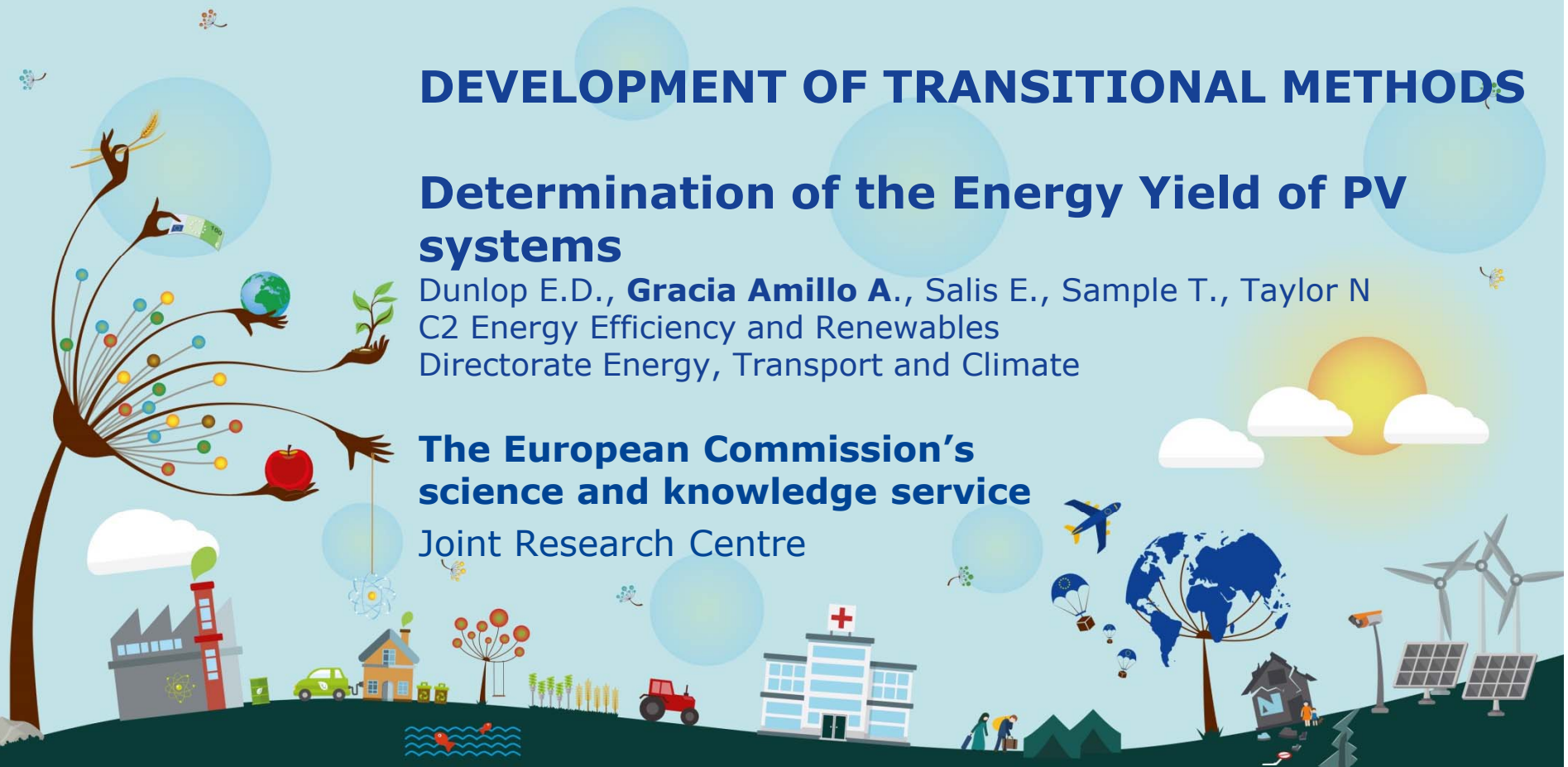


# DEVELOPMENT OF TRANSITIONAL METHODS

## Determination of the Energy Yield of PV systems

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# Photovoltaic Systems

Proposed **functional parameter:**

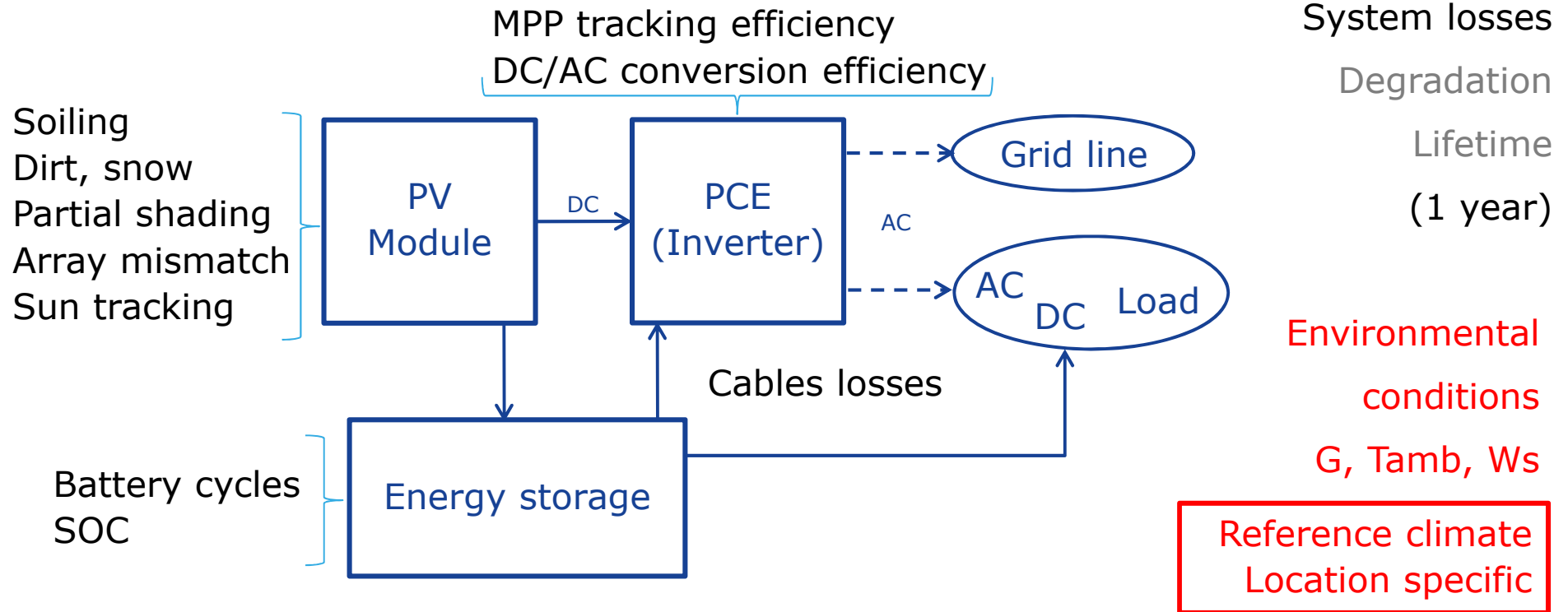
*"1 kWh of AC power output supplied under fixed climatic conditions for 1 year (with reference to IEC 61853-4) and assuming a service life of 25 years".*

How to estimate the AC power output of any PV system?

- Size
- Location, set up
- Application
- Configuration

Model the performance of every single component

# Energy Yield of PV systems



# 1. PV module

## **IEC 61853 series. *Photovoltaic (PV) module performance testing and energy rating***

- Defines the methodology to estimate the hourly DC power output values, for a year, from a 1 kWp array of the PV modules under analysis (IEC 61853-3).
- Describes the tests to be performed on the analyzed modules to obtain the parameters used in the modelling part (IEC 61853-1&2).
- Contains the 6 reference climatic datasets (IEC 61853-4).
- Fixed configuration of the modules:  
free standing rack, equator facing, inclined 20°.

Considered effects:

- AOI
- Spectral response
- Module Temp
- Low irradiation performance.

## 2. Power Conditioning Equipment

- Present components in the PV system

