

Event announcement

17th Swiss National Photovoltaics Conference

Place Kursaal Bern, Switzerland
Date Tuesday, 26, and Wednesday, 27 March
Registration solarevent.ch

The solar power industry is scheduled to meet at the National Photovoltaics Conference on 26 and 27 March. At the Kursaal Bern, experts will describe the current market situation, present new technologies, and discuss the political framework. Also a perfect opportunity for networking among peers.

What will Switzerland's energy supply be like in 2035? In what direction is the national and global market's development going? The event is again expected to attract around 500 interested people and will open on presentations of the current energy policy and new market models. After the buffet lunch, the speeches will focus on current market developments and the framework for solar power in Switzerland. Following an input by Matthias Gysler, chief economist with the Swiss Federal Office of Energy SFOE, a round table of experts will discuss the revision of the Electricity Supply Act (StromVG). The third session on Tuesday will be dedicated to storage options for solar power.

In the morning of the second day, speakers from research and industry will provide an overview of the latest innovations and current state of technology. The second session will spotlight building-integrated solar cells (BIPV): architects, solar constructors, and researchers will highlight Switzerland's part in BIPV development. Finally, we will look into decentralized power supply, digitization, and association for the purpose of own consumption (ZEV). In his closing speech, Christophe Ballif, director of the EPFL PV Lab and the CSEM PV Center, will venture a look into the future and outline potential developments of the solar industry in the next ten years.

The detailed agenda for the event and further information are available here: www.swissolar.ch/pv2019. An exhibition accompanying the conference programme will show new products, services, and scientific reports. The National Photovoltaics Conference delivers knowledge, presents practical examples, and launches debates. The event is organised by Swissolar, the Swiss Association of Electricity Companies (VSE), and SwissEnergy.