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Overview

What is the largest solar power plant in Albania?

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Will Albania expand its solar sector?

Albania, meanwhile, has sought to expand its solar sector in recent years, launching its fifth round of auctions for new PV capacity in January of this year. Bids were placed for 355.9MW of capacity, and the ministry of infrastructure and energy awarded contracts to eight consortia for 300MW of capacity.

Is Albania a good place to invest in renewables?

Opportunities for renewables, and especially for solar and wind energy, are extensive in Albania. According to IRENA's Renewables Readiness Assessment report (2021), the solar radiation is very high throughout most of its territory, with the country enjoying some of Europe's highest number of sunshine hours per year.

How much solar capacity does Albania have?

The country currently has 1.1GW of wind capacity in operation, compared to just 8.5MW of solar capacity. Albania, meanwhile, has sought to expand its solar sector in recent years, launching its fifth round of auctions for new PV capacity in January of this year.

Why is solar energy so underdeveloped in Albania?

This was mainly due to hydropower and the use of wood biomass in some households. Until 2017 Albania only offered renewable energy incentives for hydropower and as a result solar PV and wind have remained underdeveloped.

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How much energy does Albania need to save?

According to these, Albania needs to achieve a 52 per cent share of renewables in gross final consumption of energy. To boost energy efficiency and energy savings, it also needs to cap primary energy consumption at 2.6 Mtoe and final energy consumption at 2.4 Mtoe by 2030.

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