

# Unlocking further solar potential on buildings

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### We are at the beginning of exponential growth projections

2016

2017

2018

2019

2020

2021

Cumulative installed capacity is set to almost double from ≈ 130 GW (2022) to ≈ 230 GW (2026)

#### Numbers for 2022

**suggest** that the market has been underestimated, in particular, solar installations on buildings

Solar on buildings still represents more than half of all deployed solar

EU-27 cumulative solar installations on buildings 250 200 Commercial Residential Industrial ■ TOTAL 150 М 100 50 0

2023

2022

2025

2026

2024



### Portugal: Market forecasts predict 7 – 8 % growth

Annual installations set to stay on a high level

- Installed capacity is set to double from 868 MW (2022) to 2164 MW (2026)
  - Portugal: 232 W / Capita DE, NL, BE, DK, LX: > 600 W / Capita

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### However, the potential is even bigger



#### Building solar represents a huge potential

- JRC: we could power ¼ of EU electricity consumption with rooftops
- No large-scale installations on unsealed land needed
  - Highest public acceptance among all energy carriers

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We can install +400 GWdc of rooftop solar PV in the EU by 2030. 2/3 of the potential is commercial and industrial solar (10 kW – 1 MW)



## The EU Solar Rooftops Initiative

Solar standard in article 9a of the Energy Performance of Buildings Directive (EPBD):

- New buildings shall be equipped with solar by 2027 / 2030
- Renovated buildings (non-residential and / or residential) equipped with solar by 2028
- Potentially retrofit some existing non-residential buildings

#### **Further elements:**

- Max permitting time: 3 months
- One energy community per municipality by 2025







### 9 EU countries already have solar mandates

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- Belgium (Flanders), the Netherlands, and Switzerland have provisions to retrofit existing buildings. In 7 countries a standard on renovated buildings applies, and in 9 countries on new buildings. Most standards come into effect within the next two years.
- 2. Exemption criteria and required sizes of installations have a significant impact on the scope. They vary widely, reflecting the diversity of Europe's building stock, solar irradiation, and regulatory frameworks.
- 3. For buildings that are not suitable for solar installations, an investment in renewables nearby is in some cases permitted as an alternative.







## We must address remaining barriers

- 1. **Increase grid capacity** with short- and long-term solutions
- **Remove barriers to** 2. third-party investment and collective selfconsumption
- 3. Increase the labour force while maintaining sufficient qualification
- Easier, quicker, and 4. streamlined permitting and grid connection procedures

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Enablers

Unlock financing models

labour

force







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