

North Macedonia Commercial Solar Power Generation System





Overview

The first four projects are solar power plants Pehčevo and Stipion, cogeneration facility Skopje, and a photovoltaic plant with gas engines. In 2020, North Macedonia passed the Law on Strategic Investments to encourage, attract, and create conditions for the implementation of strategic investments. Can North Macedonia develop solar energy?

The potential for solar energy development in North Macedonia is vast. With estimates suggesting that the country could harness up to 11 GW of solar PV capacity, there is significant room for growth.

How many power plants are there in North Macedonia?

The electric power production system in North Macedonia consists of two coal power plants with a total installed capacity of 825 megawatts (MW), several hydro power plants with a total installed capacity of 695 MW, one combined generation power plant, a heavy oil plant, solar power plants, a few biogas plants, and two wind power farms.

What are the benefits of expanding solar energy capacity in North Macedonia?

One of the most compelling benefits of expanding solar energy capacity in North Macedonia is its potential to enhance energy independence. In 2021, approximately 33.2% of North Macedonia's electricity consumption was covered by imports.

Does North Macedonia still have a coal power plant?

The smaller coal power plant, "REK Oslomej," which was dormant through 2020, was reactivated in 2021 to help North Macedonia reduce its reliance on electricity imports. ESM refurbished the "REK Bitola" coal power plant boilers in 2017, but its equipment is still largely outdated.

How much solar power does Macedonia have in 2022?

By the end of 2022, the country had reached a photovoltaic capacity of



approximately 144 MW, with projections indicating rapid growth in the coming years. In 2023 alone, North Macedonia saw an impressive increase in solar capacity, with new installations contributing to a total increase of 251% compared to the previous year.

How renewable is North Macedonia?

According to the International Renewable Energy Agency (IRENA), North Macedonia increased the production of energy from renewable sources to 827 MW last year, which is up by an annual 10.1% and is in line with the global average of 10.3% growth.



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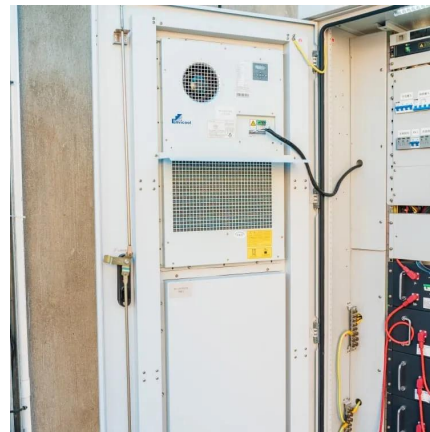


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