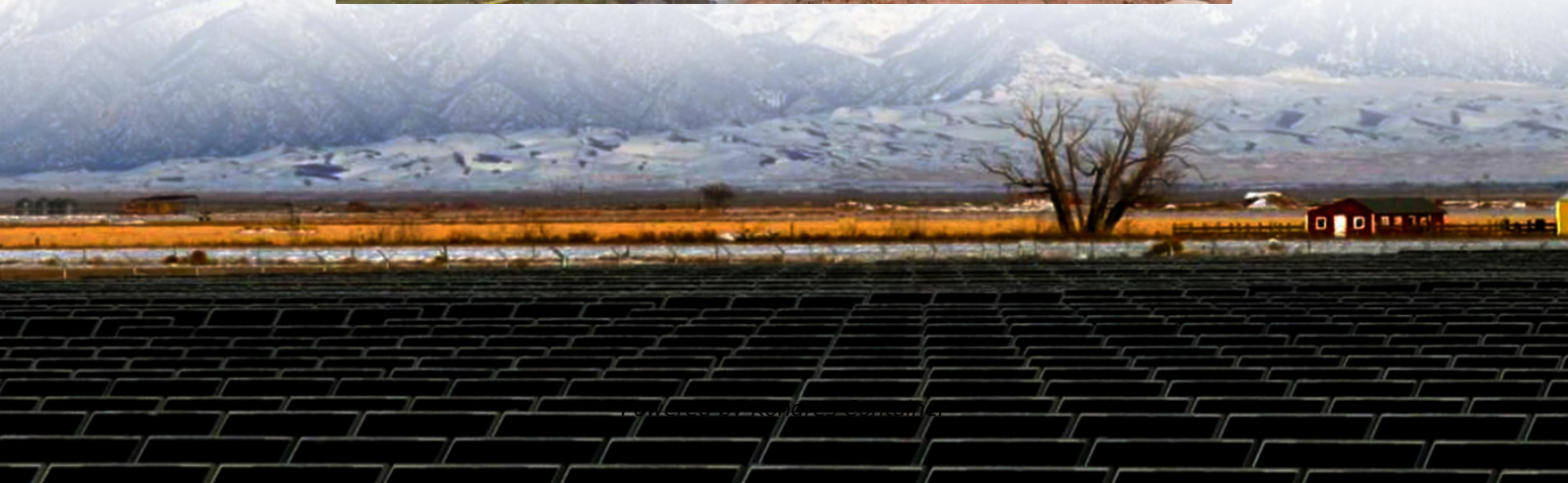


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# Finland s solar panel rooftop sunroom generates electricity for self-use



## Overview

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The PV capacity of Finland was (2012) 11.1 MWp. Solar power in Finland was (1993–1999) 1 GWh, (2000–2004) 2.

Solar energy in Finland is used primarily for water heating and by the use of photovoltaics to generate electricity. As a northern country, summer days are long and winter days are short. Above the Arctic Circle, the sun does not rise some days in winter, and does not set some days in the summer. Due to the low sun angle, it is more common to place solar panels on the south side of buildi. Solar heatingThe objective in solar heating is 163 000 m collector area (1995–2010). In 2006 the collector area in operation was 16 493 m . Solar heat in Finland was (1997–2004) 4-5 GWh and (2005) 6 GWh. Thus, Finland has installed 10.

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Can solar power improve the profitability of buildings in Finland?

LUT University has investigated how the profitability of solar electricity could be improved in different types of buildings in Finland. Researchers have debunked myths related to the orientation and dimensioning of solar photovoltaic systems and sales of surplus electricity.

How much solar energy will Finland produce by 2050?

LUT has modeled an emission-free energy system and demonstrated that the share of solar energy in Finnish energy production should rise to 10 percent by 2050. That would mean a leap from the current 635 megawatts to 35 000. The rooftop potential of all Finnish buildings (residential, administrative, industrial) is about 34 000 megawatts.

Is solar electricity a viable alternative to self-consumption in Finland?

In Finland, solar electricity has so far been a financially competitive alternative only if the self-consumption rate has been high. Now, however, the situation is changing, as solar farms are being built to produce electricity to sell directly to the main grid.

Does Finland have a solar heating system?

Thus, Finland has installed 10% of its objective in 11 years time (1995–2010). The solar heating has not been competitive due to cheap alternatives (electricity, fuel oil and district heating) and the lack of support systems. Companies and public organizations may receive 40% investment subsidies, but private houses do not receive subsidies yet.

Why is Finland a good place to install solar panels?

"Finland's advantage is its low atmospheric temperature, which improves the efficiency of solar photovoltaic cells. The colder it gets, the better the solar panels work. Solar panels can also withstand snow loads if they are installed following directions.

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