

## **“Workshop Conclusion Letter”**

Dear Partners, dear Guests, dear Workshop Organizers,

I would like to thank you for having made this Workshop a successful event. All the activities of the APOLLON Project have been presented by Partners in an excellent way and the discussions have been useful to better address the significant progress in the concentrating photovoltaic technologies which are expected with this Project. APOLLON is to date the biggest photovoltaic project funded under FP7, therefore, it is certainly one of the most important challenge in the photovoltaic sector. APOLLON Consortium has been set up with all the expertise to face this challenge, involving all the actors' chain, from Universities, Research Organization, SMEs, Big Enterprises to End-user. I am sure we can reach the ambitious objectives foreseen in the Project also taking into account the invitation which has come from Andreas Piontek in its “Welcome Letter”: *consider the APOLLON Project an important step towards the transition to a sustainable global energy system*. In front of us the prospective to support the transition from our current fossil-fuel based energy system to a low-carbon one. With this vision in mind we will be certain able to face all the technological critical paths with more determination. This is indeed the responsibility of our time: to leave a more clean, peaceful and then sustainable world for future generations. A more clean world, because the successful introduction in the market of the renewable energy could drastically reduce the amount of CO<sub>2</sub> emission; a more peaceful world, because a strong penetration in the energy market of photovoltaic will reduce the strategic energy needs for Nations development. The punctual and perfect organisation of the Workshop by University of Cyprus and Cyprus Organisation for Standardisation has now made possible to disseminate at international level our innovative work programme and the ambitious objective of APOLLON to develop CPV system with a target cost of 2 Euro/W. We recognise the difficulty of the challenge, however we know that by joining our efforts, exploiting in the best and efficient way the consolidated and valuable expertise we have in the Consortium, we will be able to invoke the strong and adequate commitment to make CPV, indeed, a key energy technology in the coming decades. Therefore I wish everyone a productive continuation of the research activities throughout a strong and trusting collaboration. I would like to conclude with a final famous encouragement: *“there is nothing more powerful than an idea whose time has come”!* This is the time for a rapid innovation and a successful utilisation of the photovoltaic concentrating technology, for transforming our ideas in powerful actions, let's remember this!

Thanks again for the kind and active participation at the Workshop.

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