Inverter

Transformers or converters

Battery charge regulators

etc.

- Size of the various components

Inverter: Pnom Ratio ( $P_{nom\_Array} / P_{nom\_inv}$ )

- 1.25 – 1.3 for most well oriented systems
- > 2 for PV in façades

- Efficiency



## 2.1. Inverter efficiency

**IEC 61683 Photovoltaic systems – Power conditioners –  
Procedure for measuring efficiency**

**EN 50530 Overall efficiency of grid connected inverters**

- Overall efficiency, weighted efficiency

$$P_{AC} = h_{conv} P_{DC} = h_{conv} h_{MPPT} P_{MPP}$$

$h_{EUR}$  or similar

- Efficiency curve  
Interpolation procedure need to be defined

### 3. Energy storage

- Type of battery used
- The model used to simulate the performance should consider:
  - State of charge
  - Charging/discharging current rate
  - Temperature (capacity)
  - Loads, working patterns
  - Ageing: static longevity and deterioration due to use
  - Number of cycles and depth of discharge
  - Battery efficiency

## 4. PV system losses

- PV module array
  - Soiling (1-4%)
  - Dirt, snow (up to 10%)
  - Partial shading
  - Array mismatch (2.5%)
  - Real module performance, MPPT
- Power conditioning equipment
  - MPP tracking losses
  - Transformer (2%)
- Wiring losses (1-6%)
- Others (availability losses 5%)

