

To all Solar Heat Europe/ESTIF members,

Brussels, 19 May 2023

Ordinary General Assembly of Solar Heat Europe / European Solar Thermal Industry Federation

Dear Solar Heat Europe/ESTIF Member,

In accordance with Art. 13 of our statutes, I hereby invite you to convene the Ordinary General Assembly (OGA) of Solar Heat Europe / European Solar Thermal Industry a.s.b.l.

It gives me great pleasure to invite you this year to meet in Athens, Greece, following the kind invitation from our Greek National Association EBHE.

We will have the opportunity to meet during our Conference at the Acropolis Museum on Thursday, 29 June, from 10:00 and 17:00, with high level speakers from the EU and Greek scenes, as well as key members of our sector. You will find the agenda of our conference on the Members' section of Solar Heat Europe's site.

Our Ordinary Statutory General Assembly will take place on Friday 30 June from 09:00 till 11:00, and it will be followed by a **Workshop for SHE members** on the growth of the Association and the Sector, as we are at a key turning point in the life of our Association and the energy transition worldwide.

Whilst we hope that many members of Solar Heat Europe can join us physically, allowing excellent networking opportunities, the Board of Directors has agreed to allow for this meeting to be held both online and in presence (hybrid meeting), in compliance with and under the provisions of our statutes, Art. 16.

Please note that, as described in Art. 14 of our statutes, and remaining valid for the online and hybrid meetings, *"Members can delegate their voting rights at the General Assembly to another member, who will have the same rights, provided that the Secretary General/Managing Director has been informed in written form before the General Assembly. In addition to its own voting rights, a Member may represent the voting rights of two other members. Only Members, whose membership fees and payments are not overdue have the right to vote."*

The Agenda of our General Assembly is provided in Annex.

We have a few key points this year on the agenda related to:

- **Work Programme 2023:** See attached PPT regarding the overview of the key priorities for Solar Heat Europe in 2023; a more detailed set of documents will follow in the coming weeks.
- **Budget for 2023:** please refer to the proposed Budget attached (cf PDF Budget 2023) and explanatory note prepared by our Treasurer (cf related PDF)
- **New Board and President election:** This General Assembly will also be a key one as it will elect its new Board for the period of 2 years (from June 2023 till June 2025) in line with Art. 23 of our Statutes:

“The six members of the Board of Directors - including the President - are elected by the General Assembly for a period of 2 (two) years. They can be re-elected for additional terms.”

Several members in our current Board have expressed interest to continue; as current President, I have expressed that I will no longer be candidate. So, the call is open to candidates, till 15 June maximum, attention Valérie Séjourné valerie.sejourne@solarheateurope.eu to express your interest for any of the following positions:

- 1 seat for President
- 2 seats for Industry representatives
- 2 seats for National Associations representatives
- 1 seat for Service Providers representative

The list of potential candidates will then be communicated to members of Solar Heat Europe no later than 22 June based on proposals received, for members to elect their new Board on 30 June.

Modalities:

The participation at this hybrid OGA, as well as the voting, will be done under the same conditions, as for every General Assembly. This means that participation requires previous registration, with representatives being identified upon registration, having the right to speak and vote on behalf of their organisation, via electronic means for the online participants and with a physical vote for the members in presence. Members providing their proxy to other members should also inform the Secretariat in due course.

Registration:

The registration of representatives from members who will be attending can be done at: [Registration Link](#)

The registration link will also include the registration for the conference on June 29th. Please note that the hybrid meeting possibility is only possible for the 30th of June and not for the conference on the 29th of June. Detailed information about the connection to the meeting for the online participants and the electronic voting tool will be provided to confirmed registrants, prior to the meeting.

As usual, additional information about the meeting can be found at the [Members' Area of Solar Heat Europe/ESTIF's website](#).

I hope we can count on your participation at this OGA in Athens and look forward to seeing you there!

Sincerely,



Costas Travasaros
Solar Heat Europe / ESTIF President

Relevant links:

[Registration for GA & external conference preceding the GA
Information & documentation](#)