



12 million EU enterprises call on Member States to support small-scale renewable installations

UEAPME JOINS THE SMALL IS BEAUTIFUL CAMPAIGN

22 June 2018, Brussels – UEAPME, the association representing crafts and SMEs in Europe joined the [Small is Beautiful](#) campaign to support small-scale renewable and co-generation installations in Europe. The association gathers over 12 million enterprises with nearly 55 million employees, and joins forces with 17 other major European associations, calling for an enabling framework for small-scale renewable installations in the Market Design Regulation.

UEAPME Secretary General Véronique Willems stated: “The renewable energy market is thriving and SMEs are getting engaged at local and regional level as energy service providers. Small-scale installations should be part of the energy transition and will help enhance the overall environmental performance. We are convinced that additional financial and administrative burdens for small-scale renewable producers would delay their further development. Therefore we call on European policymakers to embrace a stepwise approach for market integration of small-scale renewables.”

Aurélié Beauvais, Policy Director of SolarPower Europe, commented: “Small-scale renewables are drivers of local development and growth for SMEs, as they enable communities to grasp the economic benefits of self-consumption, local job opportunities and rural development. These benefits will not materialise if small-scale producers are exposed to disproportionate measures, without proper services and products in place. Such services do not exist today, as there is no open market for such service providers. It is crucial that the Council and the Parliament reopen the debate on small-scale installations, to make sure that the Market Design Regulation does not disincentivise SMEs from engaging in the energy transition.”

The Market Design triologue negotiations is scheduled for 27th June.

About Small is Beautiful

[Small is Beautiful](#) is a campaign to support small-scale renewable installations and cogeneration facilities as well as renewable demonstration projects in the EU. The aim of the campaign is to safeguard regulatory incentives such as priority dispatch, for small-scale installations and demonstration projects, currently under threat in the Clean Energy Package negotiations. This campaign is led by 15 trade associations including SolarPower Europe, AEBIOM, AIE, COGEN EUROPE, EBA (European Biogas Association), EGEC Geothermal, Energy Cities, EPHA (European Heat Pump Association), EREF (European Renewable Energies Federation), EUREC, Euroheat & Power, OceanEnergy Europe, REScoop.eu, UIPI (International Union of Property Owners), SolarHeat Europe and WindEurope.

About UEAPME

UEAPME is the employers' organisation representing the interests of European crafts and SMEs at EU level. UEAPME is a recognised European Social Partner. It is a non-profit seeking and non-partisan organisation.

UEAPME represents about 12 million enterprises, which employ around 55 million people across Europe.

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About SolarPower Europe

SolarPower Europe is a member-led association representing organisations active along the whole value chain. Our aim is to shape the regulatory environment and enhance business opportunities for solar power in Europe.

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