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From the Market to the Market

Every year we carry out our survey about the Distributed Generation solar PV sector. The objective of this survey is to show the reality of the market, in such a way that it can be a strategy guide for all the active companies in the sector.

To achieve this, we count on the collaboration of thousands of **PV Integrators**, who dedicate some of their precious time to respond to our questionnaire; on **Distributors** who take some time to provide us with reference prices of their PV kits; on all companies in general (**Manufacturers, Distributors, Service providers**) who use their time to distribute our questionnaire and incentivize the engagement of their customer bases and completion of the forms, as well as providing us with references and sharing their knowledge with us; and our **Sponsors**, who make the execution of all this work possible.

This is market research created by our market for our market. Our role is only to collect, concentrate and validate the information that the whole value chain supplies to us, with the best of intentions, since we all have the same objective: **to help the solar PV market grow in a healthy direction.**

*Our Big Thanks to everyone!
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Report Highlights

- 1. The import of solar PV equipment to Brazil is accelerating.** The quantity demanded by the Brazilian market in the **first half of 2022** should generate **investments exceeding R\$35 billion** to meet the needs of distributed generation and large-scale solar PV plants.
- 2. The prices of solar PV systems showed an average decrease of 4.3%** in the first half of 2022. Lower sales prices of the equipment in the distribution chain and high competitiveness in the sector were factors that contributed to the reduction of prices to the end consumer.
- 3. A sharp rise in interest rates contributed to a drop in the share of (bank) financing** in the sales of PV systems in the first half of 2022. Despite this development, the solar PV sector continues to attract **new financial backers to the market**, with the number of financial institutions providing credit to the PV sector **growing by 30%**.
- 4. In spite of the reduction in the value of energy to the final consumer as a result of Complementary Law (LC) 194, which reduces ICMS**, investments in Distributed Generation solar power, in general, remain attractive.

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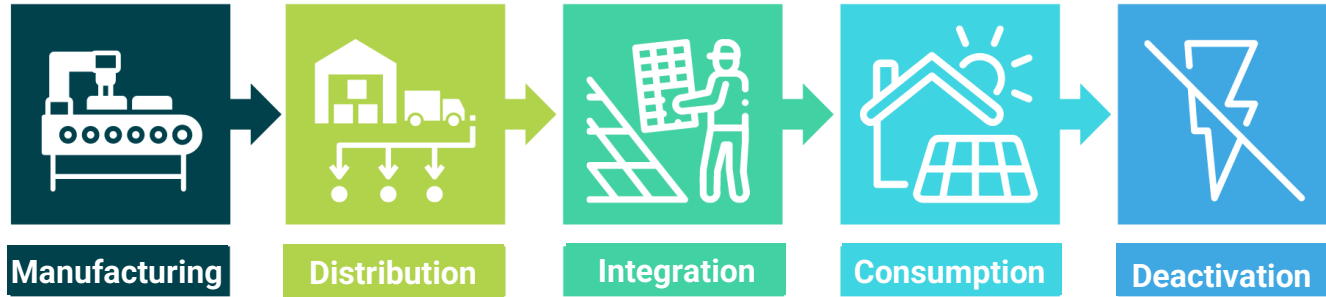


CHAPTER 1

Value Chain

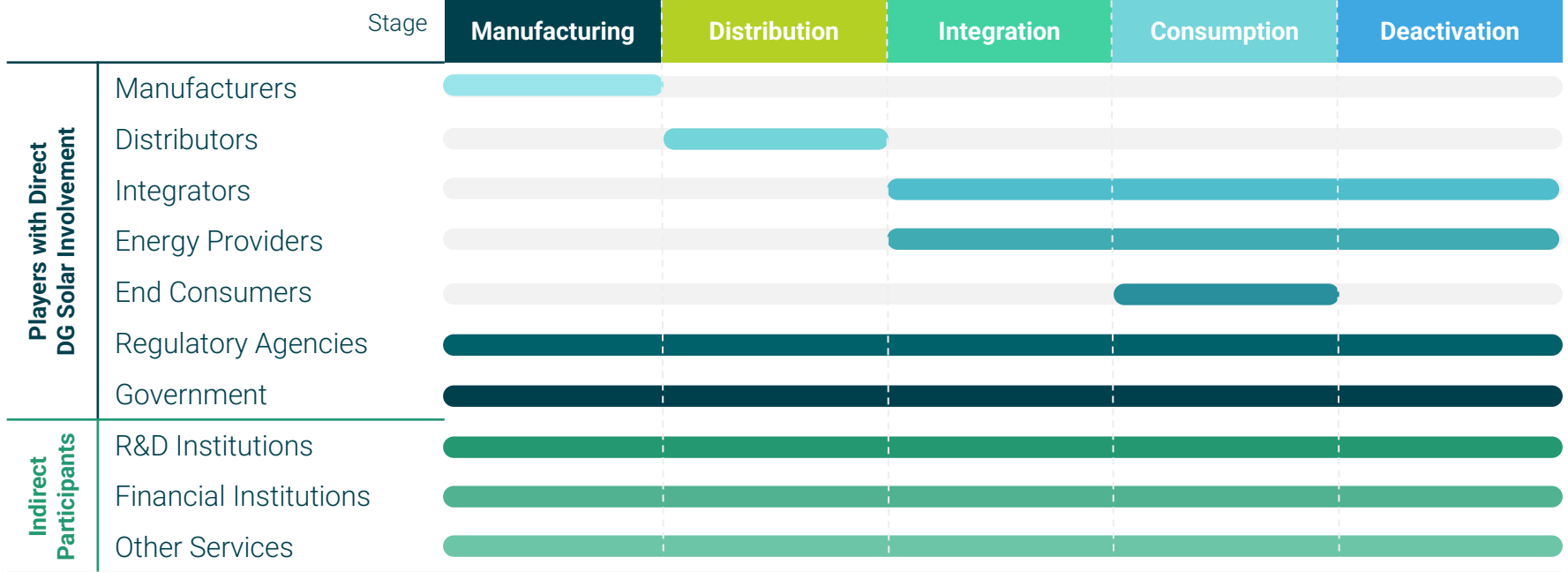
Value Chain

Distributed Generation



- The **value chain** encompasses all activities carried out by a group of companies and organizations in order to deliver a **PV system** to the end consumer, taking into account the stages of manufacturing, distribution, integration, acquisition of the PV system and its deactivation at the end of its useful life. For each of these stages there are **market participants** directly related to the execution of those activities, as well as other companies that operate indirectly in the sector.
- A good understanding of the dynamics in the value chain is fundamental for all different market participants to obtain the **information needed to manage their processes and strategies**, such as **pricing**, amongst others, at the same time as trying to increase and improve their market presence and spread the use of DG solar technology.

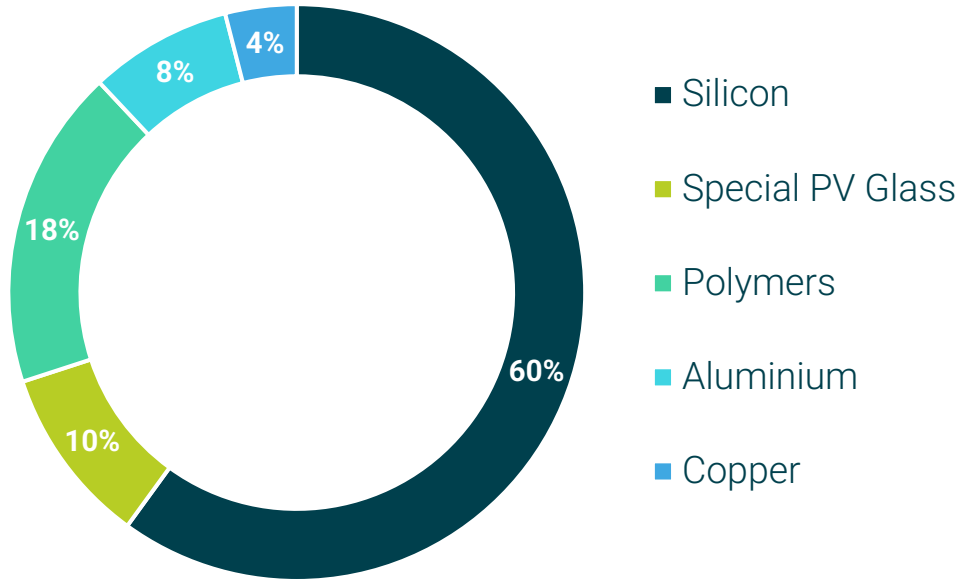
Value Chain



Manufacturing of PV System Components

PV Modules

Cost Structure



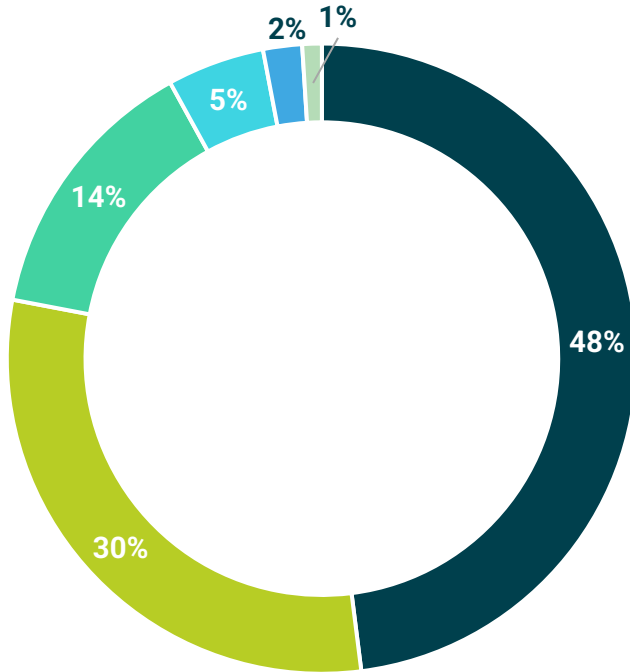
➤ The **PV modules** represent about 38% of the total cost of a PV system, thus an essential component for a detailed analysis of market pricing.

➤ Since the main input material for each module is metallic silicon (the raw material for the production of **polysilicon**), which makes up 60% of the total raw material cost, variations in the silicon price have a direct impact on the price of PV modules.

Manufacturing of PV System Components

PV Inverters

Cost Structure



- Semiconductor Components
- Electronic Components
- Passive Components
- Interconnection
- Physical Structure
- Thermal Management

➤ The **semiconductors and electronic components** represent the bulk of the component costs for PV Inverters. In the past year, these components experienced a sharp increase in demand due to the ongoing digitalization process, which was accelerated by the pandemic. This scenario culminated in **global supply issues** for these components and consequent increases in **prices and shipping costs**, potentially influencing the future cost of inverters.

Manufacturing of PV System Components

PV Mounting Structures, Installation Tools & Materials, Bidirectional Electricity Meters

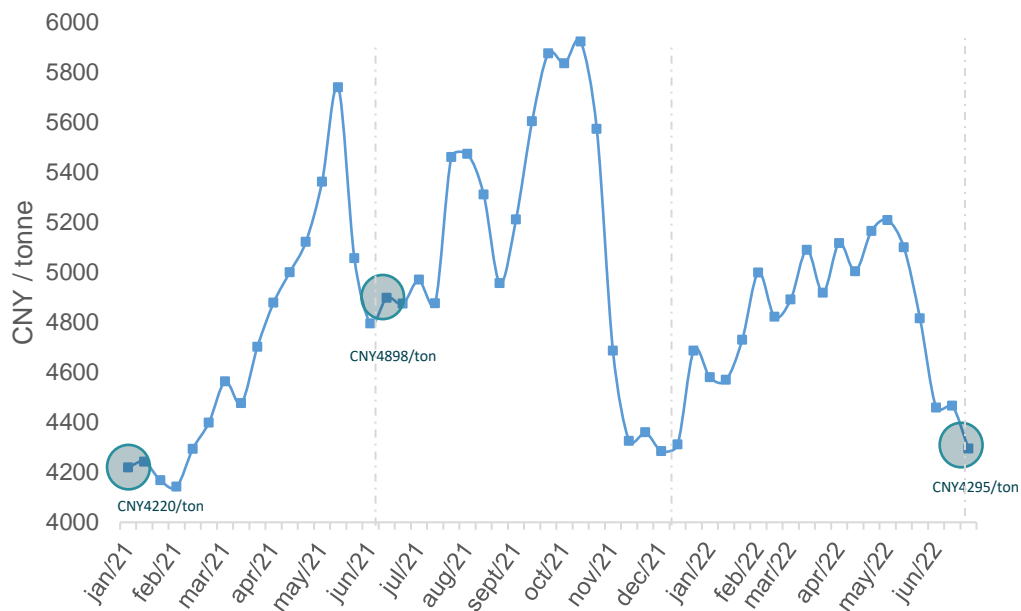


- The **PV Mounting Structures** are basically made of **aluminum or steel** to guarantee the structural flexibility that is required of them and the maximum useful system lifetime. Even though aluminum is also produced in Brazil, its pricing structure is based on the value of the US \$ and its quoted price on the London Metal Exchange (LME), meaning that currency movements can have a significant impact on the final cost of PV mounting structures.
- The **installation tools and materials** include cables/wiring, system protection, devices for energy conversion, as well as their raw materials such as **copper, aluminum, polymers, and steel**.

Manufacturing the Components of a PV System

Impact from Commodity Price Rises

Global Steel Price Evolution

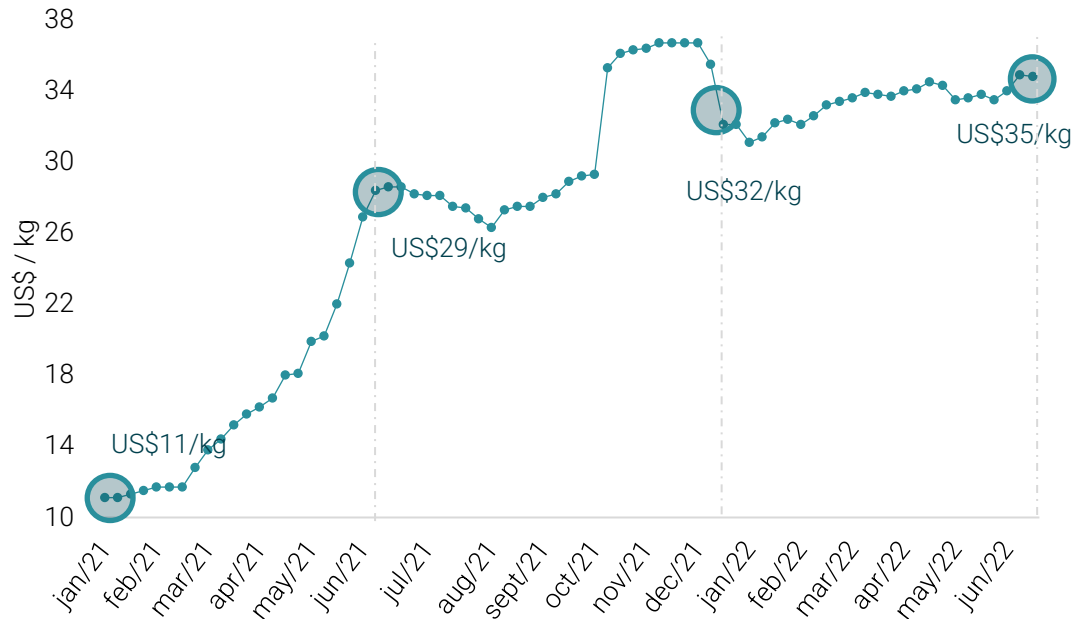


- After a sharp rise in 2021 because of a lack of supply, the **price of steel has shown a declining trend** in the last few months and is getting close to the price level of January 2021.
- The global steel price impacts the production cost of **mounting structures, especially for ground-based PV plants.**

Manufacturing the Components of a PV System

Impact of the Price Rise of Polysilicon on the Prices of PV Modules

Evolution of the Price of Polysilicon

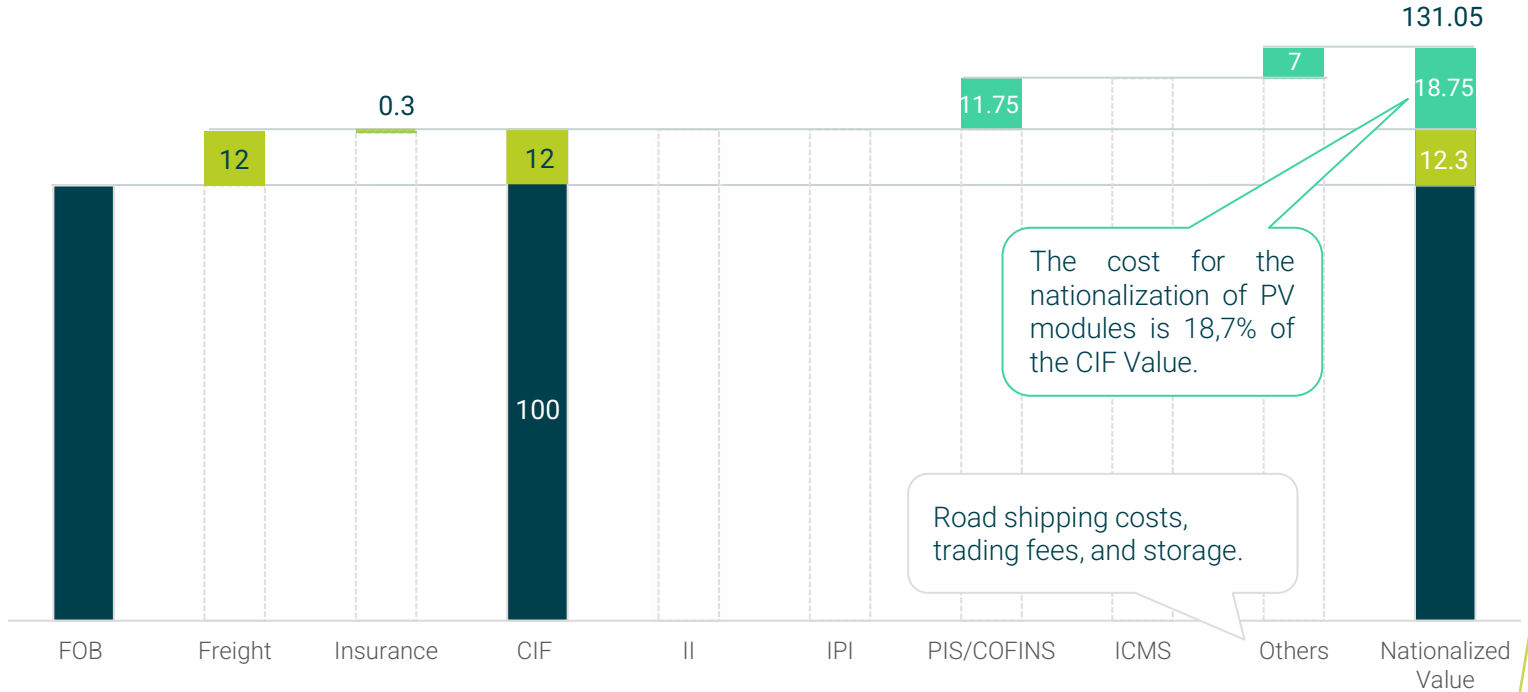


- The global price of polysilicon maintained its rising trend, recording an increase of **9.4% in the first half of 2022**.
- **In the year up to December 2021** the polysilicon price had already undergone an increase of **200%**.
- The price variation of this raw material **directly impacts the price of PV modules**.

Solar PV Modules

Costs of importing and nationalization for use in Brazil

International freight costs showed a reduction of around 30% compared to the end of 2021, impacting the cost of PV modules in Brazil positively.



The cost for the nationalization of PV modules is 18,7% of the CIF Value.

Road shipping costs, trading fees, and storage.

