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Dear Sir / Madam;

As you know, concentrating solar power (CSP) is a very promising renewable energy resource. So far, the best known application is electricity generation in bulk thermodynamic cycles, but other applications have also been demonstrated, such as production of hydrogen and solar fuels, water treatment and research in advanced materials. Europe is a leader in research and development of this technology.

All the most important European concentrated solar energy R&D infrastructures are participating in the 'Solar Facilities for the European Research Area *Second Phase* (SFERA II)' Project, funded by the European Commission under the Seventh Framework Program 'Capacities', Specific Program 'Research Infrastructures'.

Since one of the goals of this project concerns trans-national access, **the most relevant European R&D infrastructures will be opening their doors to interested users groups**, thereby optimizing use of the facilities and creating critical mass for new research initiatives, **free of charge to the users**.

The **CIEMAT-PSA, CNRS-PROMES, PSI-Villigen, CIESOL-UAL** and **ENEA-Casaccia** sites will be providing access to their state-of-the-art high-flux solar research facilities.

The website address is: <http://sfera2.sollab.eu/>. There you will find all the basic information you need, like the [access conditions](#).

Please, see the '[Access to facilities](#)' section where you can find further information on the R&D themes and research areas, and the different facilities offered for access by each institution. In this 'Access to facilities' section, the '[User Research Proposal Form](#)' can also be found and download.

The deadline to submit access applications is January 31, 2016

We also ask you to circulate this Call to your contact list if you consider that it is of interest.

I remain at your disposal for any questions in this regard.

Thank you in advance for your interest.

Best regards,

Ricardo Sánchez
SFERA II Access Manager