



Press Release

'Social Purpose for solar revamping'

Official launch of project to reuse ERG solar panels for Dynamo Camp ETS Foundation

Pistoia, 18 September 2024— Today marked the start of the fourth 'Social Purpose for Solar Revamping' project in Limestre, Pistoia, at Dynamo Camp, the headquarters of the ETS Foundation, which offers free Dynamo® Recreational Therapy programmes for children and young people with severe or chronic illnesses, neurodevelopmental disorders, or disabilities. ERG designed this programme to give a second life to photovoltaic panels from its solar plant revamping.

The project at Dynamo Camp, developed in collaboration with the MSC Foundation and technical partner KME, led to the installation of an 84 kWp solar plant on the roofs of two parking areas, covering about 1,800 square metres and providing 66 parking spaces. The plant comprises 400 photovoltaic modules, each with a capacity of 210 W, and connects to the existing electricity grid. The 'green' energy produced, with an estimated maximum output of 100,000 kWh per year, will partially meet the building's energy needs. Additionally, the photovoltaic plant area will feature six charging stations for electric vehicles.

At the 'ribbon-cutting' ceremony, attendees included Sandra Romagnani, President of the City Council of San Marcello Piteglio; Alessandro Garrone, Executive Deputy Chairman of ERG; Maria Serena Porcari, CEO of the Dynamo Camp Foundation; and Daniela Picco, Executive Director of the MSC Foundation.

Part of the SeriousFun Children's Network of camps, founded in 1988 by Paul Newman and active worldwide, Dynamo Camp has offered free Dynamo® Recreational Therapy programmes since 2007 for children and young people with severe or chronic illnesses, neurodevelopmental disorders, or disabilities. The activities take place at Dynamo Camp and, through Dynamo Programmes, extend to hospitals, pathology associations, family homes, and Dynamo City Camps in several major cities across the country, either during the summer or throughout the year. The goal of Dynamo Camp is to support the right to happiness for children with severe illnesses and their families.

The 'Social Purpose for Solar Revamping' initiative is part of ERG's ESG Plan focuses on reusing fully functional second-hand solar panels, which are still in good condition, from two ERG solar farms in Apulia. These panels are designated for projects in Africa and Italy to support communities, hospitals, families, and schools in collaboration with industrial and logistics partners.

In particular, through the Community of Sant'Egidio, a new 40 kWp off-grid solar plant has been installed in Malawi, supported by a 40 kWh storage system, to power the diagnostic centre. In Madagascar, through ETS Boki Mamiko, an off-grid solar energy island has been created, featuring a photovoltaic system, and an 'engineered' container, with an installed capacity of 10 kWp. In Italy, the donation of ERG photovoltaic modules was used to 'solarise' the roofs of the car parking area at Dynamo Camp and to build a solar roof for the headquarters of the NGO "Music for Peace" in Genoa.

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