Freight Cost Brazil –
China at USD10k per 40
ft container in Jul/2022

Cost / Rate

12%

0.3%

0%

0%

11.75%

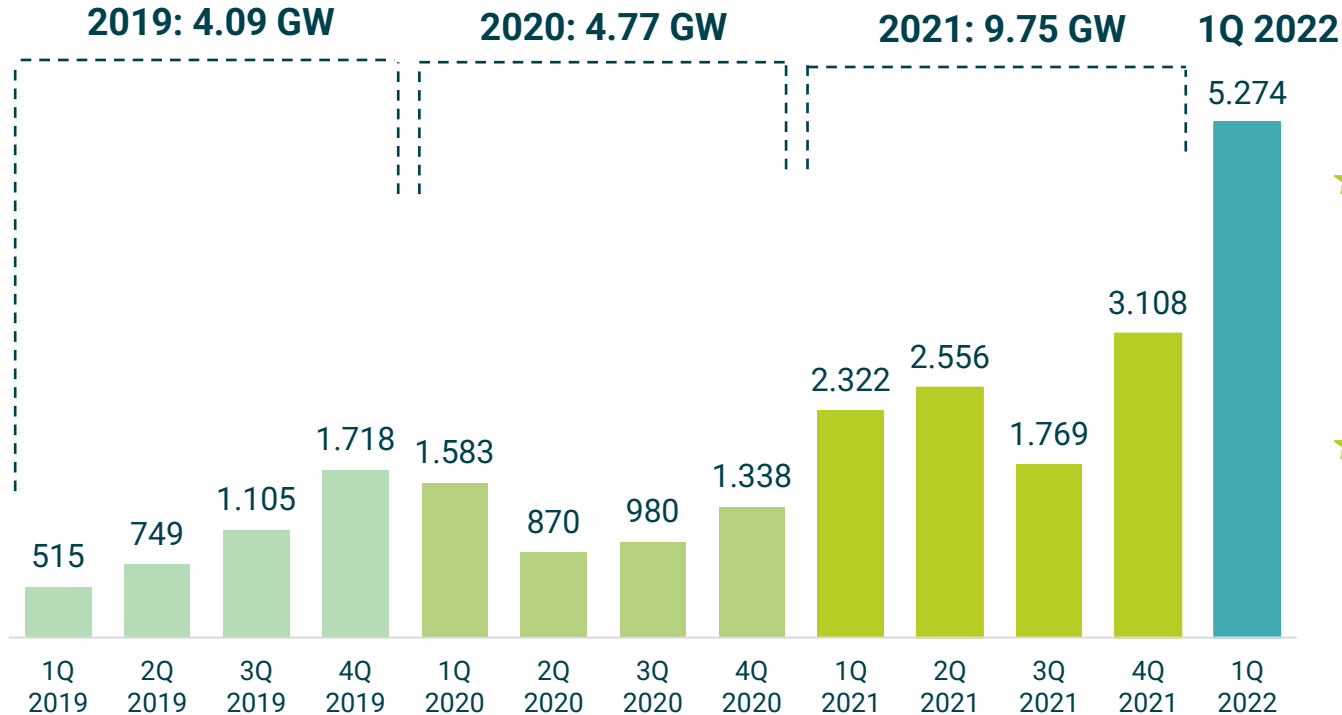
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7%

31.05%

Solar PV Modules – Imported Volume [MWp]

Distributed Generation and Centralized Generation



- The first quarter of 2022 showed **volume growth of 127%** compared to the same period in 2021 (2,322 MW).
- The **regulatory changes** and high expectations for market growth in 2022 were the main drivers of these high volumes.

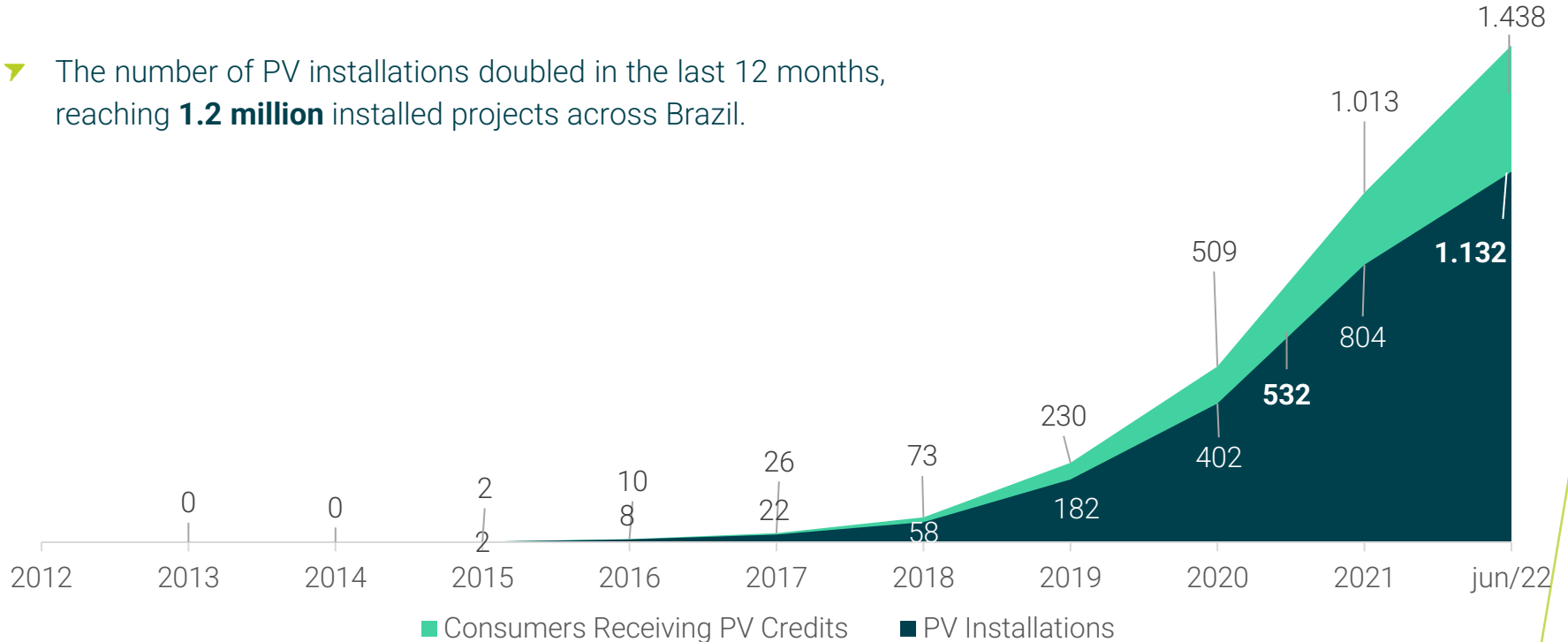
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DG Business Ventures

Cumulative Number of Solar PV Installations in Brazil

Nº Connected to Grid and Nº of Connected Customers Earning Energy Credits (Thousands)

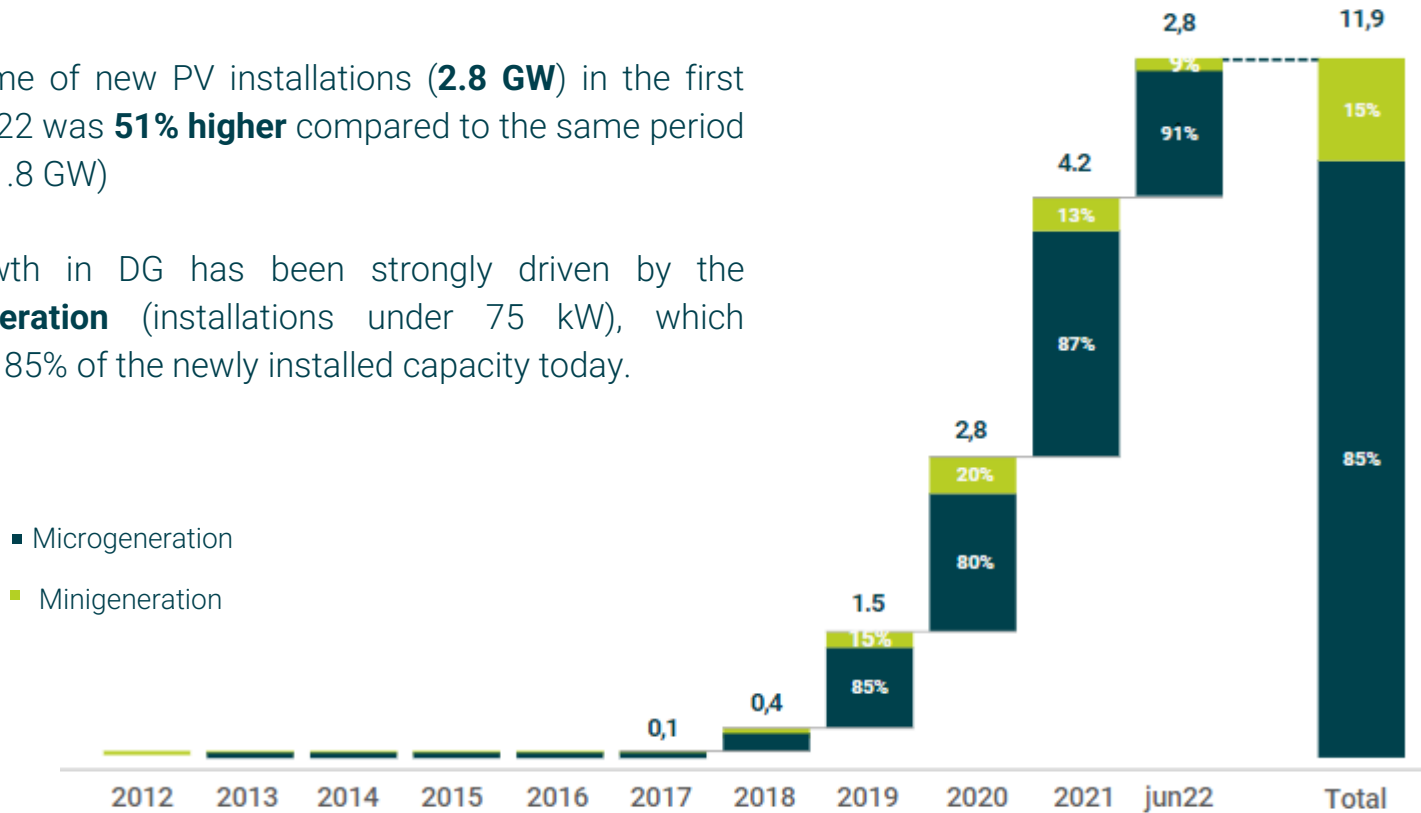
➤ The number of PV installations doubled in the last 12 months, reaching **1.2 million** installed projects across Brazil.



Source: Aneel, 2022 (data downloaded on 12/08/2022).

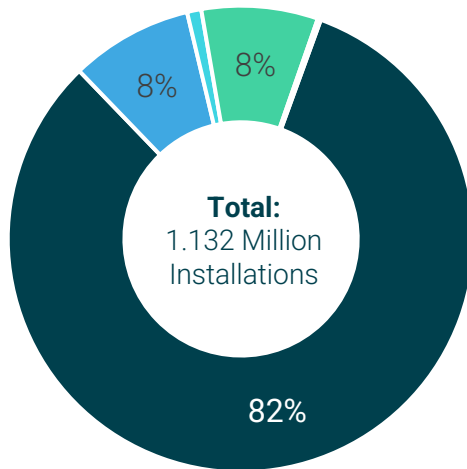
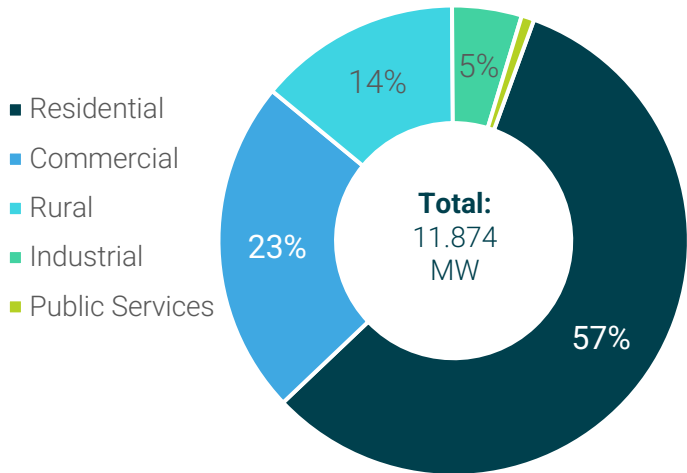
Additional and Cumulative PV Volume Connected to Grid [GW]

- The volume of new PV installations (**2.8 GW**) in the first half of 2022 was **51% higher** compared to the same period of 2021 (1.8 GW)
- The growth in DG has been strongly driven by the **microgeneration** (installations under 75 kW), which represent 85% of the newly installed capacity today.



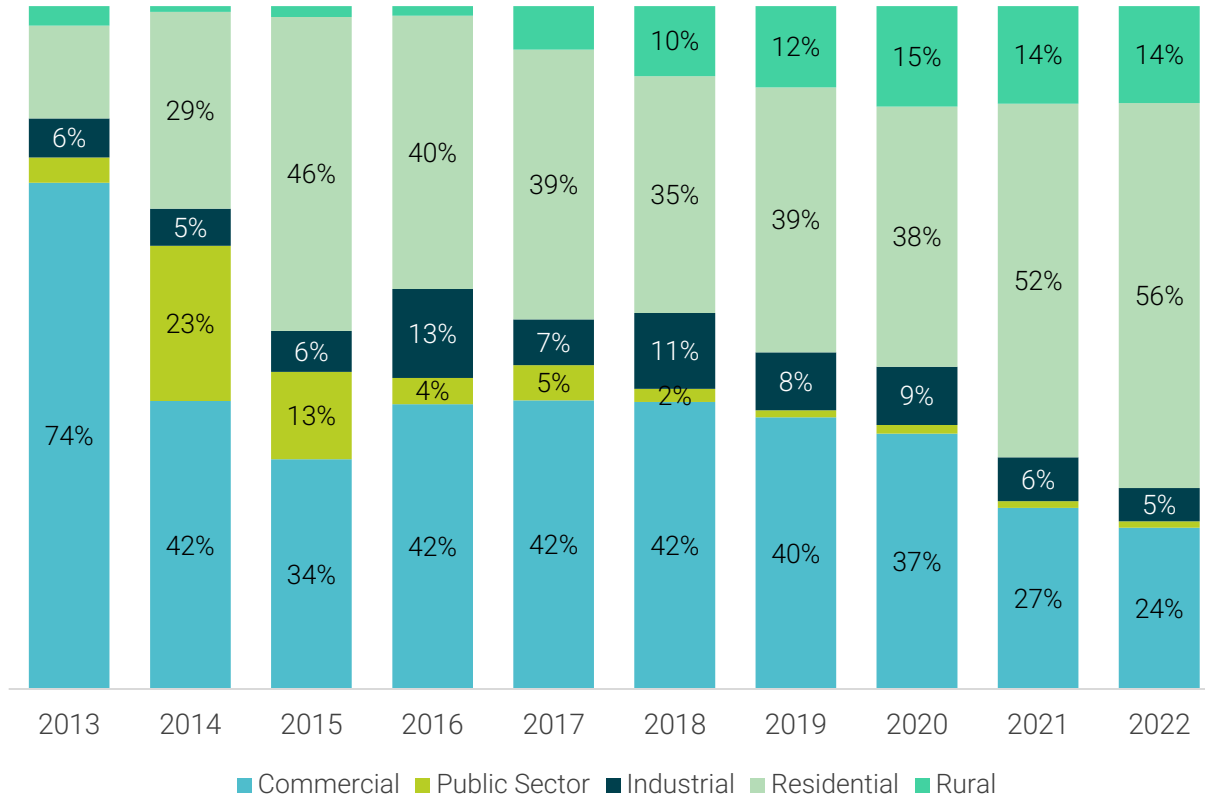
Cumulative Volume / Installations per Customer Type

Cumulative Capacity (MW) and PV Installations (in thousands)



- **Residential Customers** continue to represent a majority share in DG solar, both in the number of installations and the installed generating capacity.
- Larger-sized PV systems, such as those for **Commercial and Industrial Customers**, currently represent **37%** of installed capacity and **16%** of the number of installations in the country.

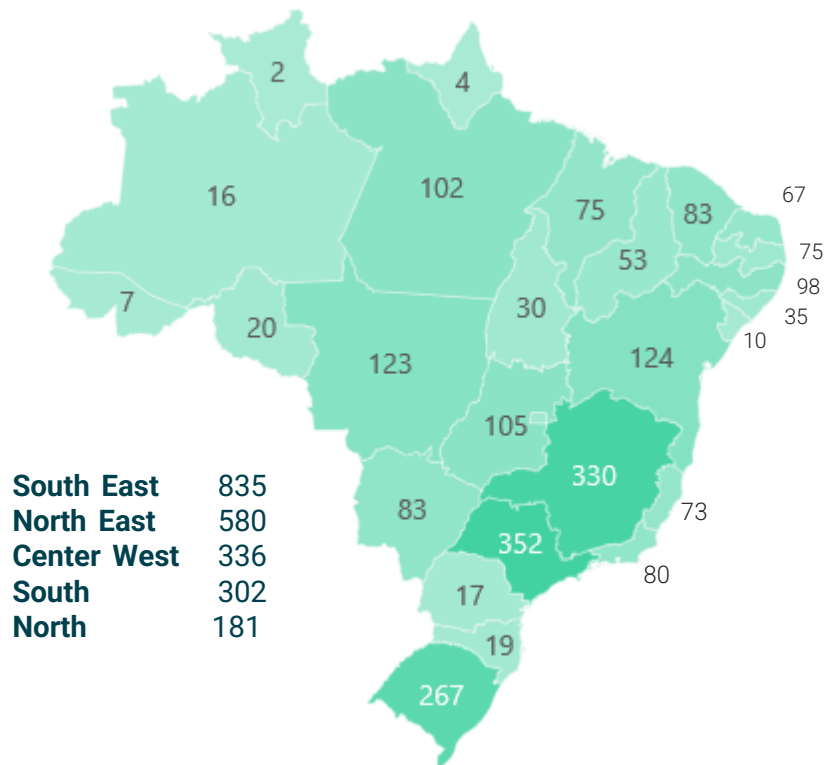
Additional Volume per Customer Type



- The **residential customer group** continues to increase its share of additional PV volume each quarter, and now represents **56% of newly installed PV volume**
- **71%** of PV volume **comes from natural persons**, while **29%** are legal persons
- The relative share of **commercial and industrial customers** has been decreasing, while that of rural and public sector customers has remained stable.

Additional PV Capacity per State [MW]

Cumulative Total PV Volume from January to June 2022 (in thousands)



- **São Paulo** was the State that **invested the most in solar PV energy** in the first half of the year, followed by Minas Gerais and Rio Grande do Sul, forming the top 3 investors
- The **top 5 States** invested a total of **R\$ 7.6 Billion** in the first half of 2022.

TOP 5 States 1H/2022		
State	Additional Capacity (MW)	Investment (R\$ Billions)
São Paulo	352	2.2
Minas Gerais	330	2.1
Rio Grande do Sul	267	1.7
Bahia	124	0.8
Mato Grosso	123	0.8

CHAPTER 3

PV Integrators

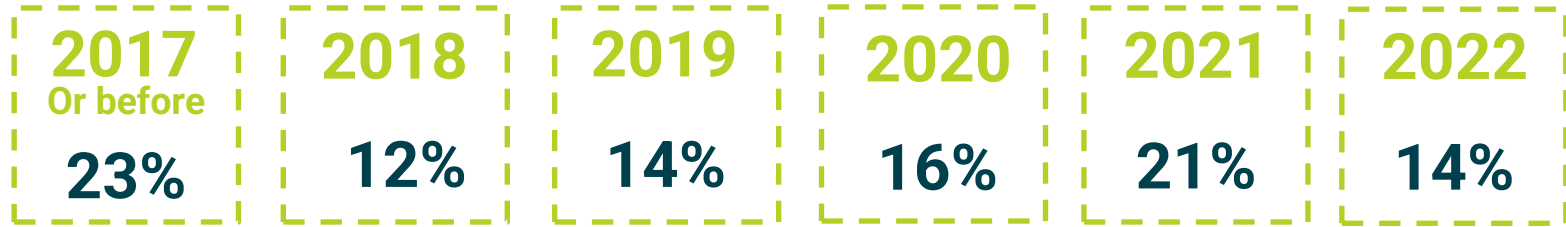
The GREENER Survey

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The Survey

Year of start of commercial activities of surveyed companies:



1st Half Year

Data Validation:



The Survey

Estimated Total Number of Integrator Companies in Brazil

- **The total number of active Integrator Companies** is estimated based on a cross-reference between Greener's survey data and information obtained through Entities and Companies that represent and supply the PV sector.

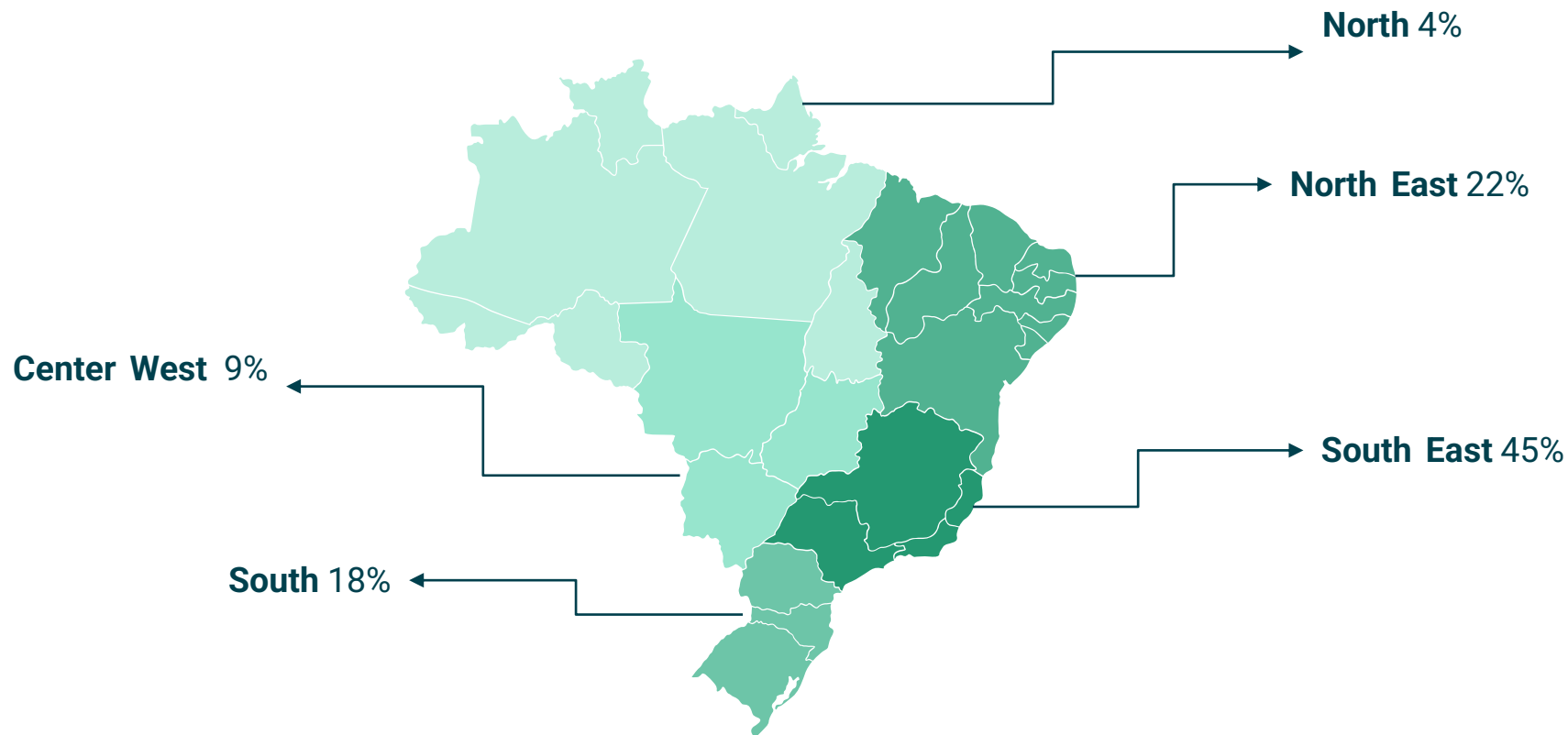
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Nº of Active PV Integrators*

* Companies that completed at least one transaction in 2022. This is a conservative estimate made by Greener, however, the real number of companies active in the market could be higher.

