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## Upcoming Polish renewable tender round boosts up large-scale PV pipeline to 2 GW

For a long time Photovoltaics played a negligible role in the Polish power mix. But triggered by auctions for small ground-mounted PV and a generous self-consumption model, PV capacity increased from around 0.5 GW in 2018 to 1.3 GW by the end of 2019. Although, large-scale PV could participate in the 2018 and 2019 auctions, onshore wind projects dominated the field. Only around 60 MW of large-scale PV projects were successful in last year's auction.

The upcoming tender round will most likely break this trend and push large-scale PV projects. This is driven by two factors. First, Poland's onshore wind pipeline dried up due to a highly restrictive distance rule (10H rule). Secondly, full costs of large-scale PV projects can now compete with those of the remaining onshore wind pipeline.

Against this backdrop, a significant pipeline of large-scale PV projects is building up in Poland. By the end of April, almost two GW of new projects filed a grid connection request or received it already. About a third of those projects have an installed capacity of more than 15 MW each.

Solivan Pontes and enervis conducted a study for the upcoming tender round and advise their clients on possible market entries and bidding strategies. They see an increasing interest by investors and project developers for large-scale PV in Poland. Additionally, low power prices due to the Covid19 crisis reinforce the interest in renewable tenders all over Europe.

Christian Schnell, Partner with Solivan Pontes law firm: *"We see strong interest of international investors to enter into large-scale PV development portfolios to be prepared for the coming auctions. As the Polish Ministry of Climate intends to prolong the auction support system until 2024 also the midterm perspective drives investments."*

Tim Steinert, Senior Consultant at enervis comments: *"Based on our analysis of the project pipeline, we expect the auction's cut-off price to be determined by a strong competition between onshore wind and cost efficient large-scale PV projects."*

### **About enervis**

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Solivan Pontes is a Warsaw-based boutique law firm established in 2014 with close to 20 lawyers focussing on the following sectors: Energy, Commercial Real Estate, Banking & Finance and Private Equity. All lawyers gained longstanding experience in leading international law firms advising on major transactions. Solivan is member firm of Pontes - the CEE lawyers covering legal advice in above sectors in the region. Solivan's energy sector client base covers major utilities, international project developers, banks, private equity investors and corporates. Head of the energy practice is Christian Schnell, a leading expert in alternative energy investments in Poland with 20 years experience. Christian for many years supports the Polish government and leading employer associations on regulatory issues.

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