

What's going on with Europe's solar power industry?

Roula Khalaf, Editor of the FT, selects her favourite stories in this weekly newsletter. Europe's solar power industry has warned that a glut of cheap Chinese imports has pushed some manufacturers to the brink of bankruptcy, hampering the EU's efforts to boost local production of green technologies.

Why did solar contractors go out of business in 2023?

In 2023, the solar industry witnessed a significant number of contractors going out of business, a trend fueled by a confluence of economic and policy-driven factors. Federal Reserve's Rate Hike: The Federal Reserve raised interest rates to combat inflation, inadvertently affecting the solar sector.

Are unchecked price drops a risk for solar power?

Walburga Hemetsberger, chief executive of SolarPower Europe, said she was aware that others in the sector would also be petitioning the commission. "We all agree that the unchecked price drops are a critical risk for the sector, and EU leaders must take urgent action." Copyright The Financial Times Limited 2024.

How does California's solar policy change affect contractors' business?

This policy change directly impacted contractors' business, as California is one of the largest solar markets in the U.S. The closure of numerous solar contractors in 2023 has sent ripples through various facets of the solar market, affecting customers, ongoing projects, and the industry.

How did California's Solar Policy Impact the solar industry?

These adverse state policy impacts exacerbated financing shifts, triggering plummeting demand and an 80% decrease in rooftop solar installation volume. The California Solar & Storage Association reports that the fallout includes thousands of stalled projects, over 17,000 industry layoffs, and a wave of high-profile bankruptcies.

Are PV modules a risk to a company going into insolvency?

Prices of PV modules have dropped by more than a quarter since the beginning of the year, according to SolarPower. "This is creating concrete risks for companies to go into insolvency as their significant stock will need to be devalued," SolarPower Europe said.

SolarPower Europe, a trade group for the industry, wrote to the European Commission on Monday that soaring stockpiles and "fierce competition" among Chinese manufacturers to gain market share in...

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The long-term financial sustainability of the solar PV manufacturing sector is critical for rapid and

cost-effective clean energy transitions. The net profitability of the solar PV sector for all supply chain segments has been volatile, resulting in several bankruptcies despite policy support. Bankruptcy risk and low profitability could slow ...

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Nearly all types of solar photovoltaic cells and technologies have developed dramatically, especially in the past 5 years. Here, we critically compare the different types of photovoltaic ...

The US residential solar installer has filed for bankruptcy, among the largest in a series of major bankruptcies in the industry. The move follows failed efforts at Intersolar to find ...

Still, the residential solar industry is floundering. In late 2023 alone, more than 100 residential solar dealers and installers in the U.S. declared bankruptcy, according to Roth Capital Partners ...

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The drastic price reductions in solar modules have now placed the EU's goal to manufacture 30GW of the solar power supply chain in Europe by 2030 "at serious risk," according to the letter from SolarPower Europe. This warning echoes concerns from the wind industry, which fears that Chinese rivals are undercutting European ...

The European solar manufacturing industry, represented by SolarPower Europe, has written to the European Commission, highlighting a critical issue regarding the low prices of photovoltaic (PV) modules imported from China into Europe.. SolarPower Europe reports that solar PV module prices have plummeted by over 25% to EUR0.15 (~\$0.16)/W since the start of ...

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plummeting prices, and widespread financial losses, contrasting sharply with its previous status as a beacon of renewable energy. According to BloombergNEF's 3Q 2024 Global PV Market Outlook, despite an anticipated 33% ...

The conversion of sunlight, made up of particles called photons, into electrical energy by a solar cell is called the "photovoltaic effect" - hence why we refer to solar cells as "photovoltaic", or PV for short. Solar PV systems ...

Recent US solar sector bankruptcies have revealed a significant decline in its industrial competitiveness due to trade barriers, Chinese experts said on Sunday, noting that Chinese solar...

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