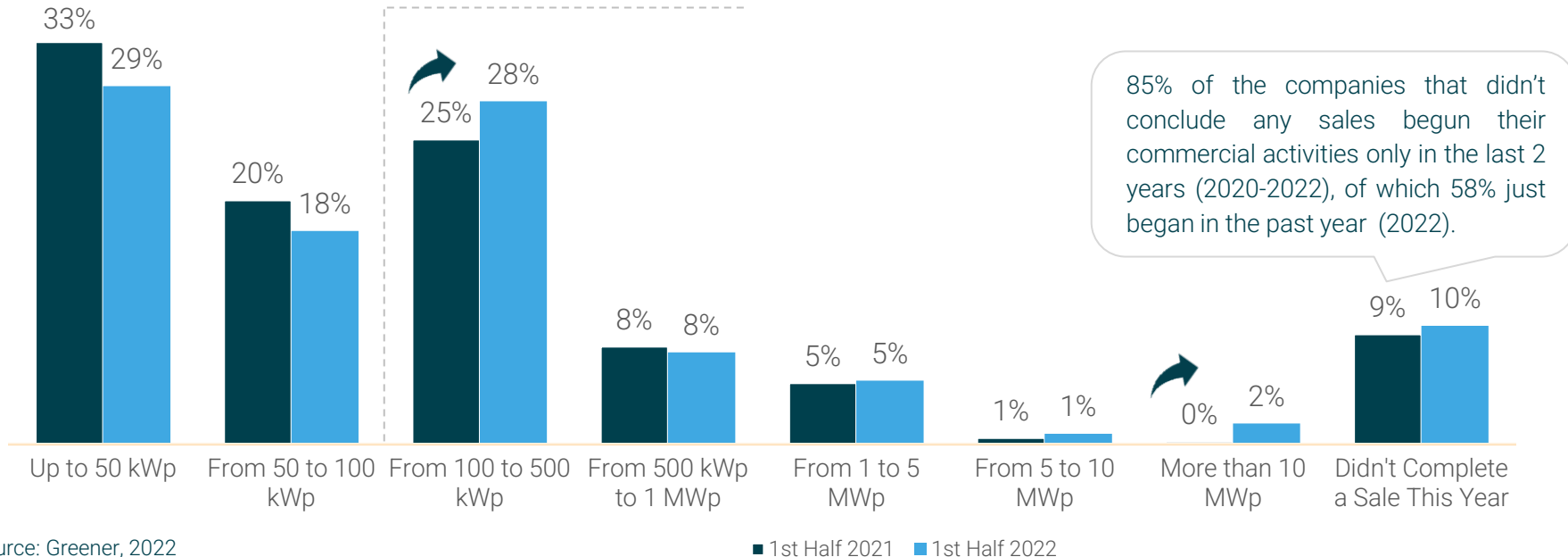
Location of Headquarters (HQ) of Companies that Responded

Share of Company HQs per Region

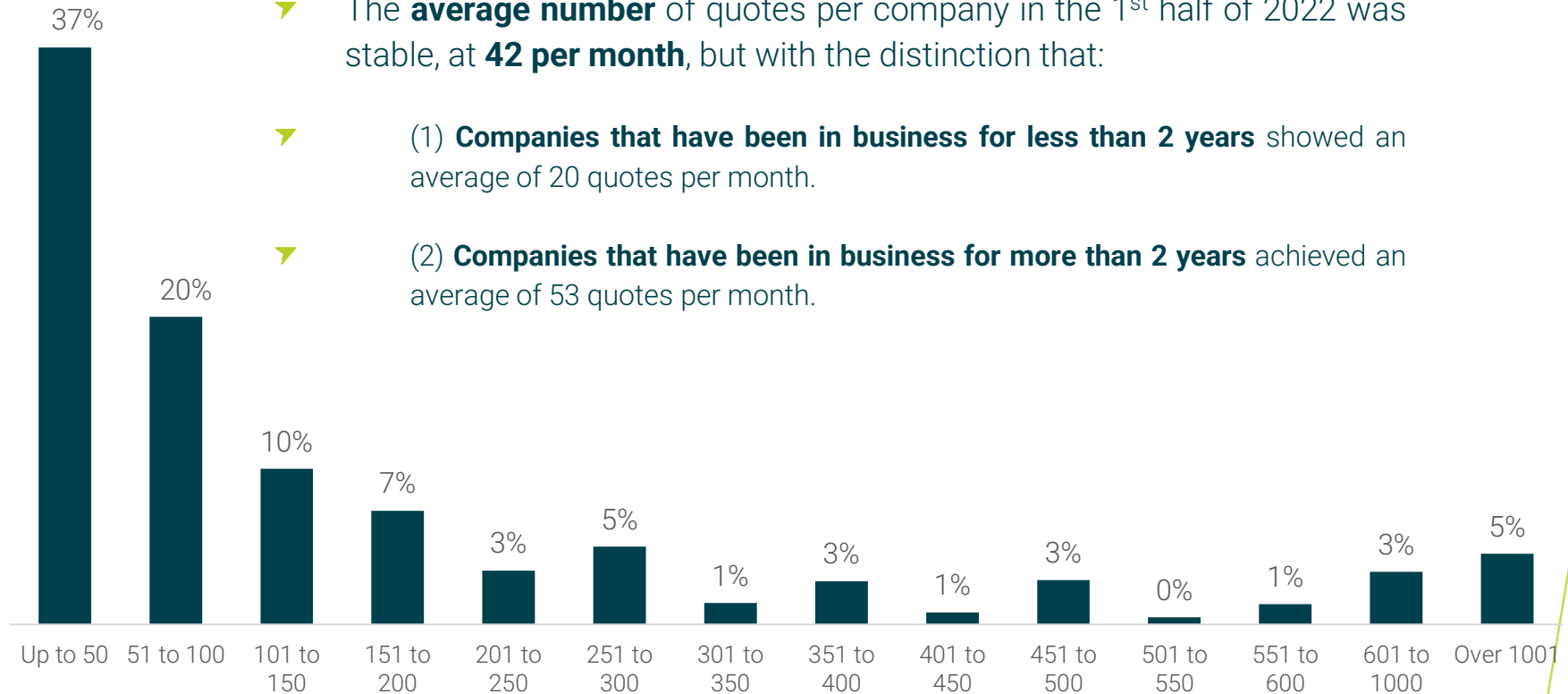


Sales Volume of PV Integrators in 2022

- There was an **increase** in the percentage of companies **in the upper sales bands (more than 100 kWp)** in the first half of 2022 compared to the same period in 2021;
- **44%** of integrators achieved sales of at least **R\$ 500 thousand** no primeiro semestre;
- At least **8%** of companies made revenues above **R\$ 4 million** in the first half of the year.

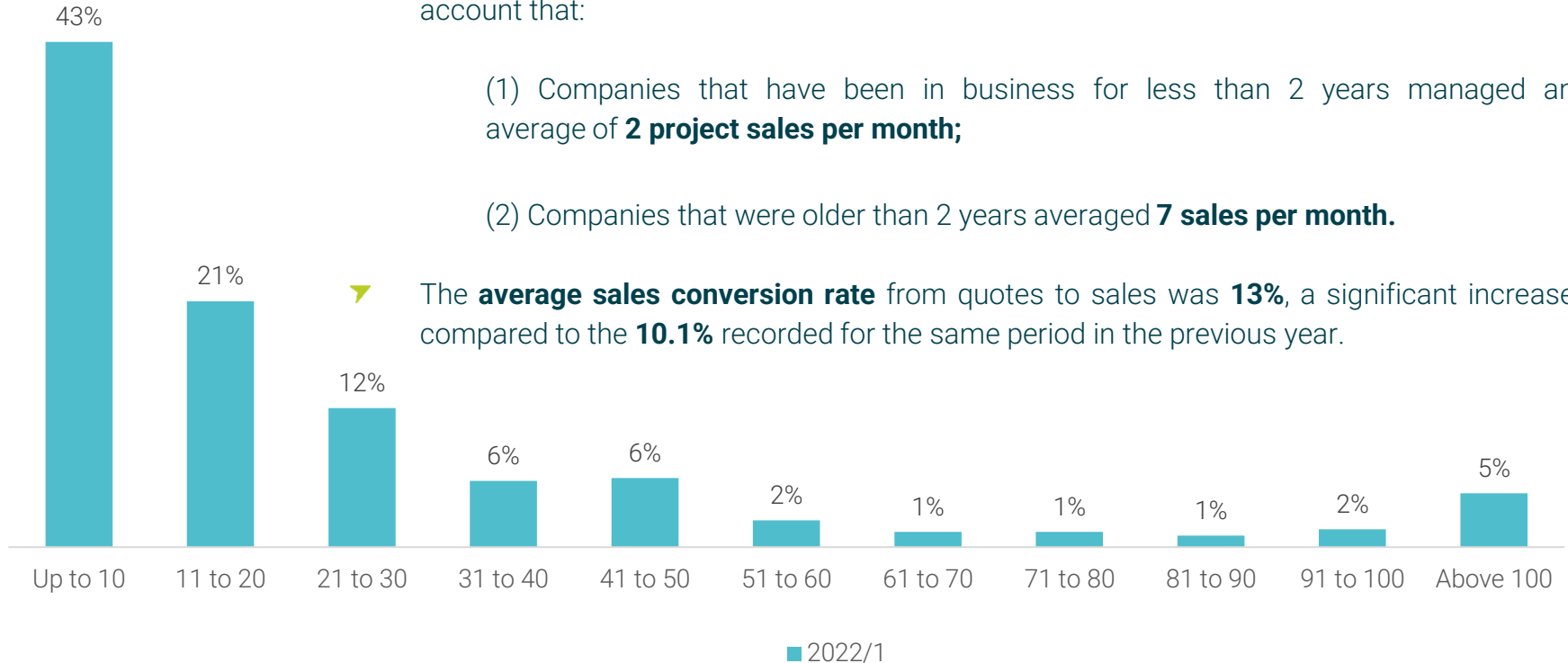


How many Commercial Quotes were Prepared in 1H/2022?



- The **average number** of quotes per company in the 1st half of 2022 was stable, at **42 per month**, but with the distinction that:
 - (1) **Companies that have been in business for less than 2 years** showed an average of 20 quotes per month.
 - (2) **Companies that have been in business for more than 2 years** achieved an average of 53 quotes per month.

How Many PV Systems were Sold in 2022?



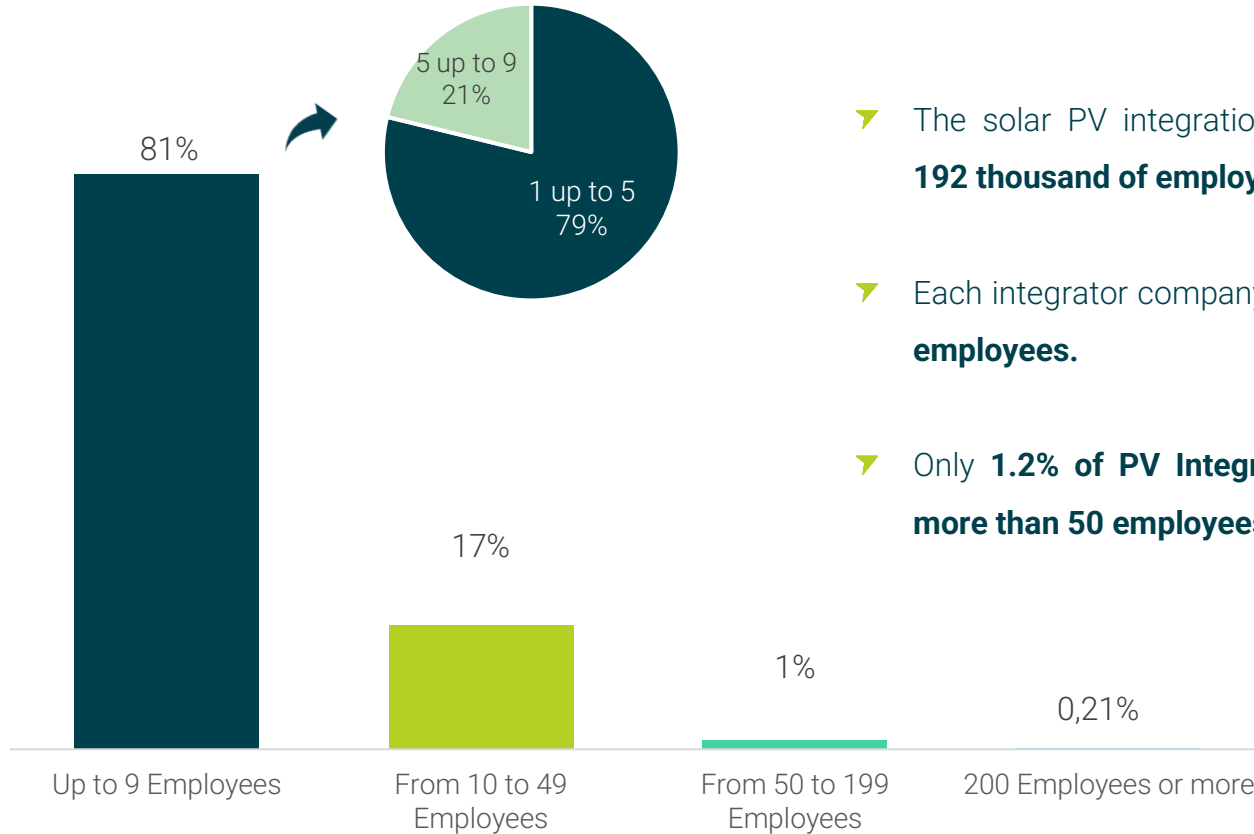
➤ The **average number** of projects sold per company in 1H2002 was **5** per month, taking into account that:

- (1) Companies that have been in business for less than 2 years managed an average of **2 project sales per month**;
- (2) Companies that were older than 2 years averaged **7 sales per month**.

➤ The **average sales conversion rate** from quotes to sales was **13%**, a significant increase compared to the **10.1%** recorded for the same period in the previous year.

Data related to those companies that prepared at least 1 commercial proposal in 2021.

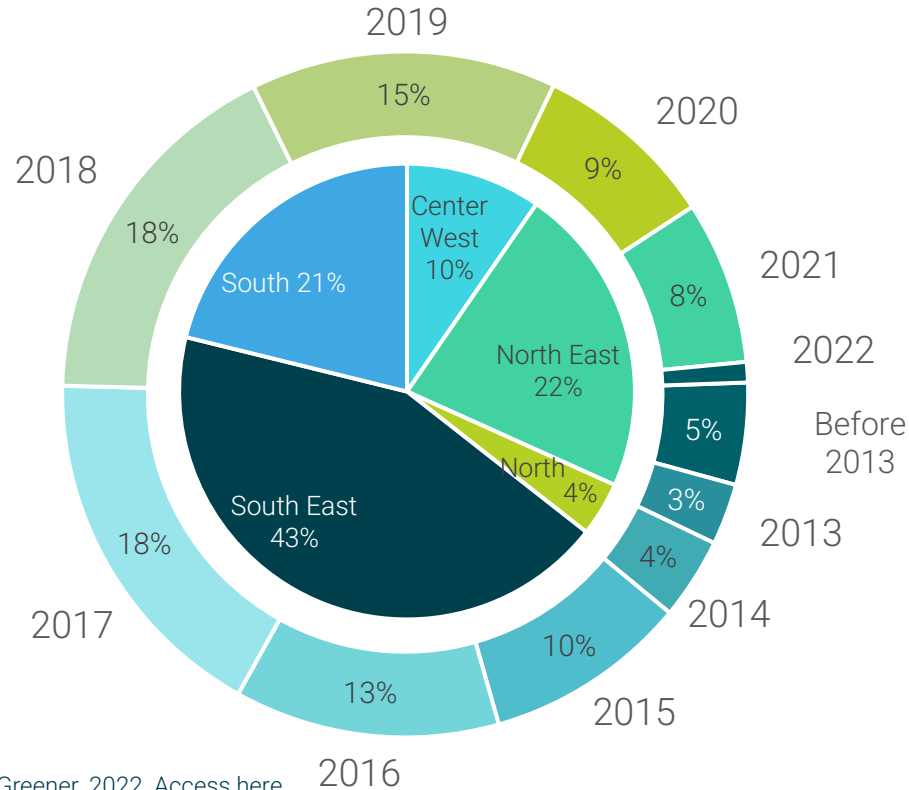
Number of Employees per Company



- The solar PV integration sector directly employs about **192 thousand of employees.**
- Each integrator company directly employs on average **7.4 employees.**
- Only **1.2% of PV Integrator companies** have a staff of **more than 50 employees.**

Profile of the top 100 selling companies

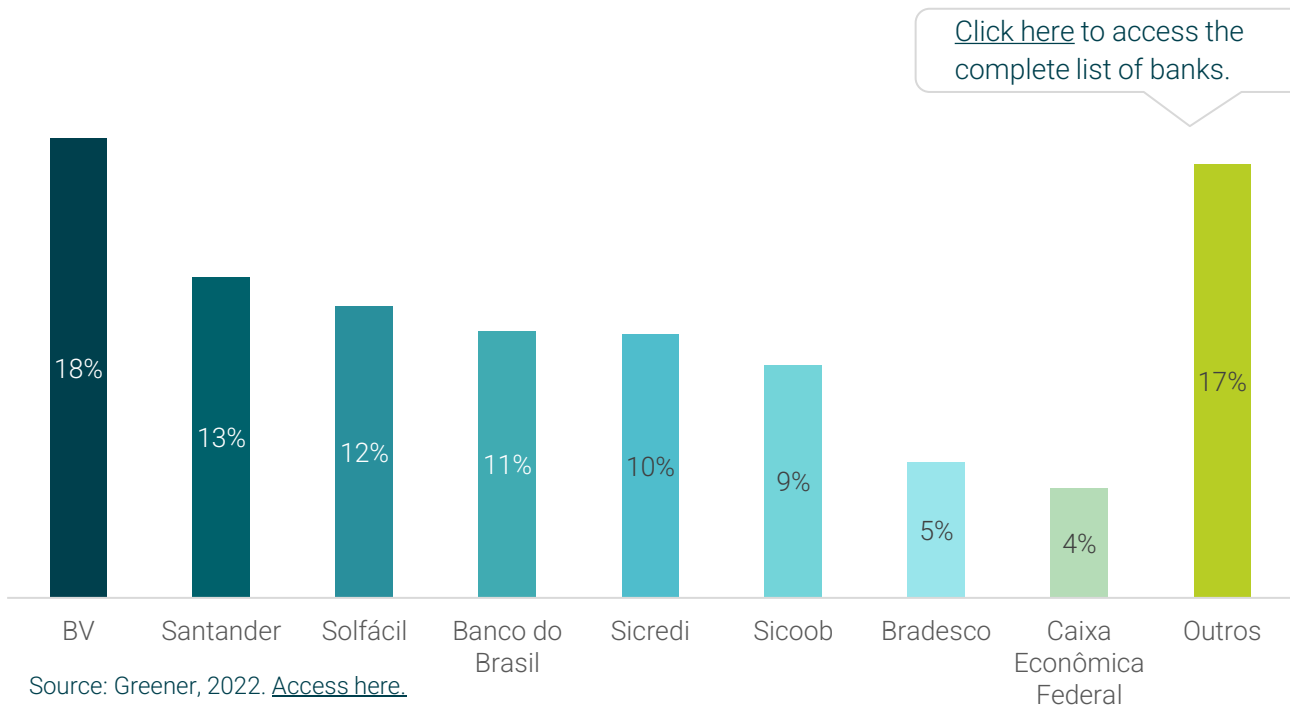
Founding year and location of the top-selling companies in 1H/2022



- Out of the top 100 companies, **70%** have been in business for more than 4 years.
- The average number of employees at the **top 100 integrator companies** is **23**, compared to the general average of **7** employees per company.

