

SolarSuperState Ranking 2017 category SOLAR topten

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SolarSuperState Association, Thayngen (Canton Schaffhausen, Switzerland), 14.8.2017: Japan and Australia move up in Solar topten 2017 of SolarSuperState Ranking. Japan overtakes Italy (4), Belgium (5) and Vatican City State (6), and is now on rank 3. Frontrunner Liechtenstein widens gap to second Germany. SolarSuperState Association board member Fritz Wassmann-Takigawa requests from the German and Japanese parliaments and governments to improve again (for Germany) and for the first time ever (in Japan) the investment conditions for solar rooftop installations. A further short-term dramatic increase of solar power especially in Southern Germany could replace in conjunction with energy storage, wind and bio energy in short-term all nuclear and fossil electricity in this area. This would be environmentally, socially and economically better than to reinforce now the high voltage grid in order to feed Southern Germany by the fossil power plants of East and Northern Germany concludes Wassmann-Takigawa.

European Union states, Vatican City State and San Marino (7) continue to stay in waiting positions in photovoltaics. Pep Puig i Boix, board member of the SolarSuperstate Association, states that Spain already disappeared from the topten of the SolarSuperState Ranking in the Ranking 2013 because of the disastrous energy politics of the last governments of José Luis Rodríguez Zapatero (2008 - 2011) and Mariano Rajoy (2011 – 2017). According to Puig i Boix, these politics protected the nuclear and fossil energy usage and blocked substantial new investments in solar, wind and bio energy in Spain in the last 10 years. The ranks of Spain in the category Solar in the last seven SolarSuperState Rankings since 2011 are

2011 rank 6 (with 81 Watt PV per capita)

2012 rank 7

2013 rank 11

2014 rank 13

2015 rank 16

2016 rank 18

2017 rank 21 preliminary (with 119 Watt per capita)

Australia (rank 9) outdistances Greece (rank 10). A constant photovoltaic deployment speed of the calendar year 2016 (+39 Watt per capita per year net annual addition) also in 2017 would enable Australia to pass some inactive European states in the SolarSuperState Ranking of next year. No new state enters the Solar topten in 2017. The best American state (United States of America) and African state (South Africa) are still lacking sufficient national political support for photovoltaics and therefore their performance is still too weak to allow an entry into the topten.

Rank 2017	State	P Cumulative installed capacity photovoltaics, Watt / capita
1	Liechtenstein	578
2	Germany	499
3	Japan	337
4	Italy	318
5	Belgium	303
6	Vatican City State	278
7	San Marino	266
8	Luxembourg	260
9	Australia	248
10	Greece	240

The SolarSuperState Association is a Swiss non-profit non-governmental organization with an international board that awards the annual SolarSuperState Prize. The association is the global voice of people and organizations that can benefit from rapidly increasing markets for decentralized renewable energy installations.

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