

EBRD PUBLIC CONSULTATION ON PROPOSED STRATEGY FOR GREEN ECONOMY TRANSITION

As president of the Catalan and Spanish sections of EUROSOLAR - European Association for Renewable Energy and answering the public consultation, we propose to delete the words "including nuclear power" written in the following sentence:

1. "the Bank will assist countries in evaluating the full suite of technological solutions, **including nuclear power**, which can be cost-effectively deployed to realise a green transition and provide reliable and affordable energy"

pag. 4, Area 1., Scale market-enabling activities in six economic systems critical to the green transition, Energy System, 2n paragraph

The reasons:

Nuclear energy to generate electricity, in the midst of a climate crisis, is an absurd distraction, given that it has demonstrated in the past, and continues to demonstrate in the present, that it is an economically unsuccessful technological option, as it is incapable of maintaining the planned construction costs, and is also incapable of determining a time-sensitive commissioning schedule. Additionally, it generates waste that nature is incapable of neutralizing and that will have to be stored "safely" for many generations, with the cost that this will represent.

Nuclear reactors (large and small) are unable to complement the variable generation obtained from capturing solar radiation and wind force. Nor can they compete with solar PV and wind technologies in the present electricity market. Spent fuel is also a source of fissile material as it contains significant amounts of PU-239, which is a cause of proliferation.

We hope that our contribution will be taken into consideration and we can enjoy a Europe free of reactors and nuclear weapons.

Sincerely

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