

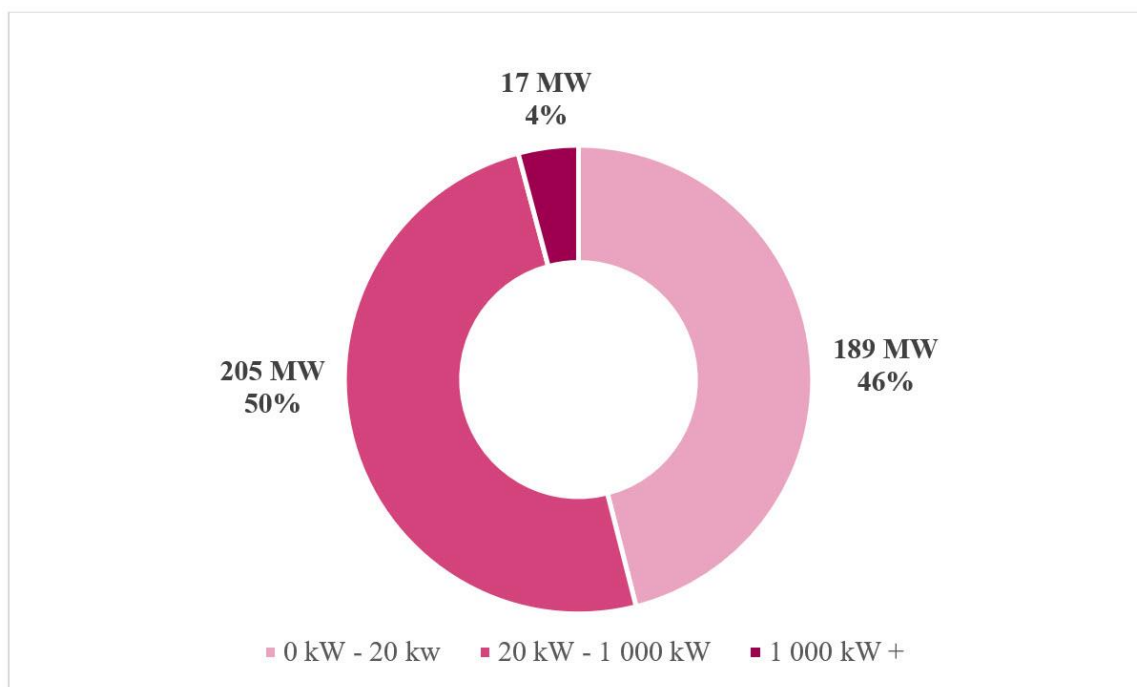
The sun shines on Sweden and the PV business

The Swedish national energy agency just published the statistics for PV installations for 2018. The solar business in Sweden is growing rapidly.

This is due to the 30% subsidy that home owners and businesses gets for both equipment and installation costs. The subsidy has been in work since 2008 and is becoming the most attractive subsidy for renewable energy in Sweden. Regardless the fact that there are no feed-in traiffs, of the over 220 electricity trading companies only around 20 offer reasonable payment for PV electricity fed into the grid.

The number of grid connected PV installations has increased with 67 % between 2017 and 2018 where the South Baltic regions of Blekinge, Småland and Kronoberg has more than 2000 registred PV home or business installations. Only in 2018 over 10 000 installations was comissioned in Sweden and now reaches a total of 25.000 with a capacity of 411 MW, increasing each day.

The graph shows the size of the installation compared to the total. For example, small home owner PV installations stands for 46% of the capacity.



Although the future looks bright there are some clouds on the horizon. For example the demand is higher than installation capacity, access to quality PV panels and skilled workforce. There are too few PV technician educations in Sweden and it needs to be increased quickly. This though, provides excellent possibilities for South Baltic cooperation as other countries in the area have qualified technicians but a slow market. A quick look into the Cleantech database could provide fruitful business opportunities for PV SMEs around the South Baltic area.

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