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Subject: **Invitation: Next generation of CEN TC312 'Solar Thermal' Standards**

Dear solar thermal expert,

CEN/TC312 "Thermal solar systems and components" and Solar Heat Europe/ESTIF will jointly organize a workshop dedicated to the topic "**Next generation of CEN TC312 'Solar Thermal' Standards**" This event will take place in **Brussels**, on the **7th of June 2018**.

This workshop is a response to a need that has been identified within our sector: define a **strategy for standardization and certification** in the solar heating and cooling sector which is **in line with the current reality and future challenges** that the solar thermal sector, in particular, and the renewable heating and cooling sector in general, will face all over the coming years.

Building on the achievements in terms of standardisation and certification over the last decades, we shall debate what the current and future needs of the sector are and how this shall be reflected in terms of standardisation and certification activities, in order to enhance the competitiveness of our industry.

Standardisation and certification activities are a relevant investment for solar thermal companies and represent an important competitiveness factor in several markets, be it in Europe or beyond. And they are increasingly relevant vis-à-vis existing regulations emanating from Brussels, such as energy labelling or energy performance of buildings besides being the basis for the quality label for solar thermal products in Europe, the Solar Keymark. As a result, we have seen these standards are not only relevant regarding the competition within our sector but also in the framework of the competition between different heating and cooling technologies.

Therefore, it is of paramount importance that industry experts participate in this workshop, providing their opinion on the future challenges and on perceived shortcomings as well as advantages of standardisation and certification activities.

We invite experts from our industry to participate in this workshop and present their ideas regarding the needs of the sector in terms of designing standards fit for the solar thermal industry future.



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Those willing to take a more active role in this debate can indicate their interest in **participating as speakers**, as we want to give an equal opportunity for anyone in our sector to take such a role. Those interested in participating as speakers should inform us until the 11th of May by e-mail.

For all those interested in attending this event, we invite you to register until the 23rd May, [here](#).

You can find attached the draft agenda for this workshop. The draft agenda, registration form and other relevant information are available in the following [link](#). Please note that the following day, the 8th June, the 21st CEN/TC312 plenary meeting will take place, also in Brussels.

In case you have any questions please contact the CEN/TC312 Secretariat (drosou@cres.gr) or the Solar Heat Europe/ESTIF secretariat (info@solarheateurope.eu).

Looking forward to meeting you in Brussels for this workshop, we remain at your disposal.

Sunny regards,

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Harry Michalopoulos
Chairman
CEN TC312

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