Solar Energy Financing

For the Sales Concluded in 1H2022 using Bank Financing, which Banks/financing lines were used?



[Click here](#) to access the complete list of banks.

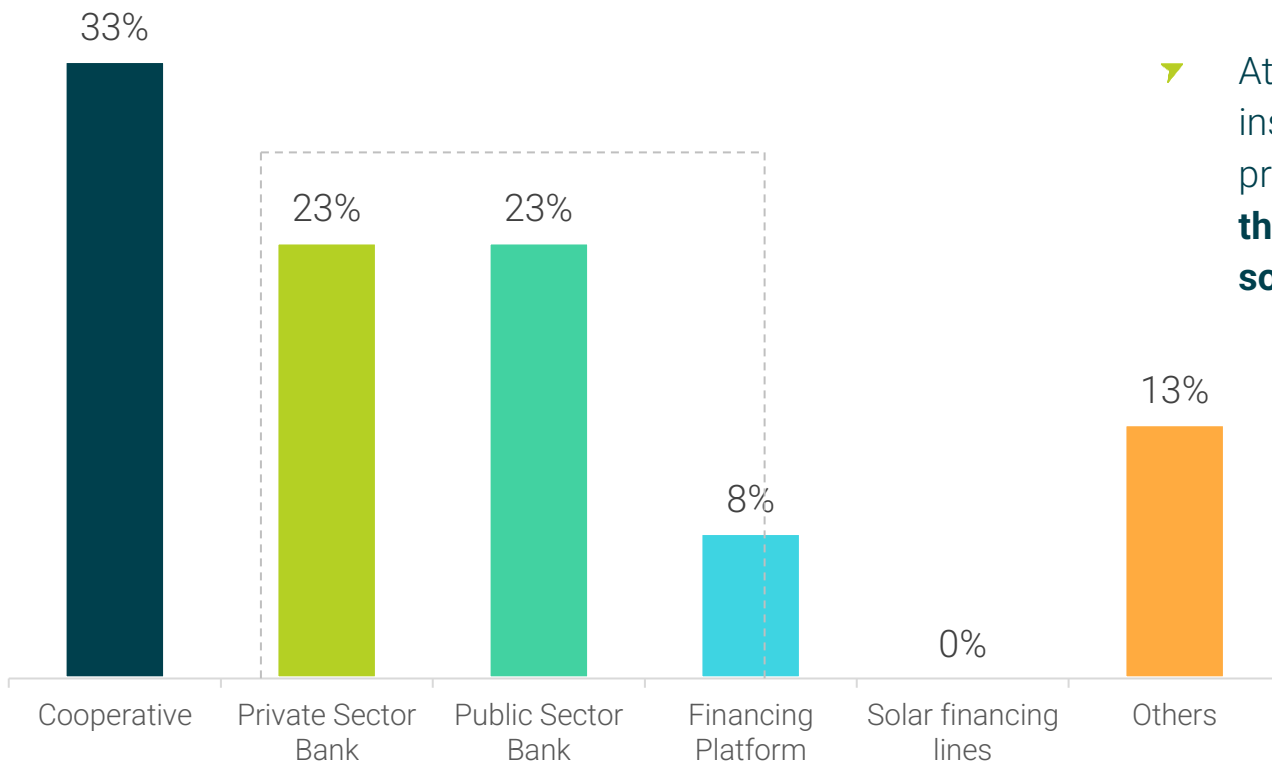
➤ **52 financial institutions** were mentioned in 2022, compared to 40 in the previous survey, showing an increase of **30%** in the **number of financing solutions** for the solar market.

➤ However, as a consequence of rising interest rates, the **share of PV projects using bank financing fell**, now financially supporting around **54% of the project sales completed** in 1H2022, while this figure was 57% for the year 2021.

Source: Greener, 2022. [Access here.](#)

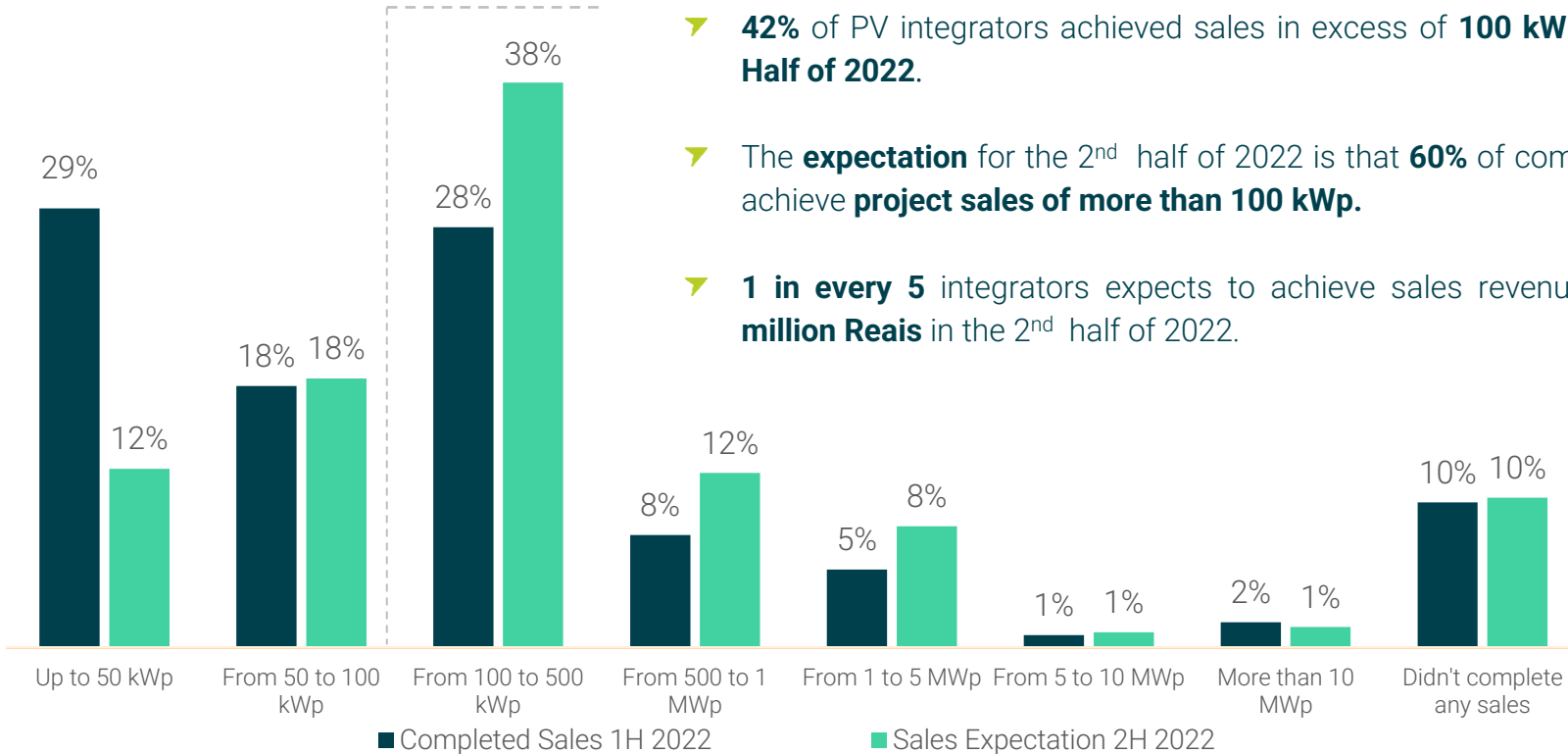
These data give an indication of the distribution of business among financial agents, but, do **not show market share**. They indicate the percentage of companies that had at least one financing transaction completed through a particular bank. The same company/integrator might have closed different projects with different banks/financing methods.

What is the Profile of Lenders / Financial Backers?



- At least **46%** of financial institutions used for PV projects are **traditional banks that provide financing for the solar PV sector.**

Sales Expectations for 2H/2022



- **42%** of PV integrators achieved sales in excess of **100 kWp** in the **1st Half of 2022**.
- The **expectation** for the 2nd half of 2022 is that **60%** of companies will achieve **project sales of more than 100 kWp**.
- **1 in every 5** integrators expects to achieve sales revenues of **2.4 million Reais** in the 2nd half of 2022.

CHAPTER 4

Digital Tools

Digital Tools

Introduction

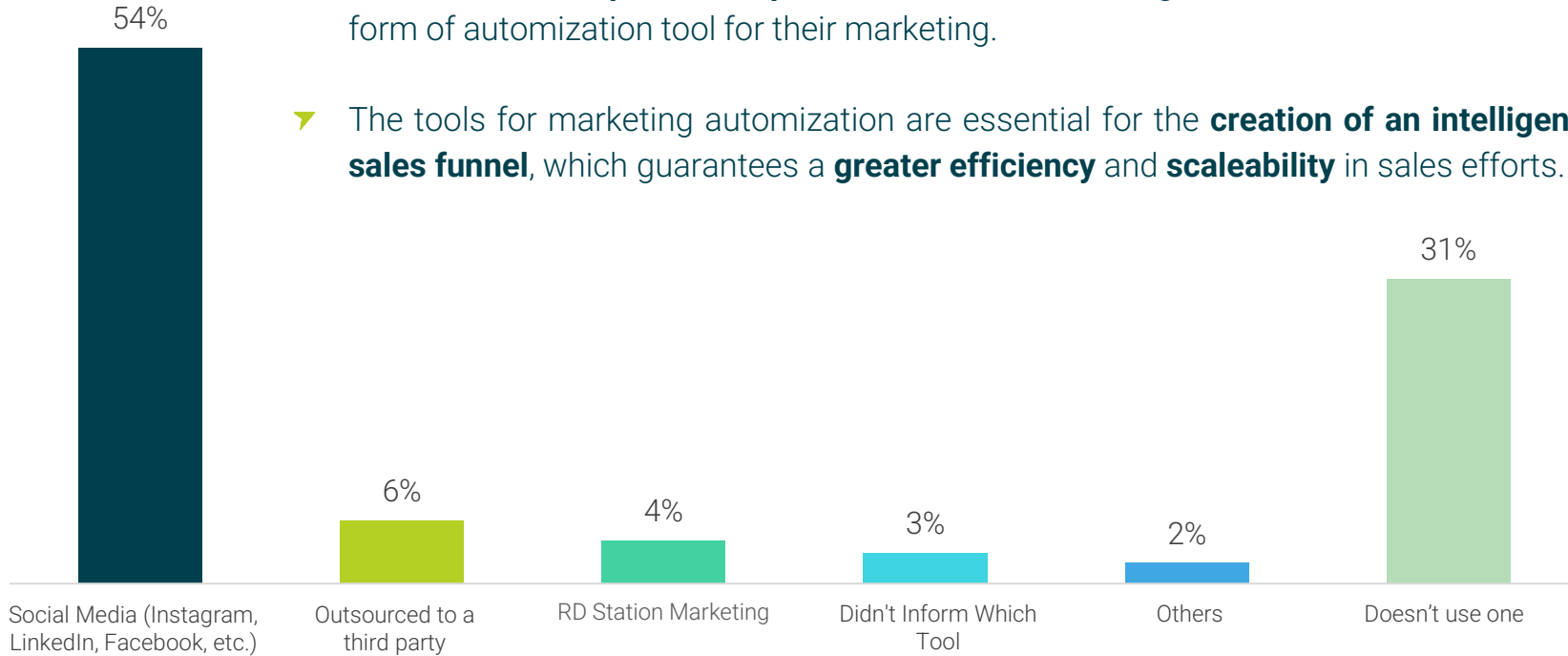
- The **efficient management of integrator companies** is vital for the sustainable growth of the solar PV sector. Tools available for automation, like online platforms, programmes and software, can be used to optimize and streamline the complete operational workload of the company, all the way from customer acquisition through the sales process to installation and monitoring of PV systems.
- Through the DG Integrator Survey*, Greener tried to **understand the behaviour of the PV integration market** in the face of the **acceleration of digitalization and automation** in the post-pandemic world, learning some **valuable insights** for the whole solar PV value chain.



* Survey carried out in accordance with the information provided in the chapter about PV Integrators (chapter 3)

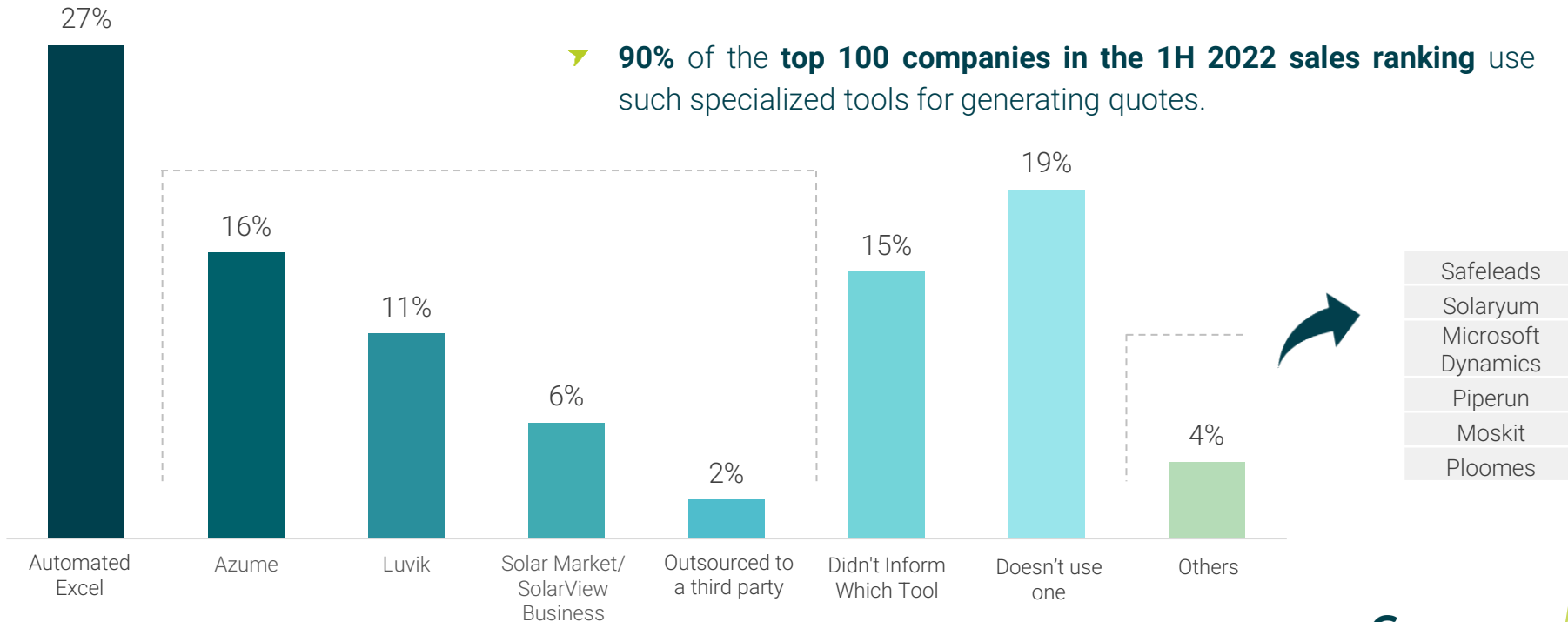
Which Marketing Automation Tool does your Company use?

- **87% our of the top 100 companies in the sales ranking** in the 1H / 2022 use some form of automization tool for their marketing.
- The tools for marketing automization are essential for the **creation of an intelligent sales funnel**, which guarantees a **greater efficiency** and **scaleability** in sales efforts.

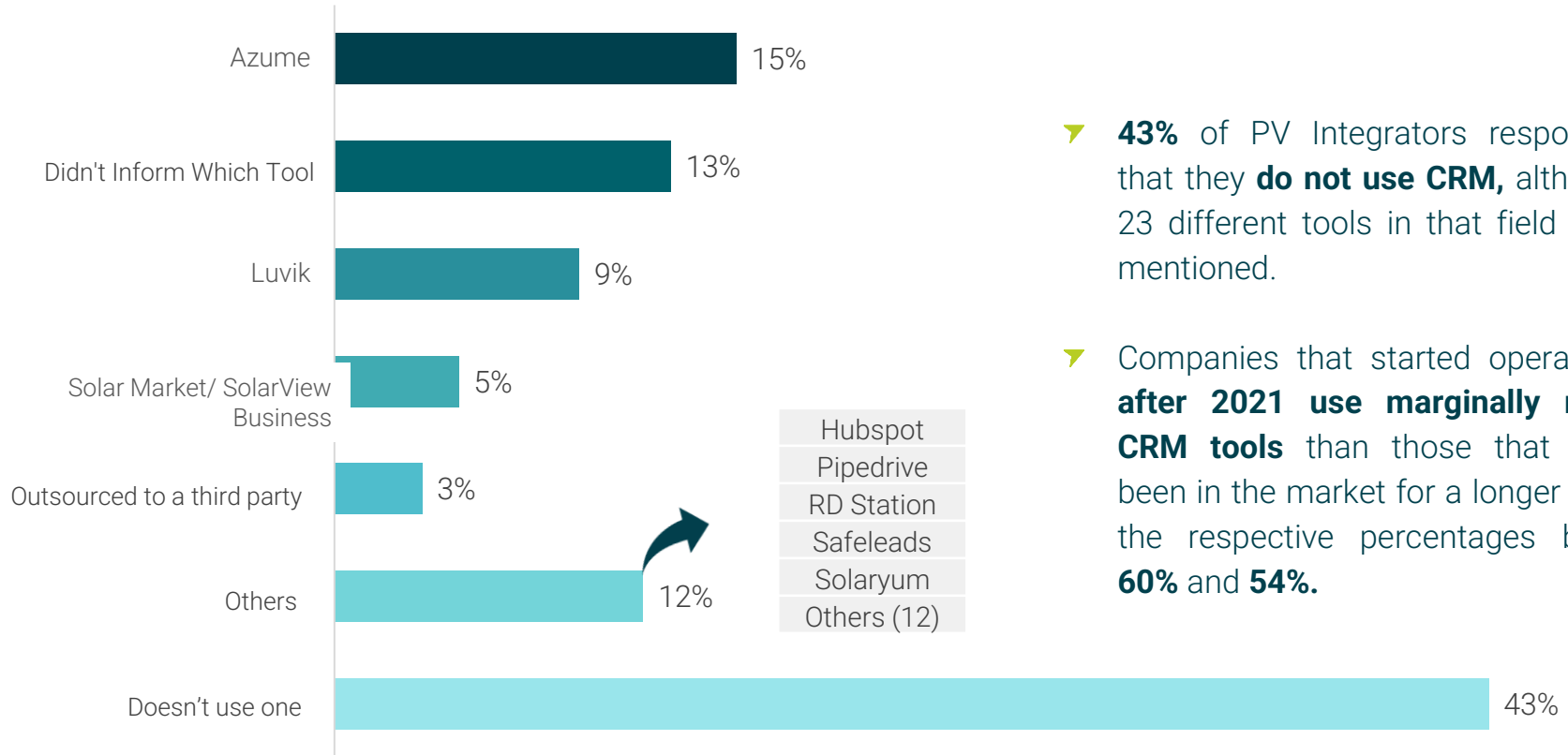


Which Commercial Quote Automation Tool does your Company use?

- **39%** of companies **use specialized tools** for the creation of commercial proposals / quotes for PV systems.
- **90%** of the **top 100 companies in the 1H 2022 sales ranking** use such specialized tools for generating quotes.



