consequence a total of 115 MW of cells have been imported. The other manufacturers that produce cells and modules from wafer have imported 28,4 MW of wafers.
- b) Taking into account that only 14% of the installed module have been produced by Italian manufactures (corresponding to about 47,3 MW), the other 96,7 MW (144 – 47,3) of modules produced in Italy have been exported from the country.

## 3.3 Module prices

In Table 6 are shown the typical module prices (excluding VAT/TVA/sales tax) and the best prices achieved. In particular, the typical prices derive from an average on about 10 000 plants (both small and large) while the best price are the lowest ones and regard import products (for Crystalline silicon modules from China and for thin film modules).

| Year                                 | 1993 | 2000 | 2003 | 2005 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009       |
|--------------------------------------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------------|
| Standard module price(s):<br>Typical | 4,65 | 4,13 | 3,5  | 3,6  | 3,4  | 3,8  | 3,3  | 2.2<br>(*) |
| Best price                           |      |      | 3,1  | 3,2  | 3,2  | 3    | 2,2  | 1.6        |
| PV module price for concentration    |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |            |

| Table 6: Typical module | prices for a | a number of years |
|-------------------------|--------------|-------------------|
|-------------------------|--------------|-------------------|

(\*) Crystalline silicon modules

(\*\*) Thin film modules

### 3.4 Manufacturers and suppliers of other components

In Italy, 6 companies manufacture inverters for on-grid and off-grid applications. The most important of them are Elettronica Santerno, Power One Italy, Siac/Siel, Italcoel, Aros and Answer Drivers: During 2009, these companies have produced about 880 MW of inverter while their production capacity is around 1290 MW. About 48 % of the inverters installed in 2009 (722 MW) have been produced in Italy (346 MW). The other 534 MW have been exported. As far as the prices of inverter an average value of 180-240  $\in$ /kW has been obtained on a sample large size apparatus. In the case of small size inverter the typical prices range from 350  $\in$ /kW to 450  $\in$ /kW.

### 3.5 System prices

Table 7 gives turnkey prices per W (<u>excluding VAT/TVA/sales tax</u>) for the various categories of installation. Prices do not include recurring charges after installation such as battery replacement or operation and maintenance. Additional costs incurred due to the remoteness of the site or special installation requirements have not been included. The prices reported indicate a range of all known prices.

Additional information regarding national trends in the turnkey prices of selected applications are reported in Table 7a

| Category/Size                                  | Typical applications and brief details                | Current<br>prices per W |
|--|---|-------------------------|
| OFF-GRID Up to 1 kW                            | Street light  | 8 - 10                  |
| OFF-GRID >1 kW                                 |   |                         |
| ON-GRID Specific case                          | For example: 1-3 kW roof-mounted system, if available | 4 – 5                   |
| ON-GRID up to 10 kW                            |   |                         |
| ON-GRID >10 kW                                 | 100 kW on industrial building                         | 3.5 – 4.5               |
| GRID – CONNECTED<br>(centralized, if relevant) | >200 kW freestanding                                  | 3 - 3.4                 |

 Table 7: Turnkey Prices of Typical Applications

# Table 7a: National trends in system prices (current) for small roof-mounted system (1-3 kW)

| YEAR      | 1998 | 2000 | 2002 | 2004 | 2005 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|-----------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|
| Price /W: | 9,3  | 7,75 | 7,5  | 6,8  | 7    | 6.4  | 6.5  | 6    | 4.5  |

## 3.6 Labour places

Full time labour places in the following activities during the year 2009 are:

- a) Public research and development (not including private companies): 150
- b) Manufacturing of products throughout the PV value chain from feedstock to systems, including company R&D: 3 000
- c) All other, including electricity companies, installation companies etc.: 5 000
- d) Utilities and government: 100

#### Table 8: Estimated PV-related labour places in 2009

| Research and development (not including companies)   | 150   |
|--|-------|
| Manufacturing of products throughout the PV value chain from feedstock to systems, including company R&D |       |
| Distributors of PV products  |       |
| System and installation companies  | 8 000 |
| Utilities and government   | 100   |
| Other  |       |
| Total  | 8 250 |

### 3.7 Business value

An estimate of the value of PV business in Italy by the Gross Domestic Product approach is reported in table 9, taking into account the exported volumes of:

- PV modules: 51 MW (2.2 €/W)
- PV inverters: 534 MW (0,32 €/W)

and the imported volumes of:

