

## A-Core Container

# Huawei's European solar panels



## Overview

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Why did Solarpower Europe remove Huawei?

Data Protection Policy SolarPower Europe (SPE) has dropped Huawei as a member amid an EU corruption investigation, as the European Commission moves to sever ties with trade groups representing the Chinese tech giant. The decision marks the first such removal by the Brussels-based solar lobby.

Is Huawei a member of Solarpower Europe?

SolarPower Europe has removed Chinese tech giant Huawei as a member, marking the first time the Brussels-based solar industry association has taken such action, an SPE spokesperson has told pv magazine. The board made the decision on April 28, 2025, and “the procedure is continuing as laid out in our statutes,” said the spokesperson.

Who owns solar power in Europe?

According to research by trade body SolarPower Europe, Chinese firms control approximately 65 percent of the total installed power in the solar sector. The largest company in the European market is Huawei, a tech giant that is considered a high-risk vendor of telecom equipment.

Why are Huawei's solar panels being banned in China?

Such restrictions would target Huawei first and foremost, as the dominant Chinese supplier of critical parts of these systems. The fears center around solar panel inverters, a piece of technology that turns solar panels' electricity into current that flows into the grid.

Who is the largest solar company in Europe?

The largest company in the European market is Huawei, a tech giant that is considered a high-risk vendor of telecom equipment. The second-largest firm is Sungrow, which is also Chinese, and controls about half the amount of solar power as Huawei.

## What is Europe doing about cybersecurity in the solar value chain?

The European Commission is assessing cybersecurity risks in the solar value chain, with the ESMC advocating for measures like Lithuania's 2023 ban on Chinese inverters. As Europe balances energy security and economic considerations, the proposed toolbox aims to enforce risk assessments and limit remote access by high-risk vendors.

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