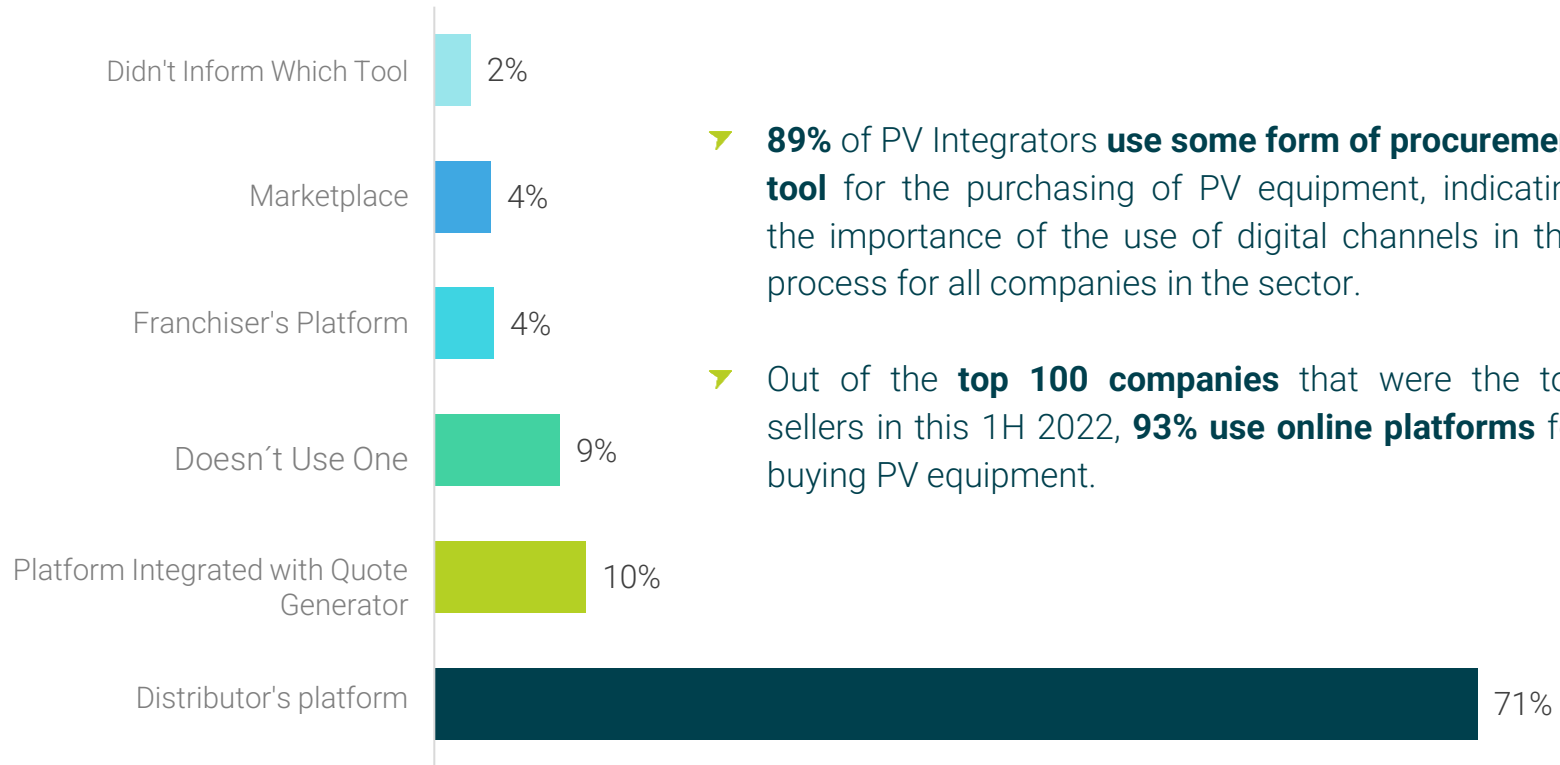
Which Client Management Tool (CRM) does your Company use?



➤ **43%** of PV Integrators responded that they **do not use CRM**, although 23 different tools in that field were mentioned.

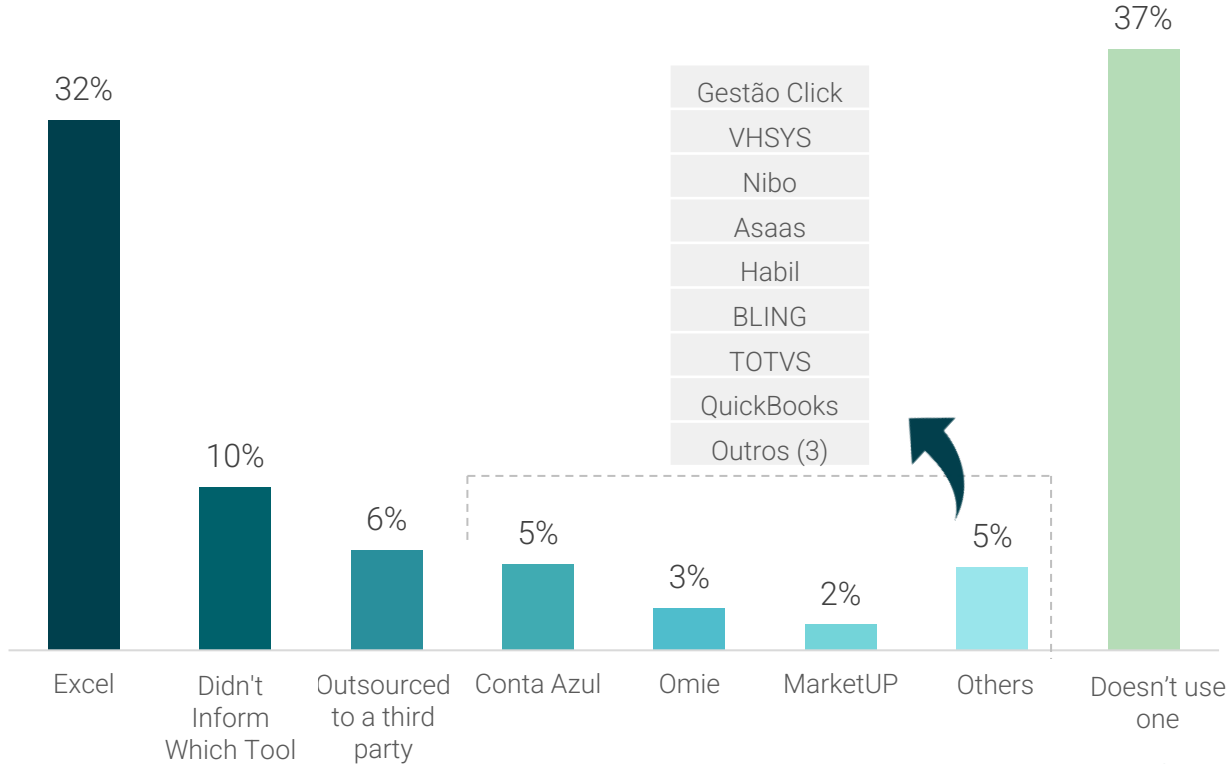
➤ Companies that started operations **after 2021 use marginally more CRM tools** than those that have been in the market for a longer time, the respective percentages being **60%** and **54%**.

Which Equipment Procurement Tools does your Company use?



Which Financial Management Tools does your Company use?

Referring to payables and receivables processes, cash flow management, bank reconciliation, issuance of invoices, (electronic) billing, etc.

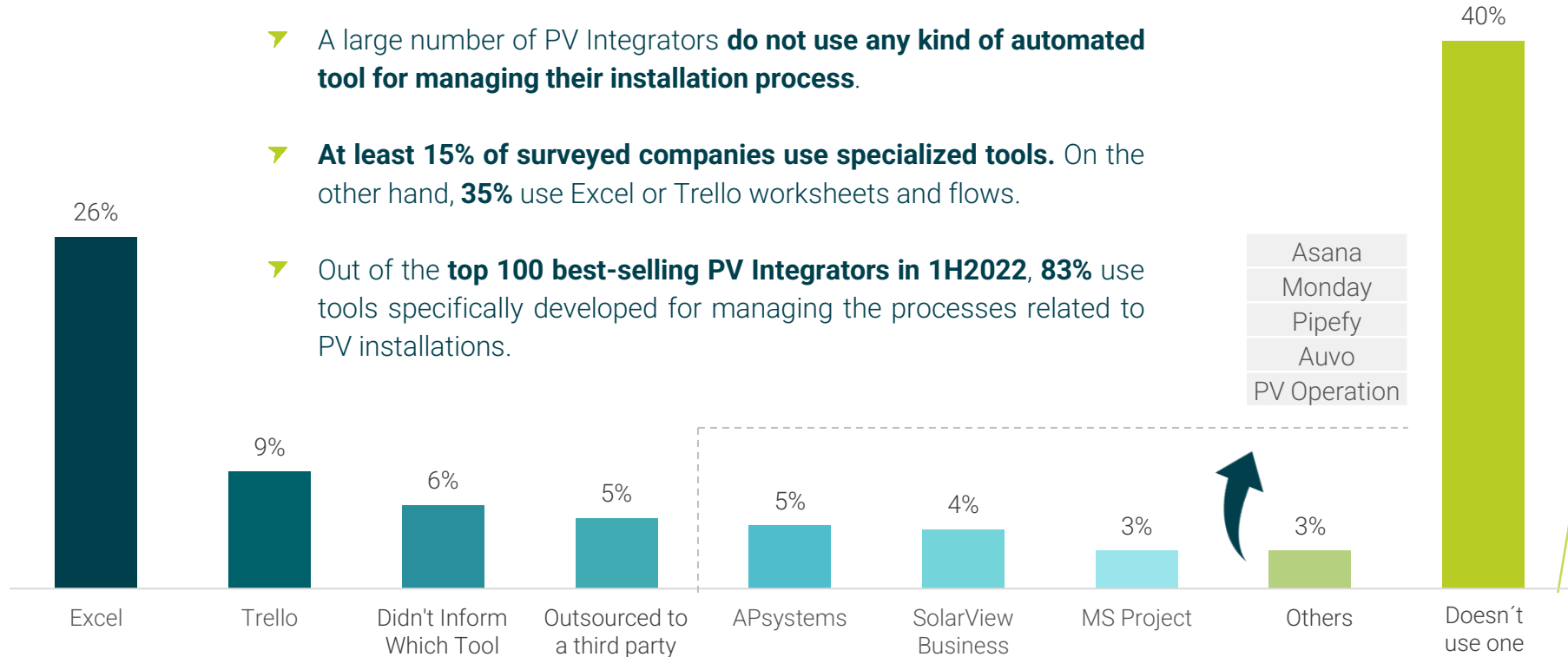


- **15%** of PV Integrators use **specialized tools** in financial management, while **32%** use Microsoft Excel.
- Out of the **top 100** companies by sales revenue this past half year, **91% use financial management tools.**

Source: Greener, 2022. [Access here.](#)

Which PV Installation Process Management Tool does your Company use?

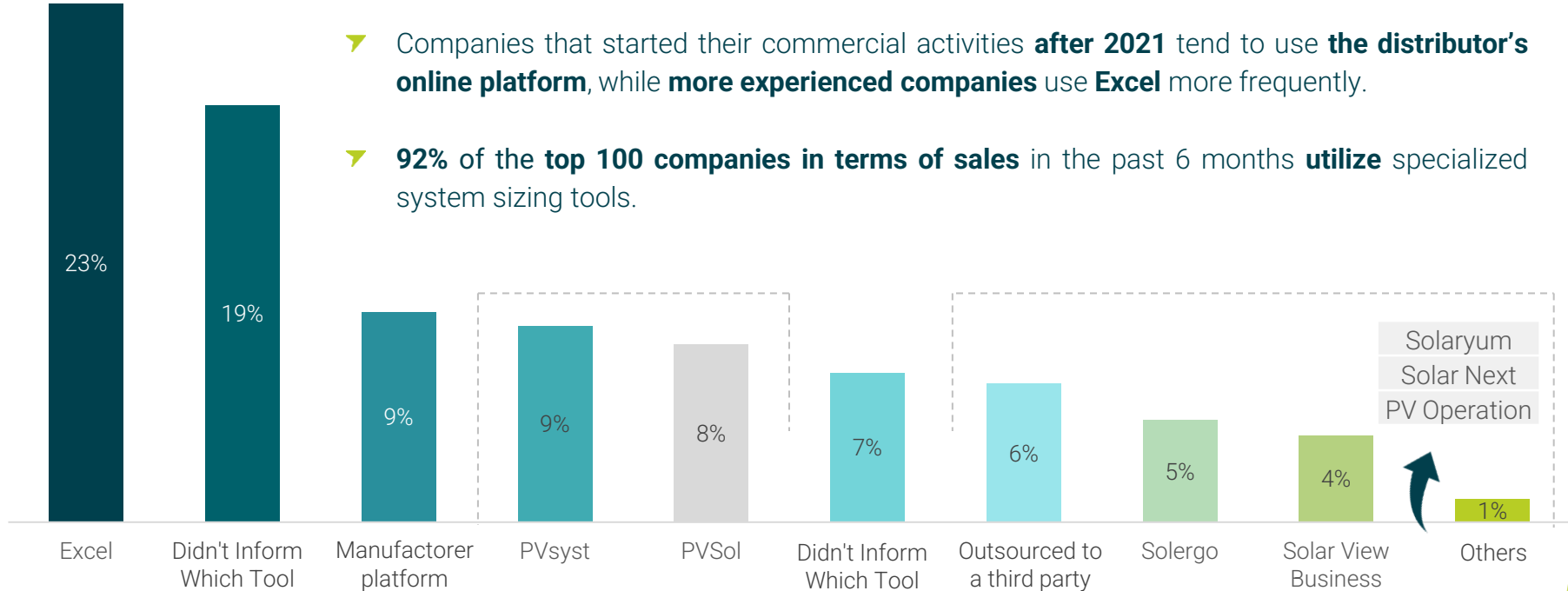
- A large number of PV Integrators **do not use any kind of automated tool for managing their installation process.**
- **At least 15% of surveyed companies use specialized tools.** On the other hand, **35%** use Excel or Trello worksheets and flows.
- Out of the **top 100 best-selling PV Integrators in 1H2022, 83%** use tools specifically developed for managing the processes related to PV installations.



Which PV System Dimensioning Tool does your Company use?

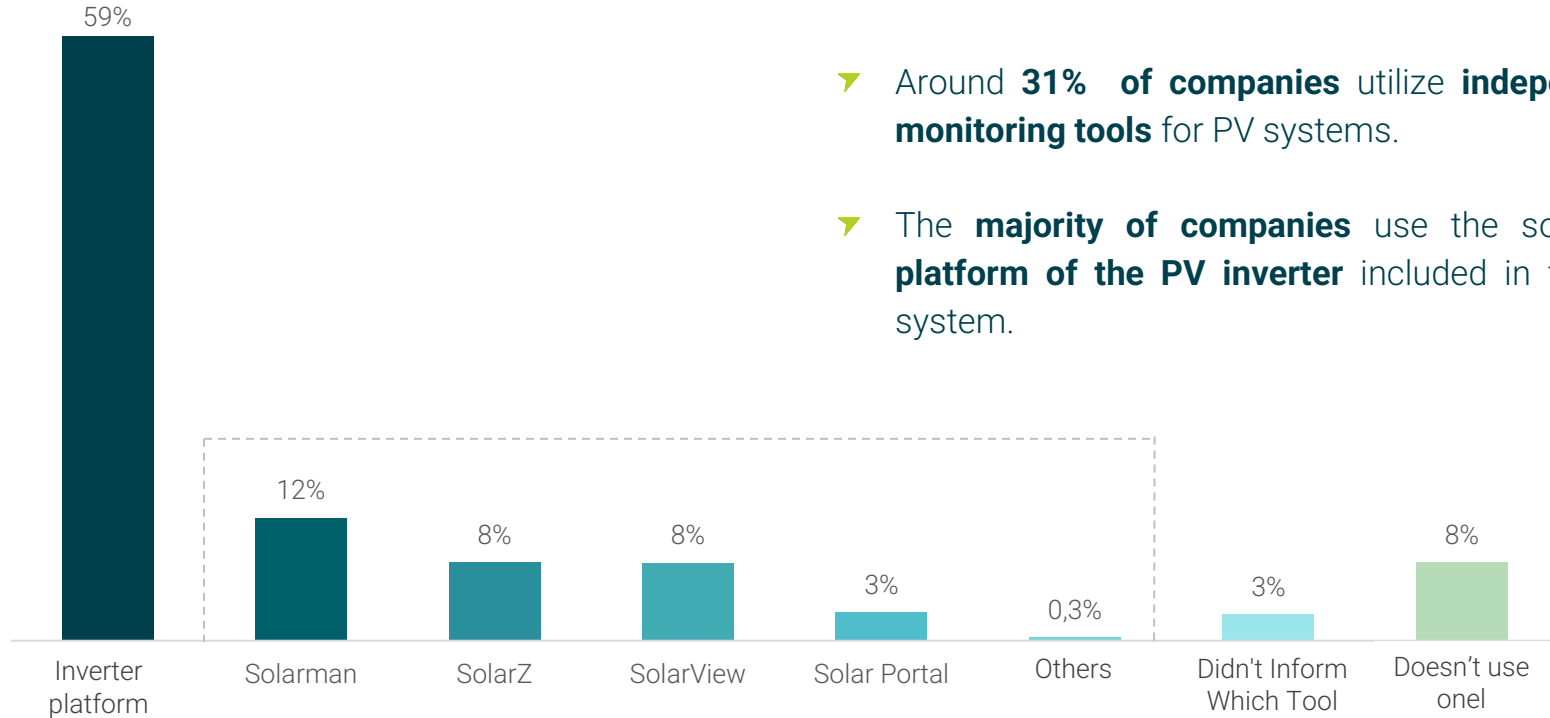
Referring to dimensioning the system size for the engineering/installation team

- **33%** of PV Integrators **use specialized software tools** to perform the PV system sizing.
- Companies that started their commercial activities **after 2021** tend to use **the distributor's online platform**, while **more experienced companies** use **Excel** more frequently.
- **92%** of the **top 100 companies in terms of sales** in the past 6 months **utilize** specialized system sizing tools.



Which PV System monitoring tool does your Company use?

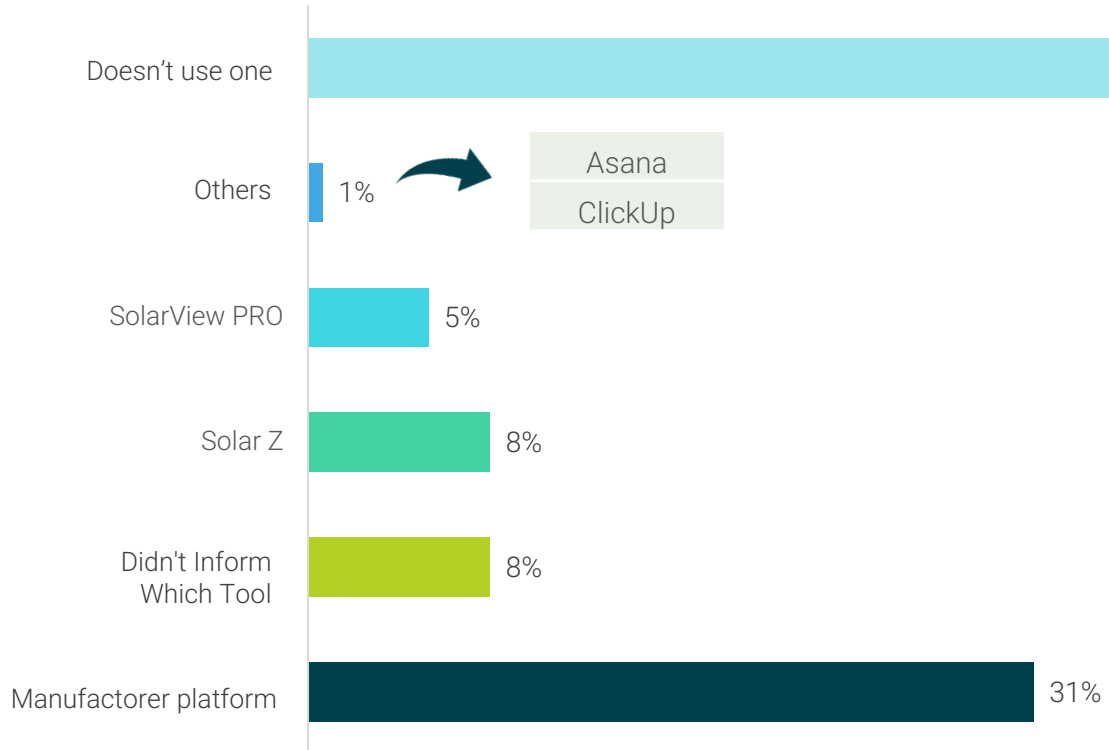
Referring to remote monitoring of the PV System installed for the client



- Around **31% of companies** utilize **independent monitoring tools** for PV systems.
- The **majority of companies** use the software **platform of the PV inverter** included in the PV system.

Which Software for Automation of After Sales Service do you use?

Referring to the after-sales process intended to manage customer support

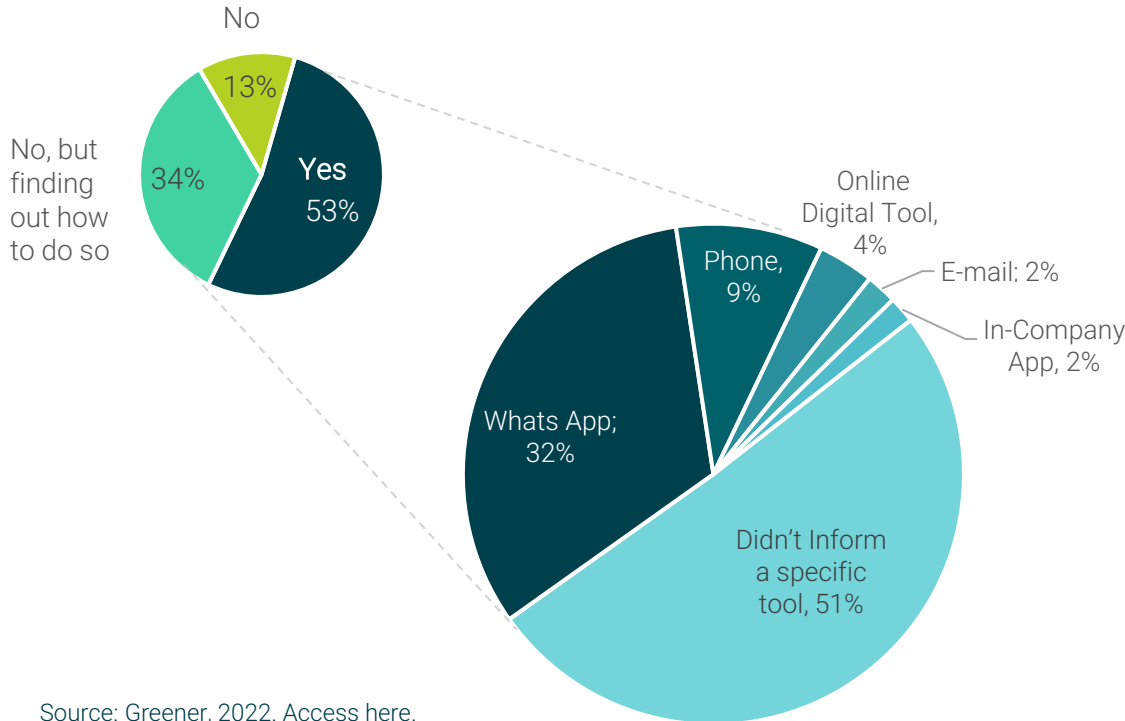


➤ **52%** of integrators **use some kind of automated tool** for after-sales service, including **31%** through the **manufacturer's own platform**, and **21%** through **independent customer support platforms**

➤ A total of **48%** of companies **still do not use any tool** for after-sales support.

