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EVERPV webinar n°2 – Strengthening policy frameworks for responsible PV end-of-life management and recycling

Planet

Deadline: 18 Jun 2026

Type:	Webinar
Location:	Web-based
Date:	18 Jun 2026
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BACKGROUND

The rapid global expansion of solar photovoltaic (PV) deployment is increasing the urgency of establishing robust policy frameworks for end-of-life management, material recovery, and responsible transboundary movements of PV waste. While

technological solutions for PV recycling are advancing, policy, regulatory, and governance gaps remain key barriers to scaling circular practices globally.

The EVERPV project contributes to this discussion by generating evidence on high-value material recovery and circular value chains. Building on these results, this second webinar will focus on policy levers to further incentivize PV recycling, prevent environmentally harmful exports of end-of-life panels, and strengthen international cooperation in line with EU priorities and UN sustainability objectives.

EVENT OBJECTIVES

- To discuss policy options and regulatory approaches to further incentivize PV recycling and high-value material recovery in Europe and globally.
- To examine risks linked to illegal or environmentally unsound exports of end-of-life PV panels and identify measures to improve traceability and enforcement.
- To connect EVERPV technical findings with policy needs under EU frameworks and international environmental governance.

CONTENT AND STRUCTURE

Agenda:

Welcoming remarks (5 min) - Moderator: Ruediger Kuehr, UNITAR

High-level introduction: the global PV end-of-life policy challenge (10 min + 5 min Q&A) - Nicolas Defrenne, SOREN

Policy incentives to scale PV recycling and material recovery (10 min + 5 min Q&A) - Christina Huber, SPE

Preventing illegal exports and improving traceability of end-of-life PV panels (10 min + 5 min Q&A) - Patricia Schröder, Circular Energy

Key takeaways: policy priorities for responsible PV circularity (10 min) – All speakers

Closing

TARGETED AUDIENCE

- Policy makers and regulators at International and European levels
- PV industry stakeholders (manufacturers, recyclers)
- Research and innovation communities