

Can SMEs survive the solar industry?

As solar manufacturing moves toward technological convergence, and rampant production capacity expansion continues, standing out from the crowd is just one of the strategies small- and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs) will have to use to survive, according to InfoLink's Amy Fang. From pv magazine 09/23

What are EFRAG's new sustainability reporting standards for SMEs?

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What is the voluntary sustainability reporting standard for non-listed SMEs?

The European Financial Reporting Advisory Group (EFRAG) announced the release of its voluntary sustainability reporting standard for non-listed SMEs (VSME), aimed at enabling micro-, small- and medium-sized companies to report on ESG issues in a simplified and consistent way.

Why do SMEs need voluntary standards?

In its mandate to EFRAG, the Commission said that the development of voluntary standards for non-listed SMEs would help small businesses to "standardise the sustainability information they wish to report, creating better opportunities to obtain green financing and thus facilitating the transition to a sustainable economy."

How can SMEs cope with regional risks in the solar industry?

As regional risks have been steadily increasing in recent years, particularly within the volatile environment of the solar industry, SMEs could become vulnerable to market fluctuation. Expansion overseas and developing diversified products will help spread risk and build solid customer relationships to ensure long-term business cooperation.

What standards are available for the energy rating of PV modules?

Standards available for the energy rating of PV modules in different climatic conditions, but degradation rate and operational lifetime need additional scientific and standardisation work (no specific standard at present). Standard available to define an overall efficiency according to a weighted combination of efficiencies.

The energy think tank Ember publishes annual data on electric generation from around the world. Its 2023 dataset on solar power generation detailed where solar power was growing the fastest, and which countries were getting the most bang for their bucks.

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businesses needs and goals of reducing your company's use of fossil-fuel energy with the goal of reducing your energy bills.

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It is a document providing requirements, specifications, guidelines or characteristics that can be used to ensure that materials, products, processes and services are fit for purpose. Standards help to ensure that products and services are safe, reliable and of good quality.

Solar energy is gaining traction as a sustainable and cost-effective alternative to traditional power sources. As more homeowners and businesses embrace solar panel installations, it's crucial to be aware of the potential risks posed by unscrupulous individuals seeking to exploit this growing market. Many good installers exist in the U.S. solar market.

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Procurement (GPP) policy instruments to solar photovoltaic (PV) modules, inverters and PV systems. 1. Identify functional parameters for each product category 2. Identify, describe and compare existing standards and new standards under development, relevant to energy performance, reliability, degradation and lifetime. 3. Identify aspects not ...

The SSI Standard covers requirements to address environmental, social and governance ...

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