Does your Company measure After-Sales Client Satisfaction?

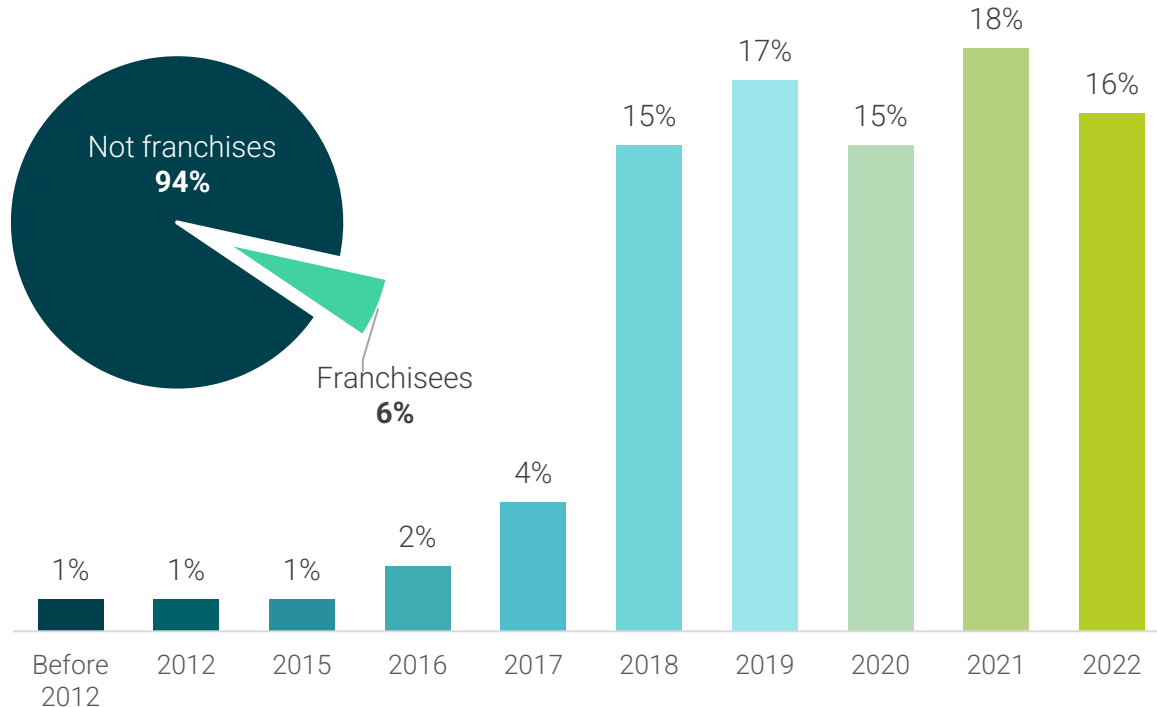
How does your company evaluate customer satisfaction?



- **More than half** of companies evaluate after-sales client satisfaction, with the most common method being through **WhatsApp**.
- Even though 47% of companies informed that they don't measure after-sales customer satisfaction, **34% of them are actively looking for tools** to do so.

Is your Company part of some form of Franchise?

In which year did you start commercial activities?



- Out of the responding companies, **6%** are **associated with franchises**.
- **34%** of franchisees only **recently started** their activities (**2021-2022**), while **66%** have already been active since **before 2021**.
- **73%** of them are located in the **South East (53%)** and **North East (20%)** regions.

CHAPTER 5

PRICES

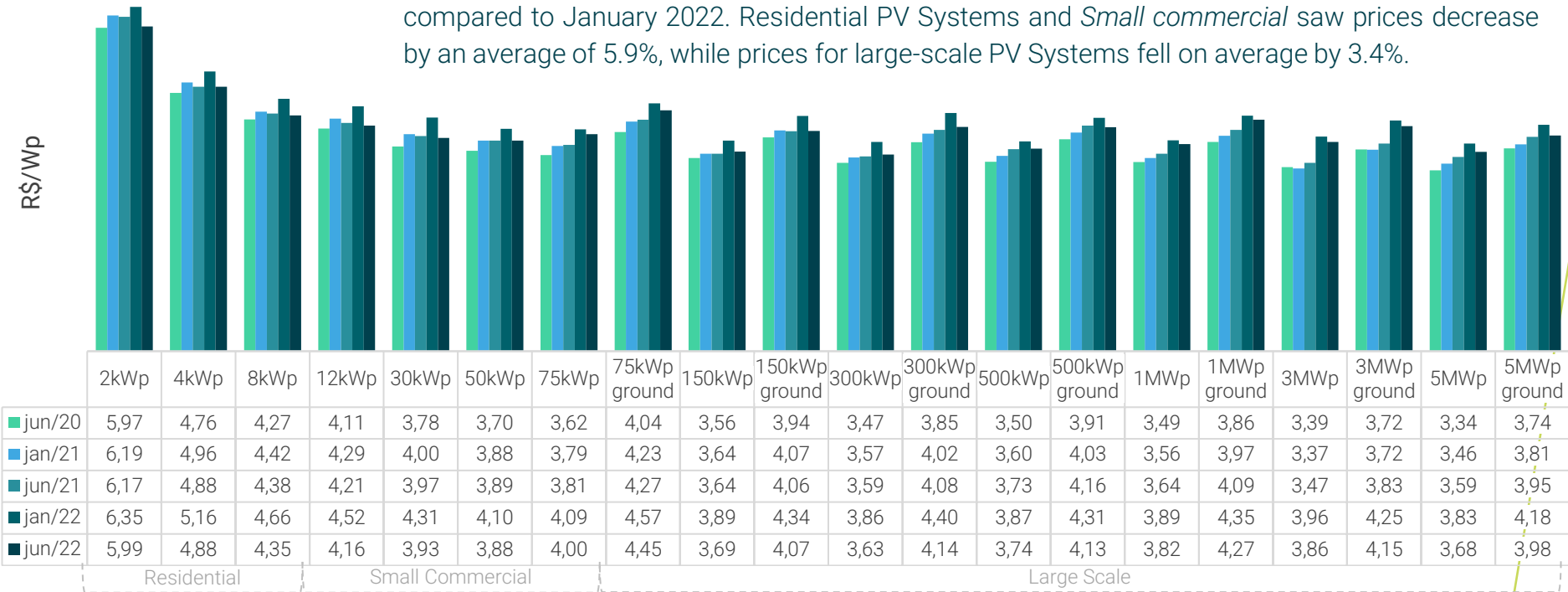
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- The survey counted on the **cooperation of companies through a data partnership**, meaning greater accuracy and assertiveness of our indicators so the market receives realistic and reliable parameters. [Find out about our data partners here.](#)

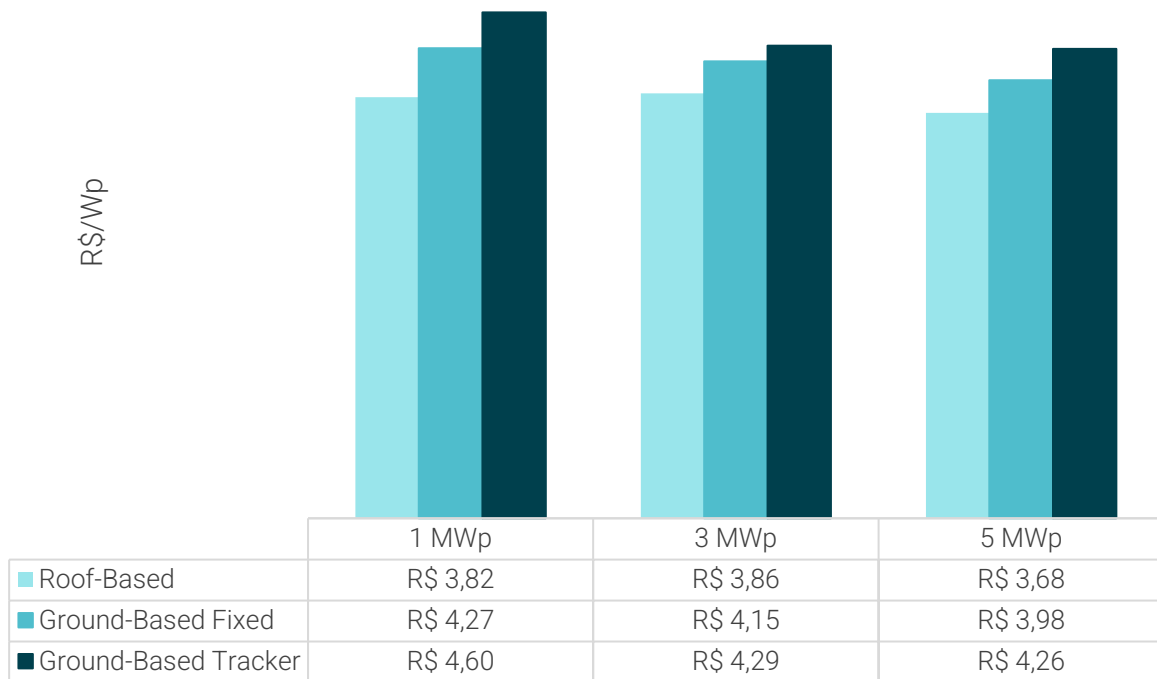
PV System Prices

➤ On average, PV System prices for the end customer showed a **fall of 4.3% in June 2022** compared to January 2022. Residential PV Systems and *Small commercial* saw prices decrease by an average of 5.9%, while prices for large-scale PV Systems fell on average by 3.4%.



PV System Prices

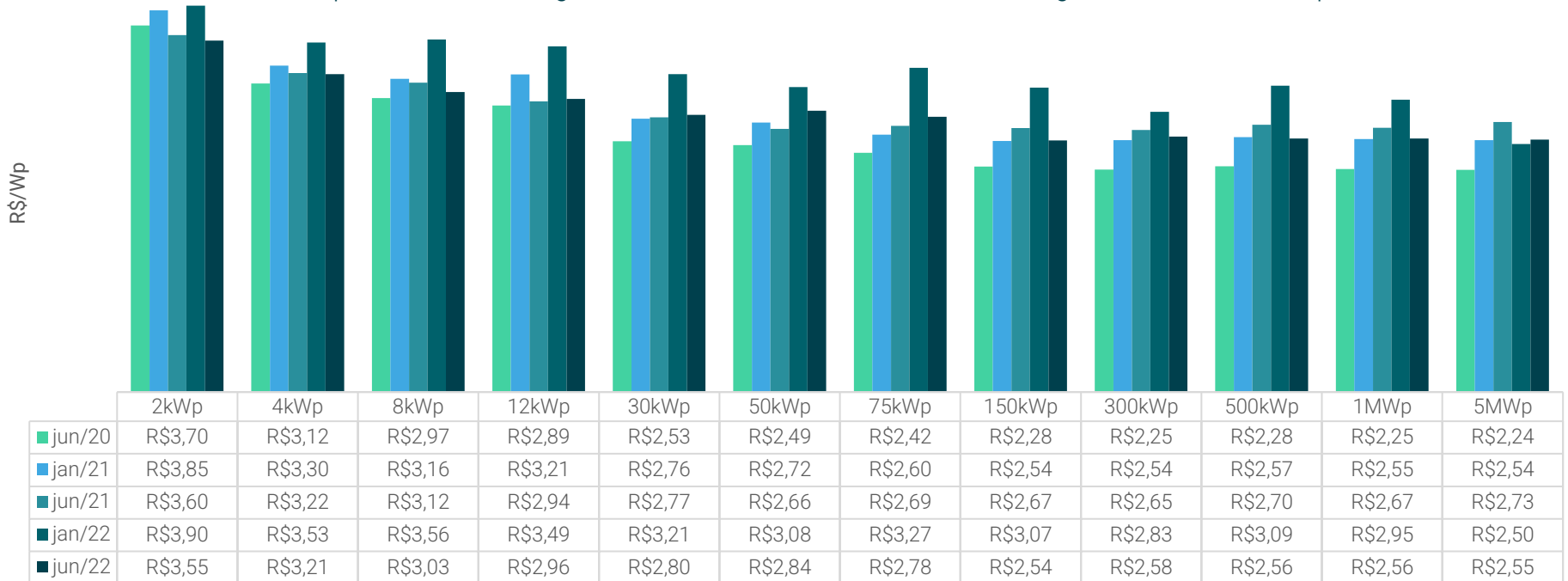
Fixed Structure vs Tracker



- Overall, the end-consumer price of Ground-based PV Systems with trackers showed an **average markup of 6%** compared to Ground-based installations with fixed structures.
- Ground-based PV plants with fixed structures were **on average 9% more expensive** than PV systems installed on rooftops.

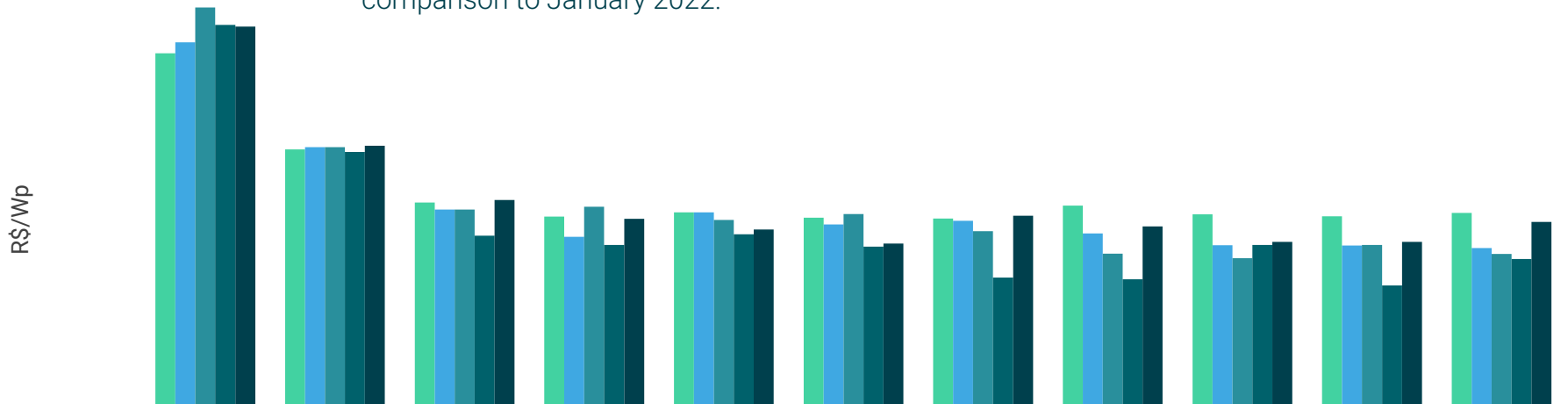
Prices of PV Kits

- The prices of PV Kits showed **an average decrease of 12%** in June 2022 compared to the beginning of the year. High levels of inventory throughout the supply chain and a continuous increase in competitiveness among wholesalers were the 2 main contributing factors to the fall in prices.



Prices of PV Integration Services

➤ The prices for PV Integration Services for residential systems **increased by an average 7%** in comparison to January 2022.

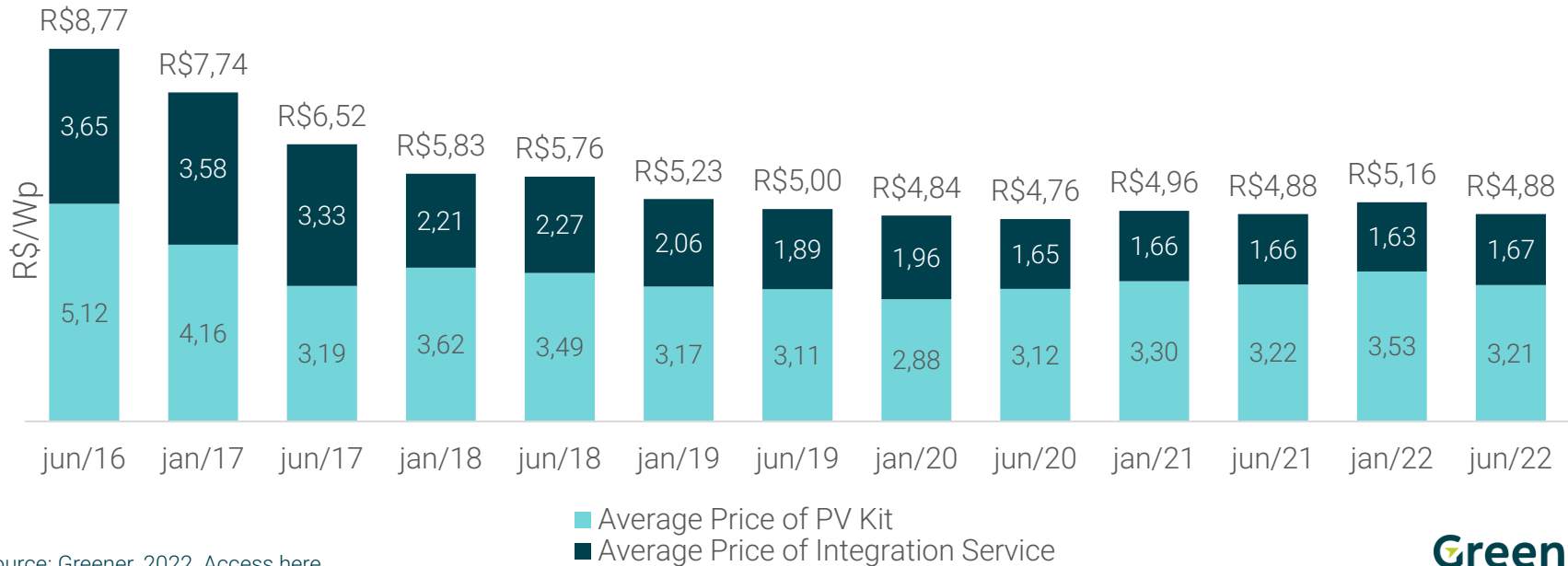


	2kWp	4kWp	8kWp	12kWp	30kWp	50kWp	75kWp	150kWp	300kWp	500kWp	1MWp
■ jun/20	R\$2,27	R\$1,65	R\$1,30	R\$1,21	R\$1,24	R\$1,21	R\$1,20	R\$1,28	R\$1,23	R\$1,22	R\$1,24
■ jan/21	R\$2,34	R\$1,66	R\$1,26	R\$1,08	R\$1,24	R\$1,16	R\$1,19	R\$1,11	R\$1,03	R\$1,03	R\$1,01
■ jun/21	R\$2,56	R\$1,66	R\$1,26	R\$1,28	R\$1,19	R\$1,23	R\$1,12	R\$0,98	R\$0,95	R\$1,03	R\$0,97
■ jan/22	R\$2,45	R\$1,63	R\$1,09	R\$1,03	R\$1,10	R\$1,02	R\$0,82	R\$0,81	R\$1,03	R\$0,77	R\$0,94
■ jun/22	R\$2,44	R\$1,67	R\$1,32	R\$1,20	R\$1,13	R\$1,04	R\$1,22	R\$1,15	R\$1,05	R\$1,05	R\$1,18

Evolution of PV System Prices

Residential System (4 kWp) in Reais

➤ Residential PV systems have undergone a cumulative average price reduction of 44% in the last 6 years.

