



Programme

Directorate General for Energy: Press trip on solar energy in Seville, Spain

From Sunday 21 to Tuesday 23 April 2024

The EU is committed to becoming climate-neutral by mid-century. One of the central pillars for achieving this is to develop more renewable energy. This is not only good for reducing our emissions, but also important for reducing our dependence on fossil fuel energy imports (notably Russian gas) and for boosting growth and jobs in the wider economy. In the context of the EU's commitment to reduce greenhouse gas emissions by 55% by 2030 and the need to move away from Russian fossil fuels, the EU has recently adopted changes to the Renewable Energy Directive which include a binding target that at least 42.5% of EU energy (with an aspiration to reach 45%) should come from renewables by 2030.

Next to wind energy, the different solar technologies will make a key contribution to these targets. This press trip will focus on examples of solar energy projects close to Seville (Andalusia) - one of the regions where solar energy is most developed in Europe. The aim is to highlight different, innovative ways in which the region is exploiting its solar resources – and the benefits that this can offer.

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Sunday 21 April

In the course of the day	Arrival in Seville. (Check in at Hotel – CN Collection)
Evening	19:00 Introductory Dinner in hotel, Cafeteria Viapol
with guest speakers:	Roger Waite, European Commission DG Energy; Natalia Marquez, General Manager, Andalusia Energy Agency



Monday 22 April

- 7:00-7:45 **Breakfast**
- 08:00 Leave the hotel by private bus
- 8:30-10:30 **Visit 1: Heineken España - Fábrica de Sevilla, with its own solar heat production;**
- 10:30-11:15 Travel by bus to next project
- 11:15 – 12:30 **Visit 2: Solgest hybrid solar farm (CSP and PV)**
- 12:30 – 14:00 Travel by bus to next project
(Packed Lunch on the bus)
- 14:00 – 15:30 **Visit 3 to Las Corchas/Los Naranjos – agrivoltaic site combining solar energy production with agricultural production**
- 15:30 – 16:00 **Visit 4 to energy & education community project at Torreblanca schools – local solar production for local use.**
- 16:00- 17:00 Travel by bus back to hotel
- Free time / late siesta*
- 19:30: Meet in hotel lobby and walk to restaurant [Casa Ozama](#) (Avenida de la Borbolla 59)
- 20:00- **Informal group dinner** (informal) – restaurant

Tuesday 23 April

- 7:00 -7:45 **Breakfast**
- 7:45 - 08:00 **Check out of hotel**
- 8:00 – 8.30 Leave the hotel by private bus
- 8:30 – 9:45 **Visit 5: Termicol solar thermal factory just outside Seville**
- 9:45 – 10:15 Travel by bus to next project
- 10:15 – 12:45 **Visit 6: European Commission’s Joint Research Centre – overview of ongoing EU research projects on solar energy.**
- 12:45 – 14:00 Lunch at the JRC canteen.
- 14:00 – 14:30 Travel by bus to Airport for trip home