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# North Macedonia installs solar power for home use



## Overview

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A pivotal moment occurred in 2020 with the launch of the first significant solar plant, and by 2023, North Macedonia had experienced a 251% increase in solar capacity, demonstrating the effectiveness of government initiatives in fostering growth in the sector. 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.

Does North Macedonia need electricity?

Although North Macedonia's renewable energy potential is huge (especially solar), the country is still dependent on importing electricity -imported electricity constitutes around 30% of the overall gross consumption.

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.

Which energy sources are used in North Macedonia?

At the moment, most of the electricity in North Macedonia is produced from thermal power plants with coal as the primary energy source. The share of the renewable energy sources in the total installed capacity in North Macedonia is 38%, with most of the renewable energy coming from large hydro powerplants.

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.

What is wind power in North Macedonia?

tility-scale and rooftop PV. WIND POWER Wind energy in North Macedonia is at an earlier stage but is poised for expansion. The country's first wind farm, the 36.8 MW Bogdanci Park (1 turbines), was built by ESM in 2014<sup>15</sup>. For nearly a decade, Bogdanci remained the sole wind project—wind cap

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