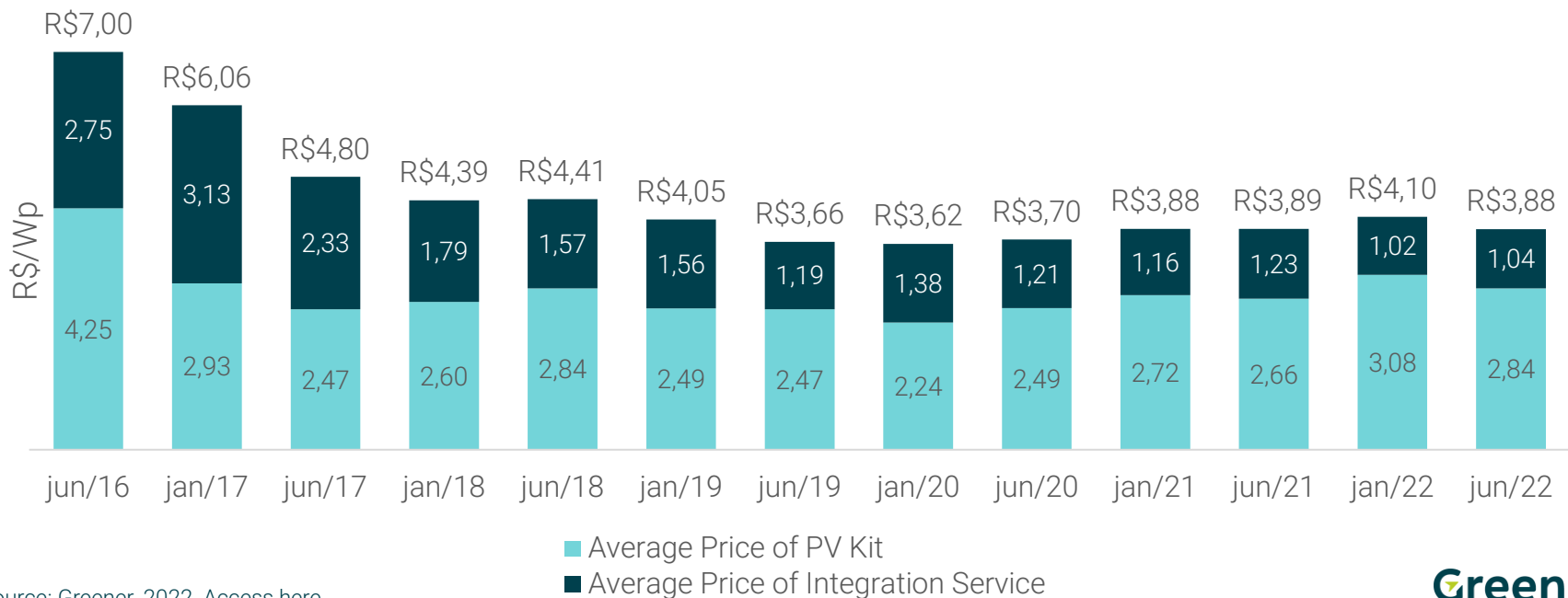


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Evolution of PV System Prices

Commercial System (50 kWp)

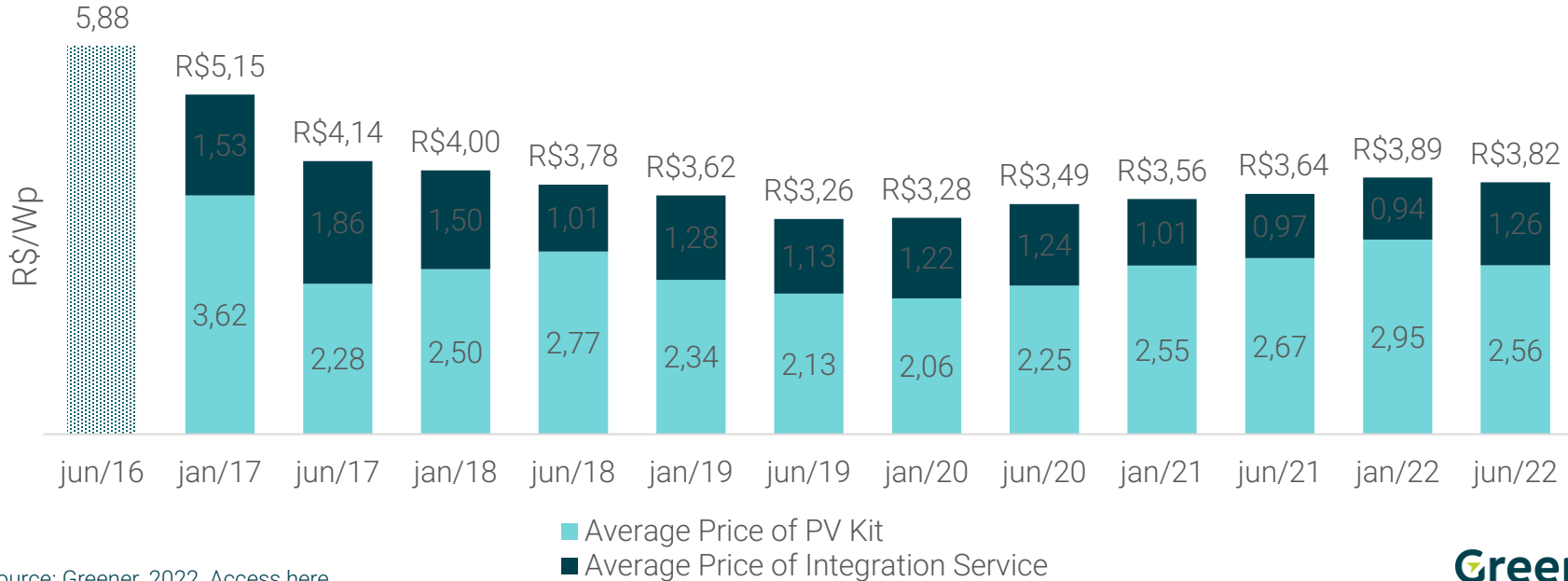
➤ Commercial PV Systems have shown an average **price decrease of 44% for end consumers in the last 6 years.**



Evolution of PV System Prices

Industrial/Large-Scale Systems (1 MWp)

➤ Industrial PV Systems have on average become **35% cheaper in the last 6 years.**

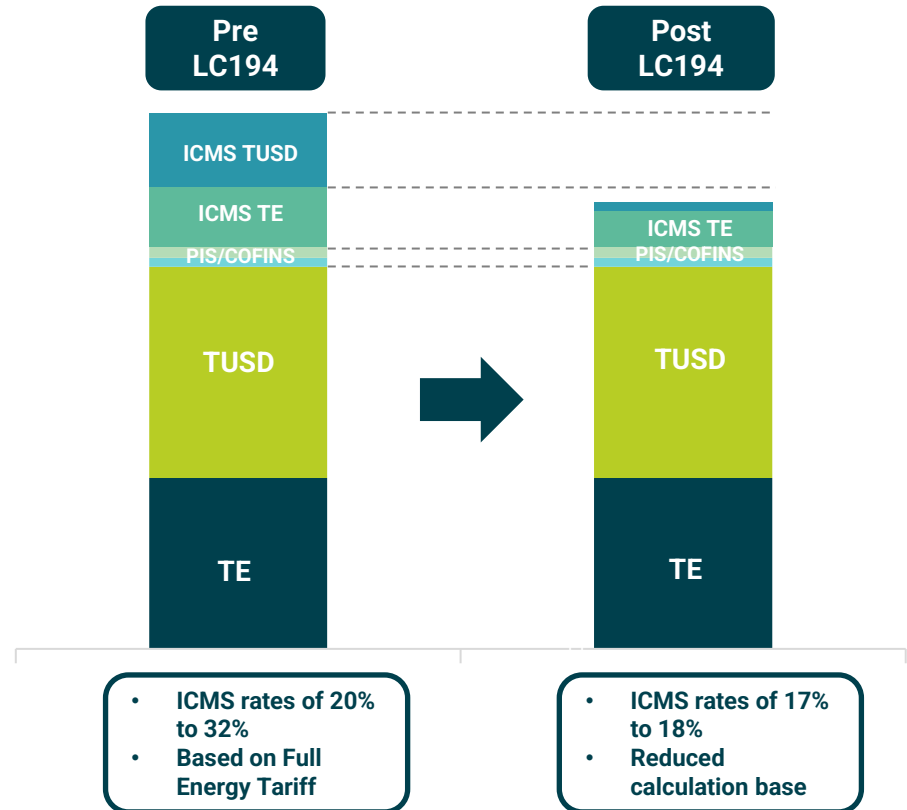


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Energy Tariffs

Impacts from law LC n° 194 (ICMS / VAT)

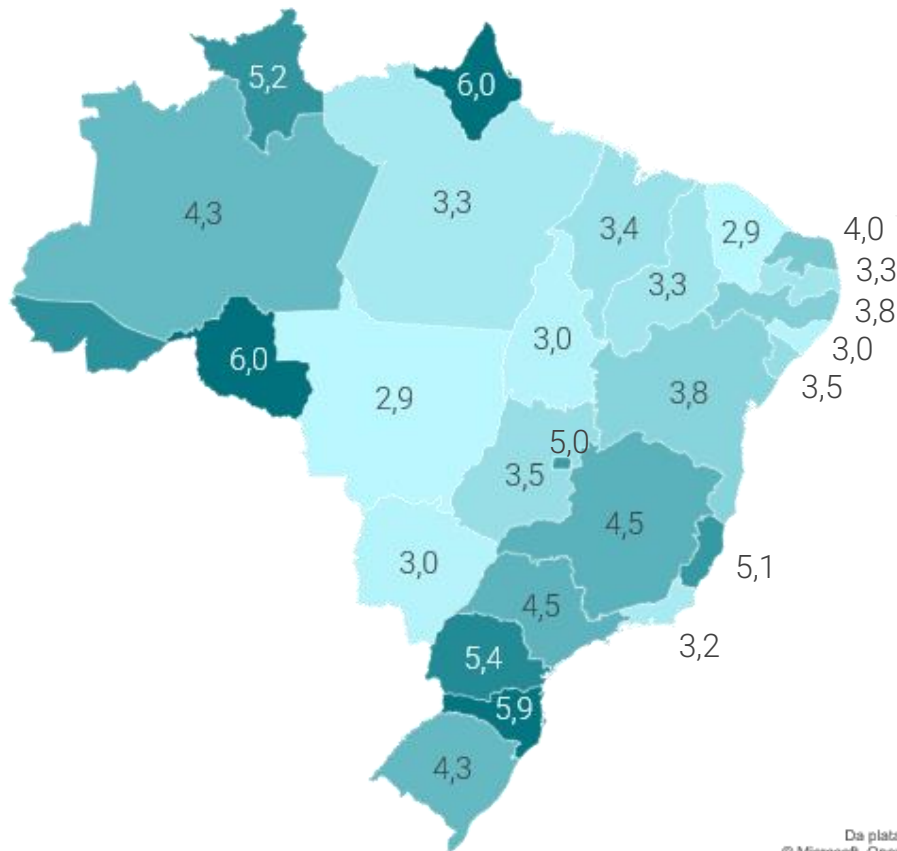
- Complementary Law (LC) 194 approved in 2022 stipulated the **application of minimum ICMS/VAT rates (17% / 18%)** to fuels, electrical energy, communications, and mass transportation.
- Among the **35 main energy distributors** across Brazil that were analyzed, the law caused an **average decrease of 19.1% in the residential energy tariff (B1)**.



Average Payback Period per State

Residential system (in years)

- The average cost for residential systems was **R\$ 4.88/Wp** for **4 kWp systems** (average values according to the 1H/2022 DG survey). The calculation takes into account the local solar insolation / productivity, the average cost of the PV system, the energy price charged by providers (post CL 194), a PR* of **75%**, and a simultaneity index of **30%**.

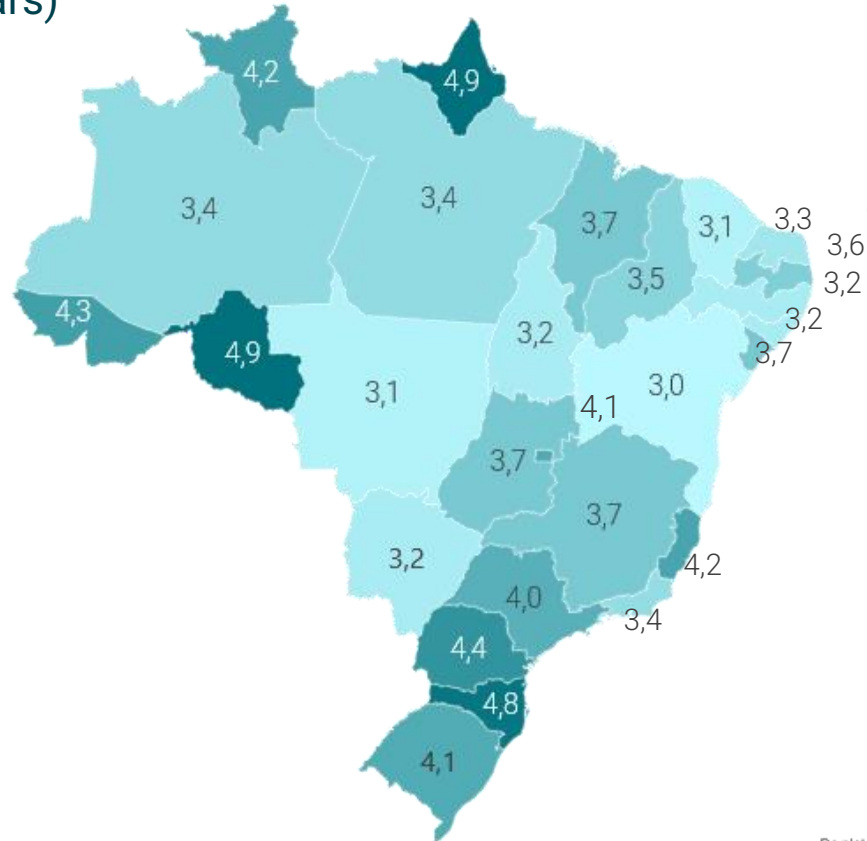


*PR = Performance Ratio

Average Payback Period per State

Commercial System – Low Voltage (in years)

- The average production cost for low-voltage commercial PV systems was **R\$ 3.88/Wp for 50 kWp systems** (average values according to the 1H/2022 DG survey). The calculation takes into account the local solar insolation / productivity, the average cost of the PV system, the energy price charged by providers (post CL 194), a PR* of **75%** and a simultaneity index of **70%**.

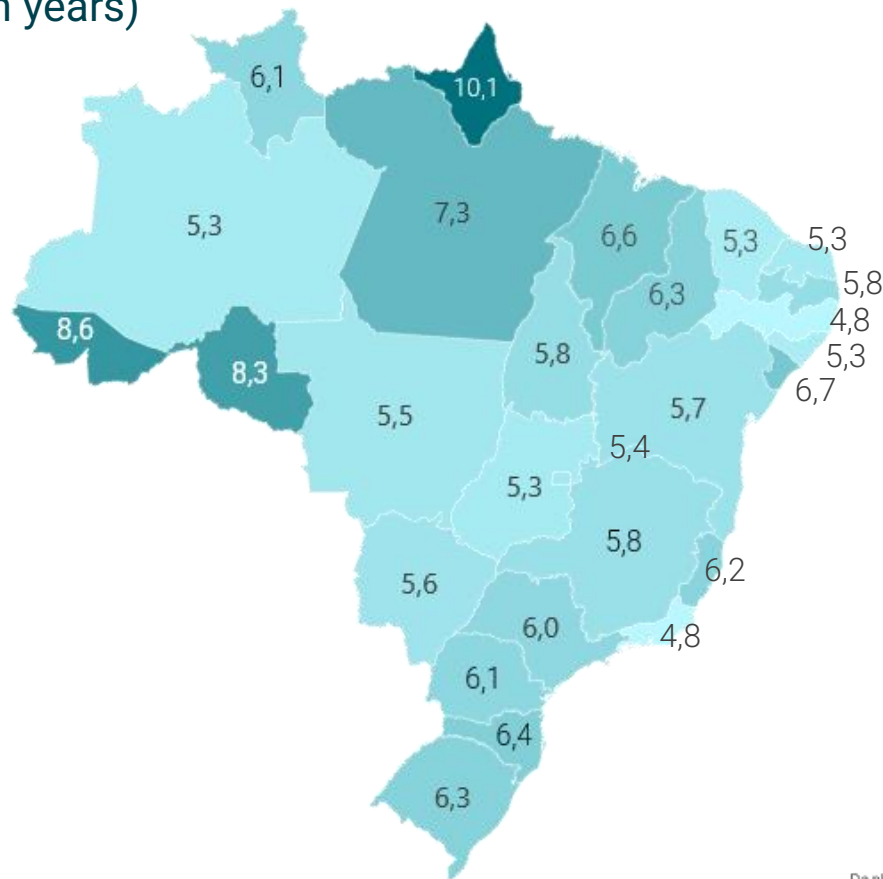


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Average Payback Period per State

Commercial System– Medium Voltage (in years)

- The average production cost for medium-voltage commercial PV systems was **R\$ 3.63/Wp for 300 kWp systems** (average values according to the 1H/2022 DG survey). The calculation takes into account the local solar insolation / productivity, the average cost of the PV system, the energy price charged by providers (post CL 194), a PR* of **75%** and a simultaneity index of **50%**.

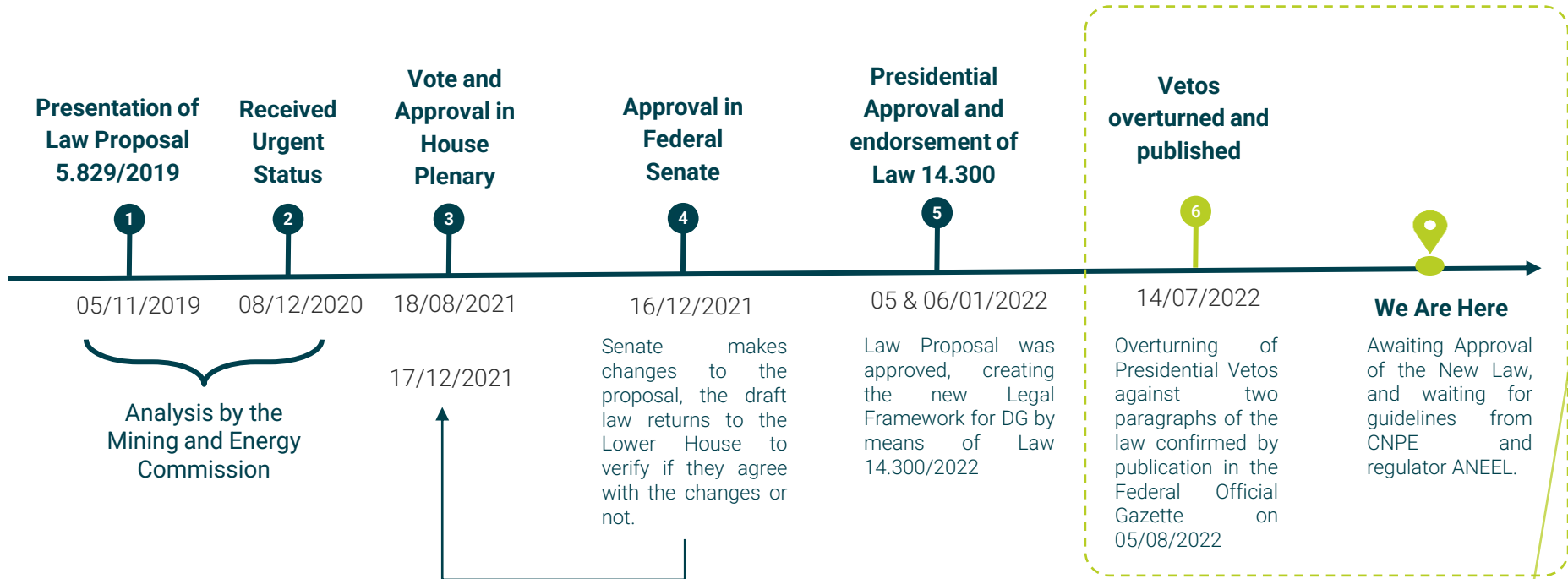


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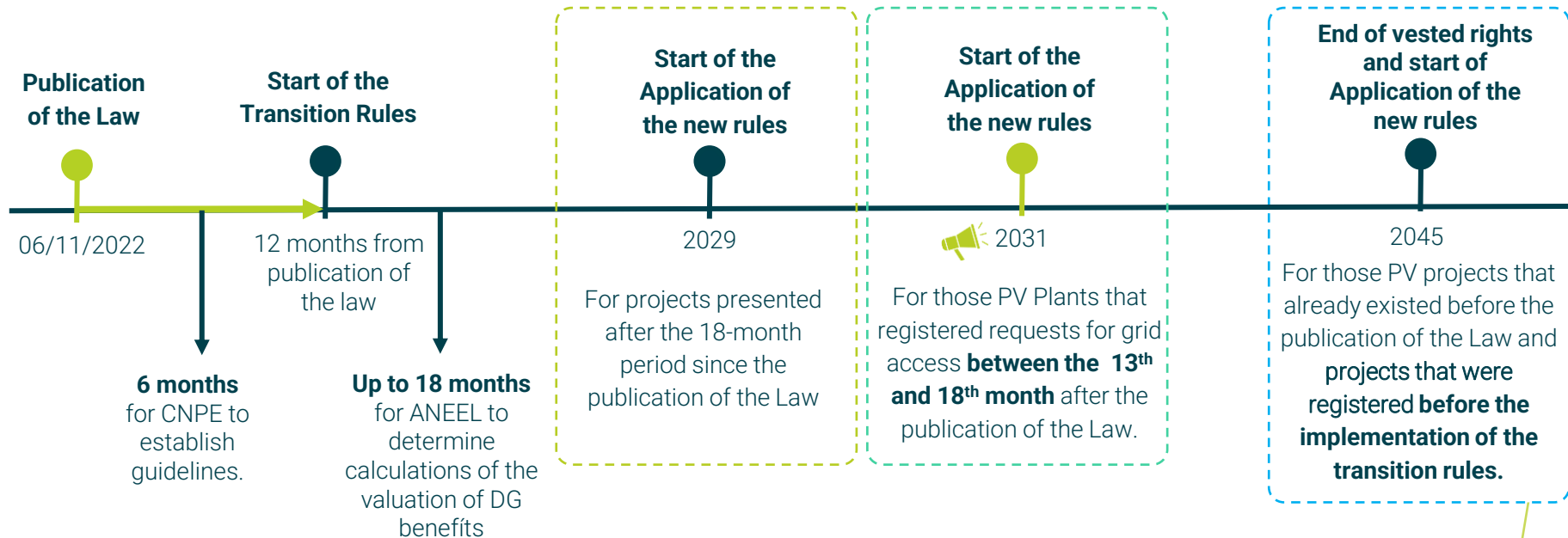
Regulatory Context

Approval of the new MMDG Legal Framework



Transition / Application of the new Law

- After the transition period, **from 2029 onwards**, the **new energy tariff rules** will be defined according to a directive from CNPE (National Council for Energy Policy) and a valuation of the benefits of DG in accordance with the ANEEL regulations.



