



National Day Highlights from Greece.


NATIONAL EVENT IN GREECE
ADVANCING CST RESEARCH & INNOVATION



 DATE	 LOCATION	 ORGANIZER
February, 19	Athens	CERTH, CRES

 **Nearly 70 participants from several countries –including Cyprus, Germany, Greece, Portugal, Spain and Turkey– attended the event, creating a truly multi-stakeholder dialogue involving:**

1. Ministries & public institutions
2. Industry & technology providers
3. Academia & research organizations
4. Social actors



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The program was structured around two main blocks:

1. **Presentations** by representatives from **EU-SOLARIS ERIC**, the **Greek General Secretariat for Research and Innovation (GSRI)**, and the **Spanish Ministry of Science, Innovation and Universities (MICIU)**, and
2. **a roundtable discussion on the current status and future outlook of CST technologies in Europe.** The discussion focused on key R&D activities, research infrastructure needs, and innovation gaps across the CST value chain, while also addressing access to testing facilities, and other important aspects relating to contribution of such facilities in advancing CST. Participants also explored opportunities to strengthen collaboration between research and industry and to enhance Greece's role in European CST research.



Key takeaways from the event included:

- The **strategic role of Concentrated Solar Thermal** (CST) technologies in supporting Europe's decarbonization goals and the transition to sustainable industrial heat.
- The importance of **strengthening R&D collaboration and research infrastructures** across Europe to accelerate innovation along the CST value chain.
- The need to **improve access** to testing facilities, and exploit them to develop **novel concepts** on advancing CST.
- **Opportunities for Greece to further position itself within the European CST research landscape**, fostering stronger cooperation between industry and research institutions.
- The value of **multi-stakeholder dialogue** in identifying innovation gaps and shaping future research and investment priorities.

Event Presentations



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Roundtable Discussion

Current status and future outlook of CST in Europe & Greece



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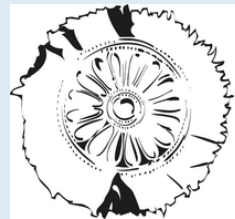
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