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(ANSA) - Rome, November 24 - Solar electric (photovoltaic) systems account for 7.9% of electricity production in Italy, putting the country in global first place, according to the survey on "100 Italian Energy Stories" presented by energy utility Enel and Symbola Foundation Tuesday.

By comparison, in Greece photovoltaics account for 7.6% of electricity produced, in Germany for 7%, in Japan for less than 3% and in the US and China for less than 1%. Italy also comes joint first with Spain among major European countries for the quota of electricity produced from renewable sources. Further, Italy is in second place among the same countries for energy efficiency within the national economy.

"Innovation and sustainability, the development of renewable energies and technologies linked to intelligent networks and energy efficiency have a prominent role in Enel's business," CEO Francesco Starace said. "In addition to the need to address climate change it is also an extraordinary opportunity to relaunch our economy in a green key," Symbola president Ermete Realacci said.

"24.5% of companies that have made green investments since the start of the economic crisis have improved their performance in terms of innovation, export and new jobs," he added.

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