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French solar power generation technology



Overview

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What is solar power generation in France?

This graph provides an annual and monthly overview of solar power generation in France. The evolution of solar photovoltaic generation is an important parameter in the energy transition, as it is a renewable and low-carbon energy. In 2022, solar power generation rose sharply on the back of expanded capacity and good sunlight.

Why is solar power so important in France?

Solar capacity growth, combined with good sunlight conditions, drove solar power output up sharply in 2022 to 18.6 TWh (+31% year-on-year). Solar now significantly contributes to France's electricity mix, with an output equivalent to three nuclear reactors in volume.

How much solar power does France have in 2022?

Solar power in France including overseas territories reached an installed capacity figure of 11.2 GW in 2020, and rose further to 17.1 GW at the end of 2022. Government plans announced in 2022 foresee solar PV capacity in France rising to 100 GW by 2050.

Does France have a solar energy sector?

The exponential growth of the solar photovoltaic energy sector in France has never stopped since its inception in the early 2000s. In 2022, the PV energy capacity in France amounted to approximately 17 gigawatts, making France the fifth European country for cumulative PV capacity that year.

Does France need solar power?

Solar now significantly contributes to France's electricity mix, with an output equivalent to three nuclear reactors in volume. The pace of renewable capacity growth will need to accelerate further if France is to meet the public targets set for 2020-2030.

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French Annual Electricity Review 2022 , RTE

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