- PV modules: 610 MW
- PV inverters: 376 MW
- PV cells: 97 MW (1 €/W)
- PV wafers: 66 MW (0.6 €/W)

| Sub-market  | Capacity<br>installed <i>in</i><br>2009 (kW) | Price per W<br>(from table 7) | Value<br>Euro | Totals        |
|---|--|-------------------------------|---------------|---------------|
| Off-grid<br>domestic  |  |                               |               |               |
| Off-grid non-<br>domestic                                       | 100  | 9                             | 900 000       |               |
| Grid-connected<br>distributed                                   | 361 800                                      | 4.0                           | 1 447 200 000 |               |
| Grid-connected centralized                                      | 361 500                                      | 3.2                           | 1 156 800 000 |               |
|   |  |                               |               | 2 604 900 000 |
| Export of PV proc   | 283 000 000                                  |                               |               |               |
| Change in stocks  |  |                               |               |               |
| Import of PV products (including information from Tables 4 & 5) |  |                               |               | 1 700 000 000 |
| Value of PV busines   |  |                               |               |               |

#### Table 9: Value of PV business

## 4 FRAMEWORK FOR DEPLOYMENT (NON-TECHNICAL FACTORS)

Table 10 lists the main support measures (see definitions at start of guidelines) for PV during 2008.

#### Table 10: PV support measures

|  | On-going measures                              | Measures that commenced during 2008 |
|--|--|-------------------------------------|
| Enhanced feed-in tariffs                                     | 35.28 – 48.02 c€/kWh                           |                                     |
| Capital subsidies for equipment or total cost                | up to 20% and only for<br>BIPV in some regions |                                     |
| Green electricity schemes                                    | 9 c€/kWh<br>added to feed-in tariff            |                                     |
| PV-specific green electricity schemes                        |  |                                     |
| Renewable portfolio standards (RPS)                          |  |                                     |
| PV requirement in RPS  |  |                                     |
| Investment funds for PV                                      |  |                                     |
| Income tax credits   |  |                                     |
| Net metering   | added to feed-in tariff                        |                                     |
| Net billing  |  |                                     |
| Commercial bank activities e.g. green mortgages promoting PV |  |                                     |
| Electricity utility activities                               |  |                                     |
| Sustainable building requirements                            |  |                                     |

### 4.1 Indirect policy issues

Policy initiatives that may influence the implementation of PV power systems in Italy:

- a) New decree (under preparation) that will redefine the maximum power supported and the tariffs of the PV plants commissioned after 2010. This decree is expected to be issued before the end of this year.
- b) Spring European Council of the action plan "An energy policy for Europe" and the consequent Position Paper of the Italian Government of September 2007 (8 500 MW by 2020);
- c) National law to promote the use of PV (at least 1 kW) in new buildings.

### 4.2 Standards and codes

During this year, the Technical Committee 82 of CEI has updated the guide for the design, installation and test of PV plants connected to low and medium voltage grid. This guide includes all the technical regulations for PV plant construction and operation (d.c. working voltage, safety and control devices, supporting structures, connection to the grid, etc.) At international level, Italy has actively participated to the works on new and revised standards carried out within both IEC and CENELEC working groups. In this contest, the Technical Secretariat of CENELEC TC 82, is managed by the Italian Electrotechnical

# 5 HIGHLIGHTS AND PROSPECTS

Committee (CEI).

With very attractive incentive scheme, Italy is today the world's second largest PV market. nevertheless, the Italian market is not booming because difficulties to find a way to finance the project (economic conjuncture not favorable) long times between the construction and the actual payment of incentives, authorization process not uniform on the territory, complicate procedures for connection to the grid as well as grid not adequate.

In order to ensure a sustainable development of the market the future incentive scheme should be based on simplified procedures, guarantee an acceptable pay back time, avoid huge windows of opportunity, drive price down and create job opportunities

### ANNEX A: COUNTRY INFORMATION

This information is simply to give the reader some background about the national environment in which PV is being deployed. It is not guaranteed to be 100 % accurate nor intended for analysis, and the reader should do their own research if they require more detailed data.

Source of the information: author's estimate.

- 1) retail electricity prices household, commercial, public institution
  - a. household (17 c€/kWh)
  - b. commercial, public institution (17.5 c€/kWh)
- 2) typical household electricity consumption (kWh): 2 700 kWh
- typical metering arrangements and tariff structures for electricity customers (for example, interval metering? time-of-use tariff?): tariffs include a fixed charge, a demand charge (€/kW) and an energy charge (cent €/kWh) with several tiers
- 4) typical household income: 36 000 €/year
- 5) typical mortgage interest rate: 5%
- 6) voltage (household, typical electricity distribution network): 220 Vac
- 7) electricity industry structure and ownership: separate generation, transmission, distribution; private owned or municipal
- 8) price of diesel fuel: 120 c€/l
- 9) typical values of kWh / kW for PV systems in parts of your country
  - a. North 1000 -1200 kWh / kWp
  - b. South 1300 -1500 kWh / kWp