



Solar Industry Regions Europe (SIRE) Session in Strasbourg Monday 6th — Tuesday 7th October 2025

The meeting of the SIRE member regions is being organised **on the occasion of a plenary session week of the European Parliament** in Strasbourg. It will focus on recent EU-level legislative and business developments related to the **solar energy industry**. It will be the first political-level meeting of SIRE regions, paving the way for closer cooperation and joint actions in the future.

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The SIRE network was created in 2022 at the initiative of Saxony. It brings together the regions of Grand Est, Bourgogne-Franche-Comté (France), Saxony, Saxony-Anhalt (Germany), Carinthia (Austria), Andalusia (Spain), Sicily (Italy), and Liberec (Czech Republic). Its aim is to promote the creation of a structured and resilient European solar industry and employment environment, to highlight the role of solar energy in shaping the European energy mix, and to support the integration of national electricity grids.

PROGRAMME

Monday 6th October

For your convenience, we recommend you to take the train leaving from Brussels at 07h17, calling at Charles-de-Gaulle airport (Paris) at 09h02 and arriving in Strasbourg at 11h05.

11h15: Departure to Fraunhofer Institute Freiburg

- Bus pick-up at Strasbourg main train station.

12h30: Arrival at Fraunhofer Institute for Solar Energy System in Freiburg (Germany).

- 12h30 — 13h30: lunch.
- 13h30 — 14h15: site visit
- 15h15 — 15h25: discussion on the contribution of EU-based research to innovation in solar industry, in presence of Jochen Rentsch, Head of Technology Transfer at the Fraunhofer Institute.

15h30: Departure to Strasbourg

16h45: Arrival in Strasbourg

18h30: Restaurant « Le Männele », Place Adrien Zeller, Strasbourg.



Tuesday 7th October

Location: European Parliament (room to be confirmed).

8h00 — 9h30: working breakfast

- Open discussion between SIRE political representatives and Members of the European Parliament (MEP).
- Introductions by:
 - M. François WERNER, Vice-President of the Grand Est Region for the energy and ecological transitions.
 - M. Christophe GRUDLER, MEP, RENEW Coordinator for ITRE.
- Intervention of all participants.

9h30 — 10h30: Visit of the European Parliament (to be confirmed)

10h30 — 11h45: Discussions with partners

Interventions by business partners and clusters from SIRE regions. In Grand Est Region premises.

12h00: Lunch

- In Grand Est Region premises.

13h: Departure to Voltec Solar

13h30: Arrival at Voltec Solar

- 13h30 — 15h00: site visit and exchange with Director of Voltec Solar, Mr Lucas Weiss.

15h15: Departure to Strasbourg

16h30: Drop off at Strasbourg train station / Region headquarters (as preferred)

Indicative timetable of direct trains from Strasbourg:

- To Brussels: 17h01 (or indirect 18h01 and 18h57).
- To Paris: 17h19, 18h01.
- To Strasbourg Airport: 16h46, 17h01, 17h14...
- To Frankfurt-Am-Main: 17h13.

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