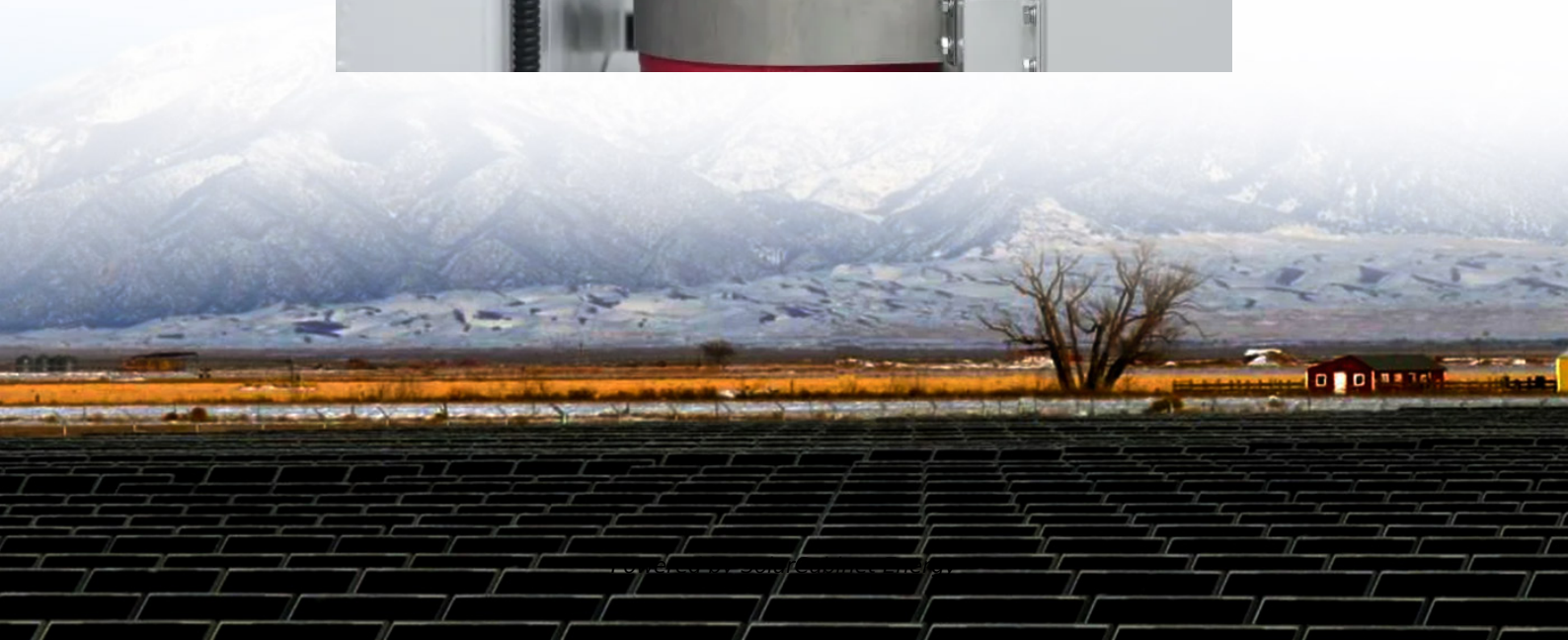


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Overview

Are solar panels cheaper in China than in Europe?

The European Commission's Joint Research Centre has determined that the costs of solar panel manufacturing in China is 35% lower than in Europe. On the other hand, Enel recently secured a EUR 560 million financing package for the ongoing expansion of its 3Sun solar panel factory in Catania in Sicily.

Which country exports the most solar panels to the EU?

As Fatih Birol, the executive director of the IEA, was quoted by The Guardian as saying, "If I could sum this [trend] up in two words they would be: China, solar." China is by far the largest exporter of solar panels to the European Union, accounting for 98% of all EU imports in 2023, new data from Eurostat has shown.

Where do European solar panels come from?

The vast majority of those panels and parts came from China – in some cases, 95%, International Energy Agency data show. Yet the green energy boom hasn't helped Europe's few local solar panel manufacturers, which have hit crisis point, crushed by cheaper imports and oversupply.

Are Chinese-manufactured solar panels piling up in European warehouses?

Chinese-manufactured solar photovoltaic (PV) panels are piling up in European warehouses, with Rystad Energy forecasting 100 GWdc of solar capacity in storage by the end of 2023.

Why are Chinese solar panels being shipped to Europe?

Tough tariffs against Chinese imports in the US means that most excess panels are shipped to Europe. Xuyang Dong of Climate Energy Finance, an Australian think-tank, said that "China's estimated wafer, cell and module capacity that will come online in 2024 is sufficient to meet annual global demand now through to 2032.



Is China doing the same thing with solar panels?

Meanwhile, the US and Europe are tightening their rules on Chinese cars and EV parts being sold in their countries, with tariffs so high in the US that China has turned its focus on other areas, namely South America, Asia, and Europe. Meanwhile, some European panel makers are saying that China has been doing the same thing with solar panels.



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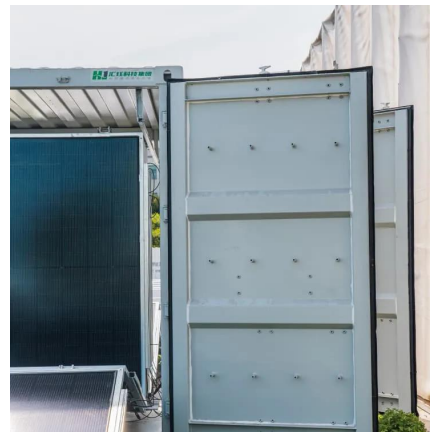


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