



The University Savoie Mont Blanc offers a new international integrated Master/PhD program called Solar Academy.

The Solar Academy combines practice and theory in the areas of solar and building physics, scientific computing, material science, economics, law, sociology architecture and urban planning. The outstanding students in this graduate school will acquire a solid background in various topics in solar energy, ranging from fundamental to applied sciences, allowing them to build a successful career in R&D sectors.

The mission of the Solar Academy is to become a national and international leader in scientific research, engineering, business, economy and law for a model of low-carbon distributed generation and consumption. Central to its organization is a multidisciplinary approach to enable the large-scale utilization of the solar energy resource.

Between February and May 2022, multiple dissemination and training seminars will take place on «international energy policies, markets and research ». Around 30 master's students, PhD students, professors and researchers have attended the session held by the *Institut National de l'Energie Solaire - Plateforme Formation & Evaluation (INES PFE)*.

On the 22nd March 2022, Immaculada Miracle presented how INES PFE's national and international projects represent a threefold opportunity for:

- Building bridges with both national and international energy policies
- Working in close collaboration between public and private stakeholders
- Moving towards a faster and fairer development of solar energy

ECOVEM has been one of the main European projects presented. The main topics of debate raised were: the reason for **the return of microelectronics in Europe**, the **synergies between the microelectronics sector and photovoltaic solar energy**, and **photovoltaic reindustrialization in Europe** (for example, Gigafactories). Likewise, as a result of the seminar, INES PFE has offered attendees the possibility of organizing **guided tours in the INES technical training platforms and research laboratories**.

This event also gave the opportunity to deepen discussions between INSE PFE and the management board of the Solar Academy Graduate School in order to **integrate the ECOVEM curricula on Photovoltaics into their Master's degree programs**.