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### The Solar Keymark tenth anniversary celebration

***Brussels, 6 June 2014 – Solar Keymark stakeholders meet at Intersolar 2014 to celebrate the tenth anniversary and the successes of the certification scheme.***

Representatives from industry and test laboratories gathered at a reception during this year's edition of Intersolar Europe in Munich to celebrate the tenth anniversary of the Solar Keymark certification and its impressive achievements so far. The Solar Keymark is the pan-European certification scheme for Solar Thermal collectors and systems, recognised even outside Europe with over 1800 certified solar thermal products from over 700 companies in 40 countries, 27 European and 13 from the rest of the world.

The Solar Keymark scheme's main objective is to encourage the growth of the Solar Thermal sector, using cost-effective testing procedures while guaranteeing good quality products. The scheme was developed by the European Solar Thermal Industry Federation (ESTIF) and CEN (European Committee for Standardisation); in close co-operation with leading European test labs and certifiers benefitting from the support of the European Commission.

"The introduction of the Solar Keymark label has revolutionized the solar thermal industry. The scheme plays a crucial role towards breaking down trade barriers, which is of paramount importance for the sustained growth of the sector" said ESTIF President, Robin M. Welling. He added: "Moreover, end-users are also becoming more and more aware of the benefits offered by this certification, when selecting a high quality product fully tested according to the relevant standards."

"The Solar Keymark is striving and continues to evolve by extending to more and more products and being recognised in more countries" stressed Harald Drück, Chairman of the Solar Keymark Network. He continued: "With the current harmonisation between the European and international collector test standards, further opportunities for worldwide recognition exist with the development of a global solar certification scheme."

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## **ESTIF, the European Solar Thermal Industry Federation**

ESTIF is the voice of the solar thermal industry in Europe, actively promoting the use of solar thermal technology for renewable heating and cooling. With members across 17 European countries, ESTIF represents over 90% of the industry, both directly or indirectly.

### **Solar Keymark Network**

The Solar Keymark Network is the operative framework around the Solar Keymark. It consists of Solar Keymark operators (certification bodies, test labs and inspectors) and industry representatives. The aim of the network is to maintain and continuously improve the Solar Keymark scheme's rules and procedures, as well as to serve as an information hub.

The chairman of the Solar Keymark Network is Dr. Harald Drück, from ITW/TZS, University of Stuttgart and its secretary is Jan Erik Nielsen from SolarKey.Int, Denmark

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