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# Solarcity News



## First Solar announces doubling of capacity in Frankfurt Oder (Germany)

Three years after the first thin-film modul left the line, worlds market leader of thin-film solar modules, First Solar, announced an expansion, which will double the production capacity in Germany to approximately 440 MWp. Investing more than 160 million Euros and creating more than 550 new jobs, First Solar justifies the investment in Solarcity Frankfurt Oder with the ongoing growing photovoltaic market and the fast and professional support on site to reduce the time to market to a minimum.



- **Three solar plants representing three different technologies:**
  - Si solar modules, integrated prod. (**Conergy**)
  - CdTe-thin film modules (**First Solar**)
  - CuInS<sub>2</sub>-thin film panels, flexible (**Odersun**)
- **Various solar suppliers:**
  - high purity materials (CdTe, CdS) (**5N PV**)
  - electronic components (**Yamaichi**)
- **High density of research & development:**
  - approx. 50,000 students in engineering and natural sciences in Berlin-Brandenburg
- **R&D support on site:**
  - Institute for High Performance Microelectronics
  - Institute of Solar Technologies

*„We came with great expectations to Brandenburg and Frankfurt (Oder) and I can say all our expectations were exceeded.“*

Michael J. Ahearn,  
Executive Chairman  
First Solar Inc., USA



- **Solar Theme Park Frankfurt (Oder):** Testing, benchmarking, certification and marketing platform for modules and equipment
- **Specialised training of employees:** mechanics, electronics, mechatronics
- **Professional investment support:** Assistance in developing business models to maximize subsidies and optimize tax burdens



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## Outstanding conditions for the set-up of new businesses:

### Easy and fast to reach

for industrial transport via road, rail, waterway and air traffic

- Direct motorway access
- Rail switchyard, combined traffic terminal
- Inland harbour, regional airfield
- 50 miles to the Airport Berlin Brandenburg International (BBI)



### Highest Incentives in the EU

Up to **50%, 40%, 30%** investment grants (for small, medium-sized or large companies), subordinated loans, government-backed loans, grants for R&D projects, labor-related incentives

### High-quality industrial sites

Fully-developed industrial parks with powerful utilities' supply incl. multi-redundancy electric power, high- and medium-pressure gas pipelines, efficient water supply and wastewater disposal

## Potential for new businesses:

- Solar modules of various technologies
- Solar silicon, wafers, glass, special materials
- Mounting, trekking, building integrated systems
- Converters, electronic components
- R&D, planning, installation, maintenance
- Recycling of solar modules

## Professional support by the Investor Center Ostbrandenburg:

The Investor Center Ostbrandenburg will support you - **free of charge** - in all matters setting up your business on site:

- Creation of individual location based offers for your sector
- Support in the development of business models, considering tax aspects and subsidy programmes
- Support in selecting the right site, recruiting the right personnel, contacting co-operation partners
- One-Stop-Agency for all levels of authority

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