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### Photovoltaics in Italy: megawatts approved and real ones

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In the September issue of the newsletter "Isolea360gradi" the article "Fotovoltaico: i megawatt approvati e quelli reali" Paolo Rocco Viscontini explains the current situation on the approved projects under the "conto energia", existing problems related to the current boom in demands for approvals.

According to him the 385 MW approved demands won't be totally fulfilled, he estimates there are a many projects which will not be installed, at least in the short term. Four main problems exist and he proposes some solutions.

Problem n°1: most of the demanders have no liquidity and won't receive any bank loan to finance their project. Solution: adapted financial tools such as low interest rates should be made available.

Problem n°2: some rules related to landscape protection due to the numerous protected buildings in Italy require the owners of buildings to wait for the approval of there project. However approval takes usually much more than 6 months, the maximum time allowed for starting installation works of the system. Solution: either the process of approval should be shortened or an acceleration procedure to give priority to PV projects should be adopted.

Problem n°3: The main grid operator, ENEL has already difficulties to manage the electricity grid and the situation has become worse with the numerous new PV installations. Solution: a financial sanction should be applied to the grid operator for not complying with its obligations.

Problem n°4: the GRTN is lasting long in answering many requests to change the title deed of projects. This delay is affecting all demands, even if there no request of change in titles, as the GRTN is fearing speculations. Solution: speed-up the approval process to change property deeds and to avoid any speculation, withdraw the annual installation cap.

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