

SOLAR STEWARDSHIP INITIATIVE (SSI) ASSESSMENTS



What is the SSI?

The SSI is the first-ever supply chain sustainability assurance scheme devoted to the solar photovoltaic (PV) sector and the needs of its customers.

The initiative collaborates with manufacturers, developers, installers and purchasers across the global solar value chain to foster responsible production, sourcing and material stewardship.

Why is the SSI important?

The SSI was set in motion by SolarPower Europe and Solar Energy UK in March 2021, as part of a workstream established in 2015 to promote sustainable production in the solar value chain.

The SSI Standards unite international standards and industry, civil society and political expertise. The SSI Secretariat assigns an independent assessor, such as SGS, to evaluate your organization's compliance with robust sustainability and environmental, social and governance (ESG) criteria.

The SSI's mission involves:

- Ensuring that the energy transition is just, inclusive and respects human rights
- Establishing mechanisms to create supply chain transparency, ensuring global solar industry integrity
- Enabling continuous improvement of ESG performance
- Preparing the industry for relevant upcoming ESG, transparency and responsible supply chain laws and regulations
- Building regulator, customer and business partner confidence in the sustainability of the solar value chain

What we offer

As an SSI-approved Assessment Body (AB), we can assess SSI members against the SSI Standards, including the ESG Standard to enhance supply chain sustainability, instilling confidence in solar manufacturing practices and setting the bar for the sector's ESG performance.

Combining decades of sustainability and supply chain assurance leadership, we can guide you through the entire SSI process, whatever your needs and aims. Our expert auditors will establish and verify information on current transparency levels, ESG performance and other aspects at solar value chain production sites.

Who is it for?

Any manufacturers and buyers of solar PV modules, as well as other stakeholders, including civil society, NGOs, intergovernmental institutions, international financial institutions, academics and independent experts wishing to foster responsible production, sourcing and stewardship of related materials.

Key benefits

Successful completion of an assessment enables you to:

- Understand and enhance your ESG performance and supply chain sustainability
- Instill confidence in solar manufacturing practices
- Demonstrate your commitment to ESG to key stakeholders, including customers
- Enhance efficiency and brand reputation
- Reduce costs and time
- Help set the bar for the sector's ESG performance level

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