



## Press Release

### INTRODUCING **HORIZON-STE**:

NEW EU-FUNDED H2020 PROJECT COORDINATED BY ESTELA TO SUPPORT ON THE EXECUTION OF IMPLEMENTATION OF THE “INITIATIVE FOR GLOBAL LEADERSHIP IN SOLAR THERMAL ELECTRICITY”

22 July 2019, Brussels. HORIZON-STE is a Horizon2020 funded project aiming at **supporting the Implementation of the Initiative for Global Leadership in Solar Thermal Electricity (STE)**, also known as Concentrated Solar Power (CSP), which was launched by the European Commission and adopted within the Strategic Energy Technology Plan (SET-Plan) of the European Commission.

Since more than a decade, Europe's Solar Thermal Electricity sector holds a worldwide technology leader until its further development abruptly hindered in Europe. To unlock this situation, the European Commission has launched a dedicated Initiative – *Initiative for Global Leadership in Concentrated Solar Power* focusing on 2 targets: a cost reduction target and an innovation target, in order to **keep STE/CSP's global technology leadership and rebuild a home market in Europe.**

[ESTELA – European Solar Thermal Electricity Association](#), as project coordinator, and four R&D institutions, namely [CIEMAT](#) from Spain, [DLR](#) from Germany, [ENEA](#) from Italy and [METU](#) from Turkey, have officially started the project on the 1<sup>st</sup> April 2019. The kick-off meeting was held on the 7<sup>th</sup> May in Brussels to kick start with the first meeting with stakeholders, such as industry members and SET-Plan Implementation Working Group members. The project will run 3 years until March 2022.

### OUR GOAL:

Acting as competence centre of the Implementation Working Group within the Strategic Energy Technology Plan (SET Plan) of the European Commission, the overall goal of HORIZON-STE is to support the execution of the Implementation Plan regarding both STE/CSP Research and Innovation lines as well as First-Of-A-Kind projects that will **help steer countries through political, legislative, and institutional shortcomings linked to various national policies concerning solar thermal electricity.** Much of the focus centres on **improving procurement of manageable RES and increased public funding for STE/CSP research.** This project will identify and address the relevant European countries, such as Spain, Italy, Germany, Turkey, France, the Netherlands, Luxembourg, Portugal, etc., having companies active in the global STE/CSP market, and/or as potential off-takers for STE/CSP generation in Europe. This will result in national country reports and an EU-wide cooperation event that will be extensively covered by national mainstream media, supported by strong dissemination and a communication campaign throughout the whole project duration.

### HOW TO CONNECT WITH US:

**Website:** For more project information, please visit <http://www.horizon-ste.eu>.

**Newsletter:** If you would like to follow news about this project, please sign up newsletter here: <http://www.horizon-ste.eu/contact/>

**Social media:** We are also sharing information on social media, please follow ESTELA's twitter ([@ESTELA Solar](#)) and LinkedIn account (<https://m.estela.solar/LinkedIn>) for updated news. You can also look for **#HORIZON\_STE** posts on social media channels.

