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Subject: Request for Information – Sustainable Solar panels

To whom it may concern:

Through this letter we would like to request information the context of the [Community of Public Buyers for Sustainable Solar PV](#), one of the communities of the Public Buyers Community Platform (a DG GROW initiative dedicated to facilitating joint action in public purchasing across the EU).

The Community of Public Buyers for Solar PV provides insights and information on sustainability, quality and financial aspects, market surveys (what is available) as well as templates for tenders and contracts.

One of the activities aimed at achieving more sustainable public procurement is the development of a **Sustainable Solar Panels Guide**. The guide is intended to support (public) buyers across Europe in selecting solar panels that are both environmentally responsible and ethically produced.

The guide builds on the previous work that has been done by the Dutch Buyer Group on Sustainable Solar PV in close cooperation with one of the member of the community of practice (COP), the Dutch Expertise Centre for Public Procurement ([PIANOo](#)) – part of the Dutch Enterprise Agency ([RVO](#)).

The Sustainable Solar Panels guide is published on <https://sustainablesolarpanels.org/sustainablesolarpanelsguide/> (also available in [Dutch](#)).

To ensure the accuracy and comprehensiveness of this resource, we kindly request your participation by providing detailed information about **your two most sustainable PV module series**. Attached, you will find our **Request for Information (RFI) document**, which outlines the specific data and supporting documents we require. This includes, but is not limited to:

- General information about your company and panel series;
- Supply chain transparency (e.g., production locations, labor practices);
- Carbon footprint assessments and certifications;
- Material composition (e.g., PFAS, lead, antimony) and recycled content;
- Technical lifetime, durability, and recyclability;
- Any additional sustainability certifications.

To respond to the request, we ask you kindly to:

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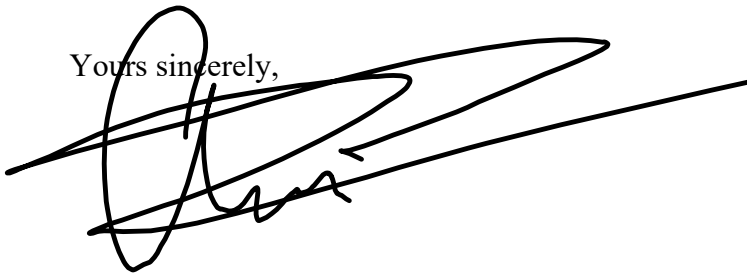
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- Complete the requested fields in the RFI for **each of your two most sustainable panel series** (additional series are welcome).
- Attach relevant supporting documents, such as datasheets, certificates, test results, or supply chain maps.
- Return the completed RFI and attachments to solarpv@pianoo.nl, the public authority leading the work of this community of practice.

The Community of practice will update the Guide every quarter. If you are able to provide us the information before September 30th, we will process this already in the October update.

We greatly appreciate your time and expertise. Should you have any questions or require clarification, please do not hesitate to contact us at solarpv@pianoo.nl. Thank you for your cooperation.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of a large, stylized 'A' followed by a long horizontal stroke that extends to the right.

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