### OPTIONS:

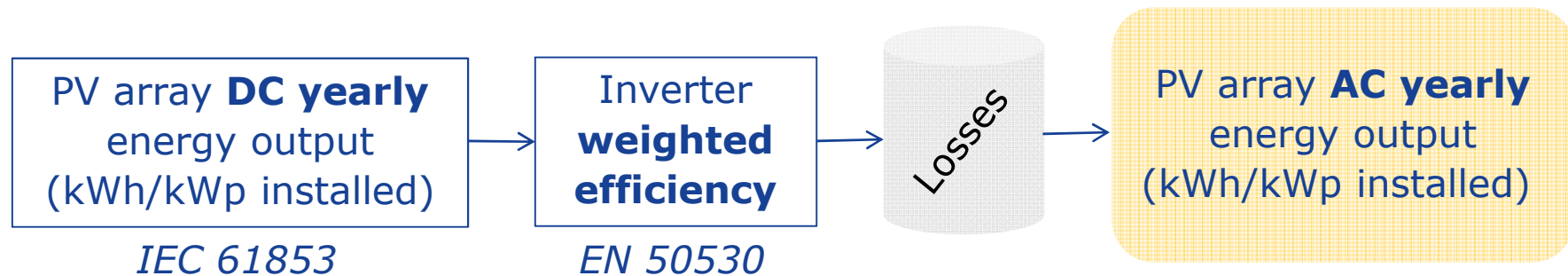
1. Modelled values
2. Empirical factors
3. Not applicable losses

PV system size dependent



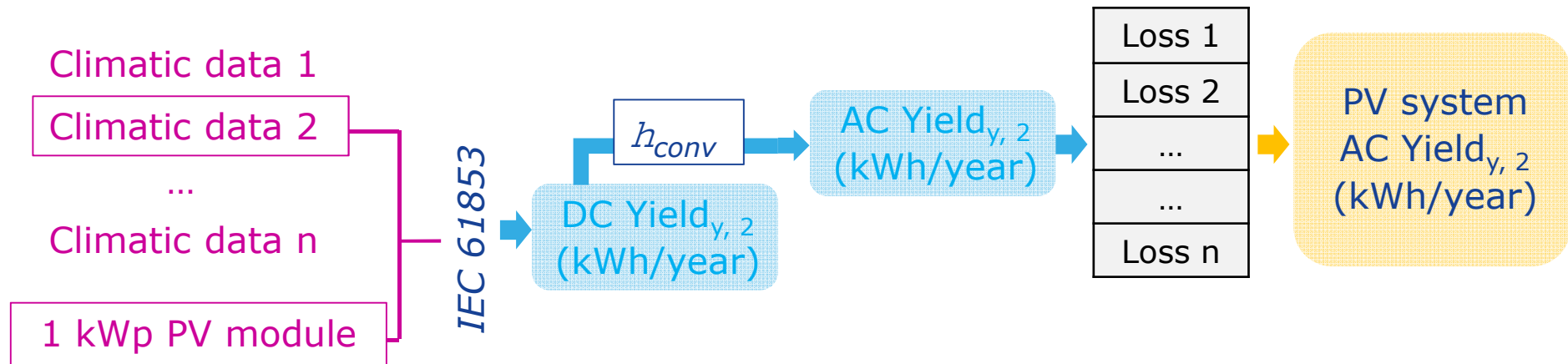
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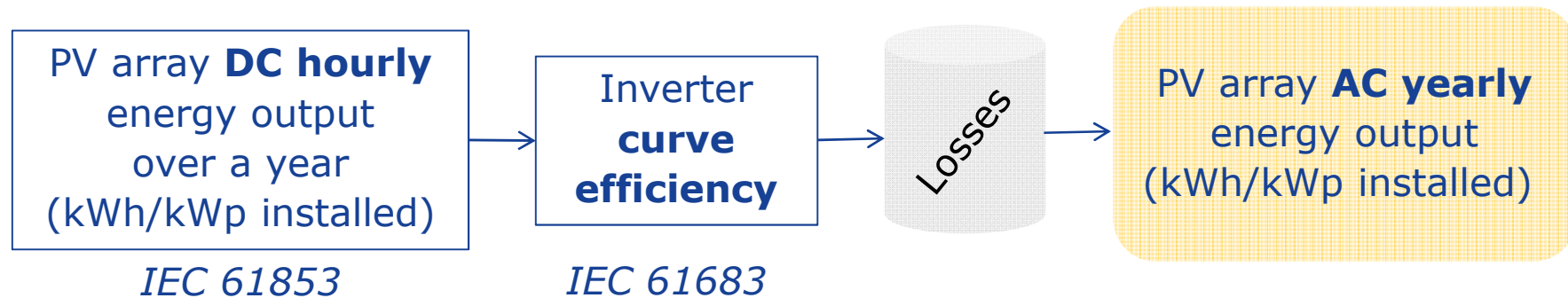
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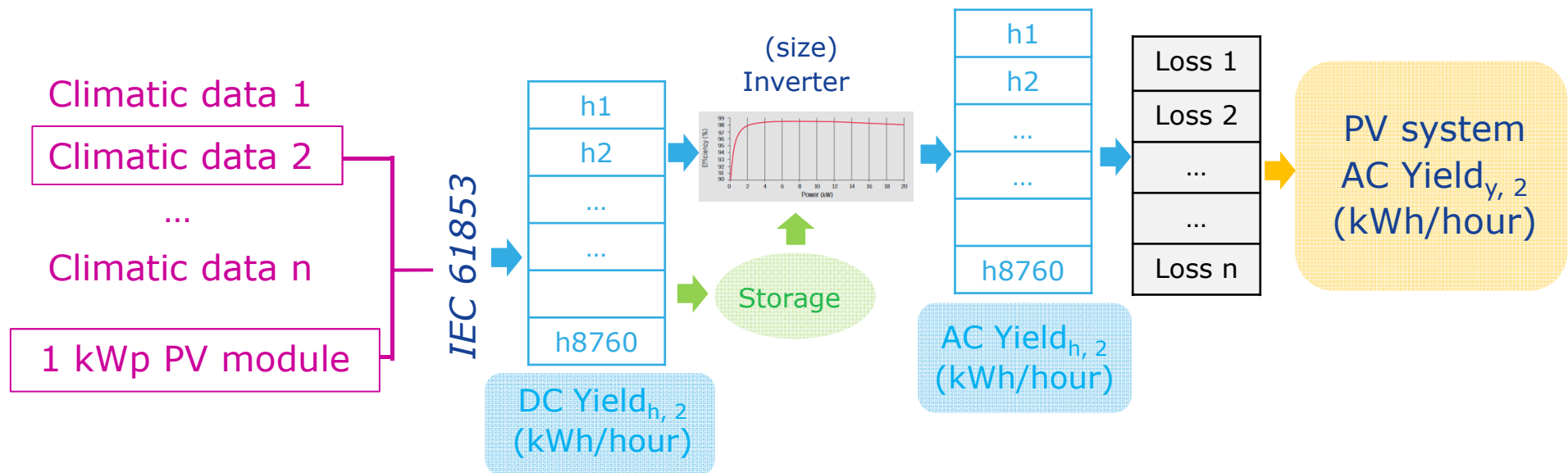
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## Approach B. Hourly modelling