Transition Rules for new Legal Framework

➤ The rules for transition to the new regulation will depend on **two principal factors**:

Date of Grid Access Request

Whoever registers grid access requests **BEFORE** the start date → Stays under the current rules **until 2045 (vested rights)**

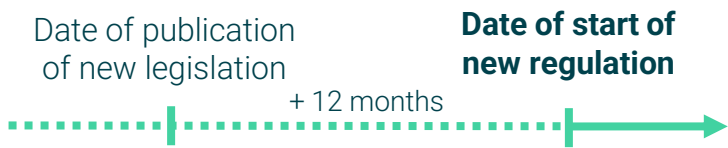
Whoever registers grid access requests **AFTER** the start date → Will fall under the **transition rules**

Business Model Category

- Micro DG
- Mini DG
- Shared Generation
- Energy Use in Multiple Consumption Units (EMUC) → **Transition rules that will be applied:** Gradual increase of TUSD Line B payment up to 100%
- Remote autoconsumption **limited to 500 kW** of installed capacity

- Shared Generation*
- Remote autoconsumption **over 500 kW** of installed capacity → **Transition rules that will be applied:** Payment of 100% TUSD Line B; 40% of TUSD Line A; 100% TFSEE and R&D.

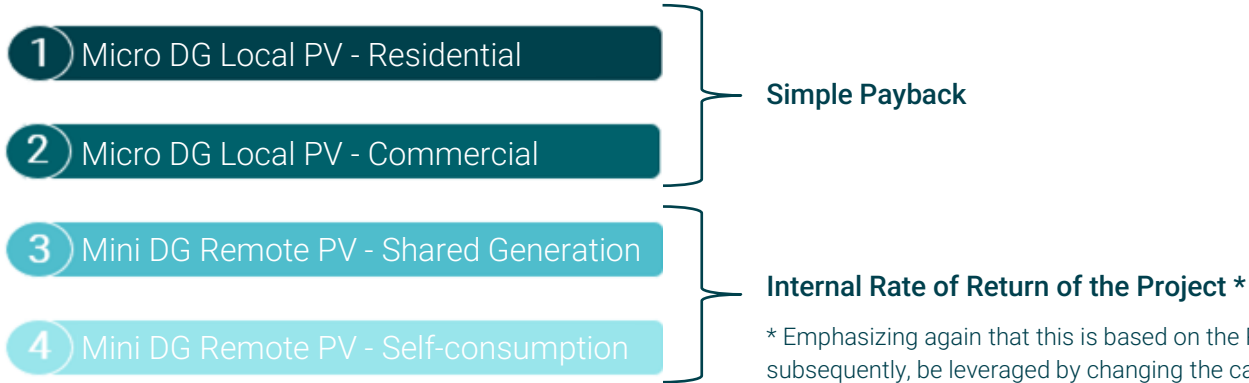
When does the new law enter into effect?



*Shared Generation in which one single owner/beneficiary possesses more than a 25% participation in the surplus production of electricity.

Greener Insights – Analysis of Case Studies

- Greener created four case studies analyzing the differences in economic viability of each proposed project, with the intention of clarifying some of the potential impacts of the new Legal Framework for MMGD.



* Emphasizing again that this is based on the Project IRR. The investor's IRR could, subsequently, be leveraged by changing the capital structure used for financing it.

- The 4 case studies were analyzed within the context of the 51 principal energy distribution concessionaries that operate throughout Brazil. The analysis was carried out using the average solar productivity of the operating area of each distributor.
- Energy price surcharges based on (hydrological) stress on the generating system were not taken into account in the analysis.
- The base case for analysis of the projects in Remote Mini DG category were simulated purely from the viewpoint of REN 482, or in other words, without the possible benefits of the 12 month window after approval of the new Law 14.300.

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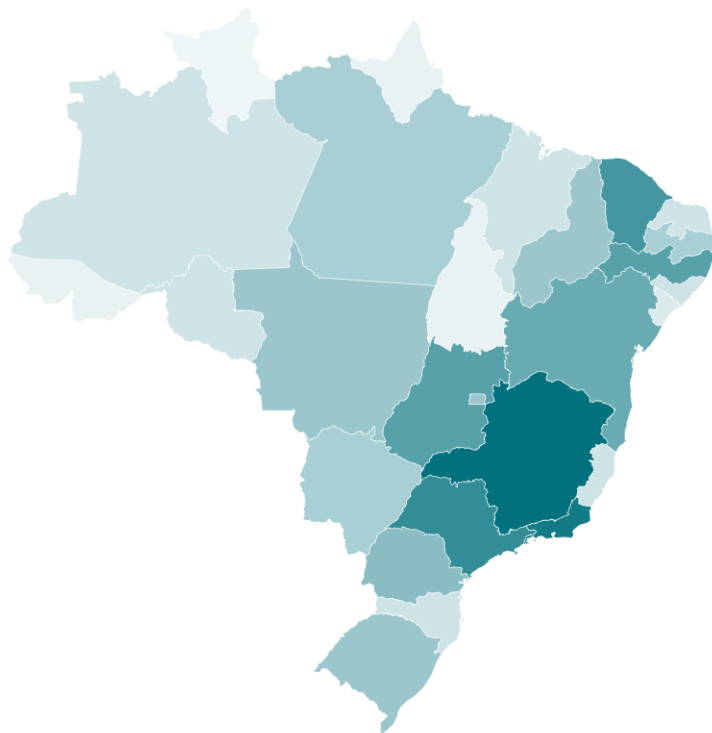
LARGE-SCALE DG

Introduction

- Greener interviewed the main companies involved in the development, structuring, operation and management of large-scale DG PV plants in Brazil. Among the companies interviewed were a number of **developers, asset owners, and client managers.**
- The **objective of this report is to provide strategic insights into the market** and the status of an important part of large-scale distributed generation projects in Brazil.
- The information presented here takes into account companies that work with **remote generation** plants that are being developed to operate under a **leasing business model**, either through remote self-consumption or shared generation.
- Greener would like to thank **the 35 companies that participated** in the questionnaire for the preparation of this report between February and July 2022.

Location of Operations

% of companies interviewed that are active in a specific region



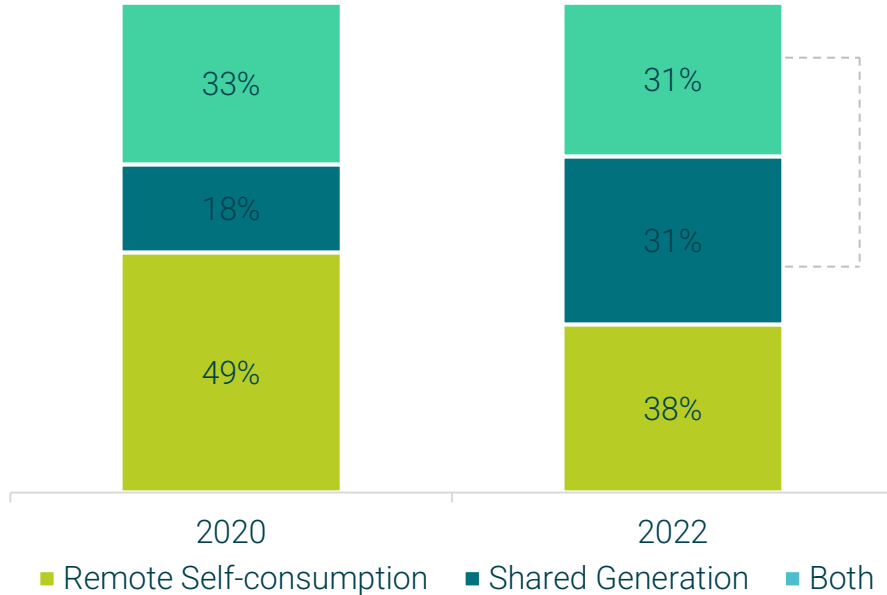
- Top 10 States that attract **the most DG remote consumption investment:**

TOP 10 States

1 st	Minas Gerais
2 nd	Rio de Janeiro
3 rd	São Paulo
4 th	Ceará
5 th	Goiás
6 th	Pernambuco
7 th	Bahia
8 th	Paraná
9 th	Rio Grande do Sul
10 th	Mato Grosso

Shared Generation vs Remote Self-consumption

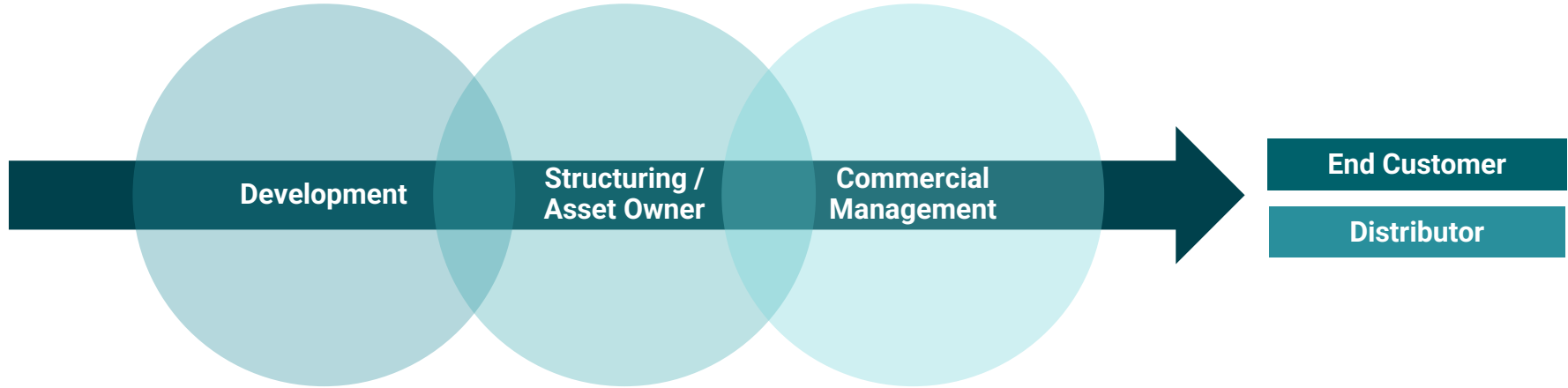
Which compensation model is used?



- **Shared generation** has gained in popularity in the last 2 years: **62% of the interviewed companies** operate projects using this business model, compared with 51% in 2020.

Value Chain of DG Remote Generation

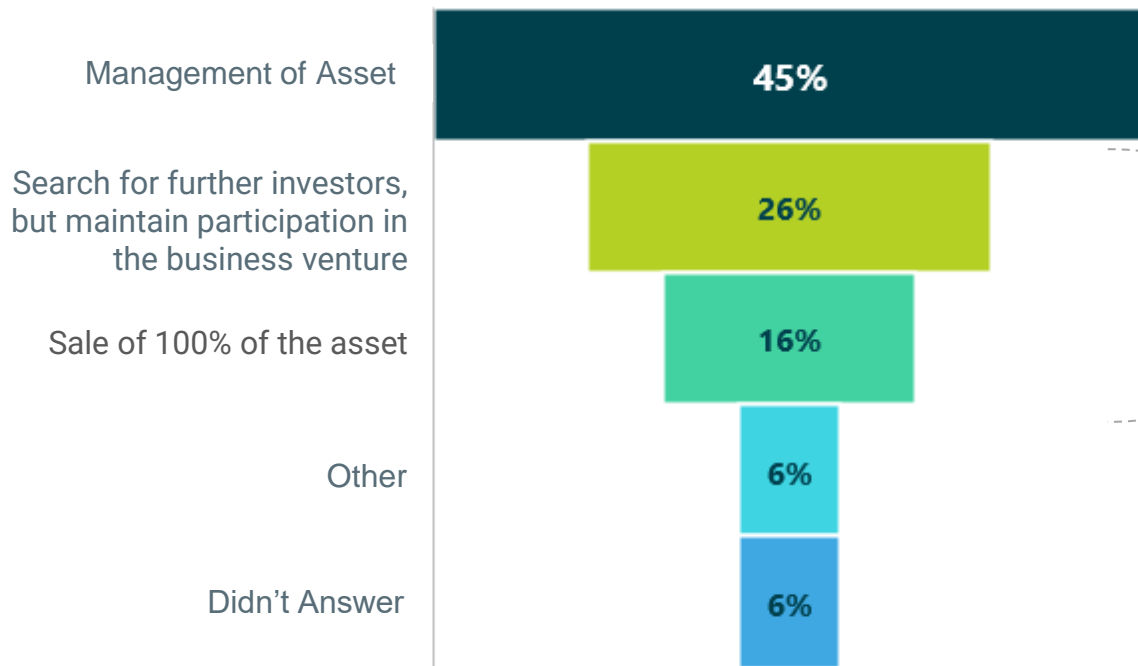
Development, structuring, operation and management of large-scale DG solar plants



Role in Value Chain	Focus	What are their tasks?
1) Developer	Development before construction	Purchases the terrain and enables the licences for grid connection
2) Asset Owner	Facilitate the construction and operation of the PV plant	Finds greenfield projects, obtains funding; builds and operates the PV plant. Completes all the steps between generation and consumers;
3) Commercial Manager	Recruit customers, manage contracts and energy credits	Manages the customers and their credits with energy distributors.

Principal Objectives with Solar Assets

Qual objetivo principal da empresa com os ativos em desenvolvimento ou obras?



- **42% of companies** are open to investments that lead to partial or complete sale of the PV assets.
- **45%** are focused on the structuring and management of their own portfolios.

Status of Principal PV Projects

What is the current status of large-scale DG Solar Plants?

1,1 GW power plants
in **construction**.

1,1 GW

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Also Find Out About:

- Volume of projects already in operation, under construction, and in the development phase;
- Profile of consumers ;
- Different business models, such as energy by subscription;
- Reflections on Complementary Law 194 (impacts on ICMS/VAT) and case study.

CHAPTER 8

Storage

THE ROLE OF STORAGE IN THE TRANSFORMATION OF THE ENERGY SECTOR



Generation

Energy Storage Systems:

- Facilitate the dispatch of energy from large renewable energy plants (solar, wind).
- Together with solar PV plants can substitute diesel generators in off-grid energy systems.



Transmission

+



Distribution

In transmission lines and distribution they can offer:

- Improved grid efficiency; instead of building new transmission lines or substations to meet temporary peaks in demand or supply,
- Higher quality / more reliable supply of electricity.



Consumption

For the individual consumer:

- Manage consumption and contracted demand;
- Serve as energy backup;
- Enhance the advantages of distributed generation;
- Provide ancillary services (remunerated) to the energy grid;

Storage Systems 'in front of the meter'

Systems 'behind the meter'

MAIN APPLICATIONS IN THE BRAZILIAN ENERGY SECTOR

Off-Grid

- Batteries have been used in smaller off-grid systems for many years. Using Lead-acid batteries, this is the oldest application of energy storage in Brazil. Programs for universalization of access to electrical energy, such as “Mais Luz” in the Amazon region, will continue to drive this market.
- Hybrid Applications – Solar + Diesel + Batteries – have gained in competitiveness, reducing costs and CO2 emissions. Isolated communities and rural energy consumers already use these solutions, for example in irrigation pivots.
- In the context of ANEEL’s call for strategic R&D (nr 21/2016) a micro-grid project with battery storage was created on the island of Fernando de Noronha, which could serve as a reference for other off-grid systems in the north of the country.

Behind the Meter

- ‘On-grid’ energy storage projects behind the meter are a recent phenomenon in Brazil. Despite this, we have already seen important cases of commercial projects being realized since 2020.

In Front of the Meter

- Storage projects in front of the meter, capable of providing services to the grid, represent the final frontier in the development of the energy storage sector in Brazil. At this moment there are a number of R&D projects that emanated from ANEEL’s strategic research request 21/2016. Commercial projects in front of the meter will require an adjustment to the regulatory framework.

STORAGE BEHIND THE METER

Possible Applications in Brazil

Application	Medium and High Voltage (Group A)	Low Voltage (Group B)		
		Conventional Tariff	White Tariff	Binomial Tariff
Backup	●	●	●	●
Reduction of Peak Demand	●	✗	✗	●
Management of Consumption Hours	●	✗	●	●
DG without Grid Injection	●	●	●	●

● Only if the volumetric component is measured per time slot

- Not all types of storage applications can be used by all types of energy consumer. It should be emphasized, however, that a system can provide more than one service at the same time, thus amplifying its financial return. The Table on the left shows some of the storage applications that could be used to the benefit of customers, grouped by customer type / energy tariff structure.

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CHAPTER 9

Conclusions

Insights & Conclusions

- 1. The prices of solar PV Systems decreased by an average of 4.3% in 1H / 2022.** International logistics costs, an elevated amount of equipment inventory, and the high level of competitiveness among wholesalers were all contributing factors to the reduction in equipment costs and were largely passed on to end consumers.
- 2. The residential customer group** once again led the way in the growth of DG solar, representing 56% of the total capacity added in 1H 2022, while commercial customers were responsible for 27% of that growth.
- 3. The sharp acceleration in import volumes of PV equipment,** especially in 1Q/22 (growth of 128%), reflects the high expectations for 2022 throughout the solar PV supply chain. **On the other hand,** the significant increase in interest rates combined with continuing high Capex requirements is a challenge, contributing to a **more moderate rise** in demand for PV systems in the first half of the year.
- 4. Despite higher interest rates, there was an important increase in the number of financial agents providing solar PV Financing.** A total of 52 institutions were mentioned in the survey, compared to 40 in the prior edition. While the economic scenario is difficult, the financial sector should continue to be an important lever for the growth of DG in Brazil.

Insights & Conclusions

- 5. In general, the attractiveness of investments in DG solar was maintained.** While the cost of grid energy was reduced as a result of changes in ICMS (LC 194) some other factors contributed positively towards solar PV's profitability: (i) Reduction in CAPEX compared to the amounts budgeted at the beginning of the year; (ii) Increases in energy prices charges by distributors due to annual readjustments in the first half of the year.
- 6. The regulatory changes enacted through the new Law 14.300/22, which above all change the compensation criteria for energy injected into the grid, should be an important driver for further investments, especially for Remote Generation DG projects, accelerating demand for projects to be completed in 2H/2022 and 2023.**
- 7. The digitalization of the solar sector is continuing apace.** Companies intensified their use of digital tools with the intent of automating and optimizing their processes. Nonetheless, it is noteworthy that the adoption of these widely available resources is still limited in a large part of the sector, and that the large majority of companies still use non-specialized software and tools to support various critical business processes.

CHAPTER 10

Glossary

Glossary: Distributed Generation

- **DG** – Distributed Generation
- **CG** – Centralized Generation
- **MMDG** – Micro and Mini Distributed Generation
- **Distributed Microgeneration** – (PV) systems less than or equal to 75 kW
- **Distributed Minigeneration**– (PV) systems larger than 75 kW and less than or equal to 5 MW
- **PV** – Photovoltaic
- **Additional Capacity** – the generating capacity that was added in a particular period
- **Cumulative Capacity** – the cumulative generating capacity active at a time, total of all previous periods
- **MW** – Megawatt
- **kW** – kilowatt
- **CU** – Consumer Unit

Concerning **Consumer Units**, it is important to distinguish between:

- **Consumer Units** – are the actual number of PV installations, in other words, any Consumer Units with a solar photovoltaic system that is generating energy. The credits generated at this Unit can be consumed at this same location or at other Units that can receive the credits.
- **Consumer Units receiving credits** – are all Consumer Units that receive some benefit from the credits that are generated, regardless of whether the PV system is installed locally/on-site or remotely.

Glossary: Types of Consumers and Methods of Consumption

Types of Consumers

There are 5 **Types of Energy Consumers**, with additional subcategories. These types depend on the **kind of business/consumer that is being supplied**, and were created by the National Electrical Energy Agency (ANEEL).

The defined consumer types are the following:

- **Residential**
- **Commercial**
- **Industrial**
- **Rurals**
- **Public** (Public/Street Lighting, Government, Public Services)

Methods of Consumption

There are 4 defined **Methods of Consumption** (or DG business models). The choice of method depends on which format most closely matches the desired consumption profile of each project/business.

As such, the defined methods are as follows:

- **On-site Generation** (at the Consumer Unit, or alongside the load)
- **Remote Self-consumption**
- **Shared Generation**
- **Businesses with multiple consumption units /locations (EMUC)**

Find out more about the variety of DG Business Models. [Access the Research Here.](#)

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