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Urgent Need for amendment of Self-Consumption Legislation

The Greek photovoltaics sector has been awaiting revisions to the ministerial decision on self-consumption for over eighteen months. The initial decision, signed on September 5, 2024—following an additional eighteen-month delay after related legislation was passed by Parliament in March 2023—was soon found to be inadequate and ineffective in practice, a view shared by all relevant stakeholders. The prolonged absence of a functional regulatory framework has significantly impeded advancement within the industry.

The need for amendment was identified by the Ministry of Environment and Energy itself, which began incorporating necessary changes as early as the beginning of 2025. However, the process was interrupted in the spring of last year due to a government reshuffle. Since then, despite repeated assurances, there has been no tangible progress. All involved organizations have presented their positions, and the responsibility now lies with the Ministry to finalize and sign a new ministerial decision.

Out of 360 MW of applications submitted by October 2025 under the new scheme, only 20 MW have been connected. This situation has already resulted in job losses within the sector, making it not just a potential threat but a present reality.

We call for the implementation of both EU and national legislation, alongside the establishment of a functional framework for self-consumption. Such a framework is seen as the most effective and immediate means to reduce energy bills for households and businesses.

Furthermore, we urge the complete integration of the RED III Directive into Greek legislation. In December, the European Commission submitted a reasoned opinion concerning Greece's lack of full implementation of the RED III Directive on Renewable Energy Sources (Directive 2023/2413). We respectfully request your prompt attention to these matters.

Yours sincerely,



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