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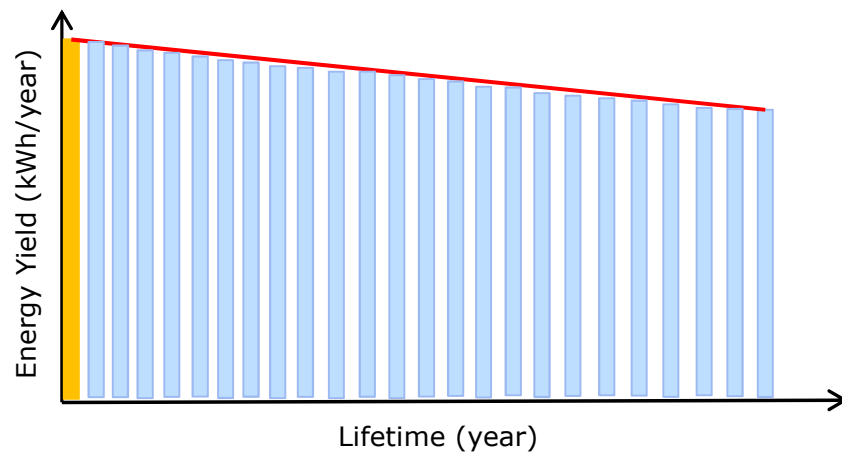
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# Lifetime Energy Yield of PV systems estimation

Linear constant degradation

$$EY_{lifetime} = EY_{annual(0)} \cdot T_{lifetime} \left( 1 - \tau_{deg} \cdot \frac{T_{lifetime}}{2} \right)$$



# Climatic conditions for Europe

IEC 61853-4 *Standard Reference Climatic Profiles*

6 reference climatic datasets

- Subtropical arid
- Temperate coastal
- Temperate continental
- Tropical humid
- Subtropical coastal
- High elevation (above 3000 m)

} European weather conditions

Specific location data for PV system analysis or policy tool retrieved from sources like PVGIS.