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## Overview

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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.

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.

What is North Macedonia doing to boost energy investment?

North Macedonia has drafted the first laws and agreements on strategic investments in the energy sector, a model the country is using to facilitate and speed up investments in renewable electricity plants. The first four projects are solar power plants Pehčevo and Stipion, cogeneration facility Skopje, and a photovoltaic plant with gas engines.

Should North Macedonia accelerate the transition to renewables?

Like others in the region, North Macedonia must balance its need to rapidly accelerate the transition to renewables to secure its energy future with the need to ensure that future is one where both the country's nature and people thrive.

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 much is a solar power plant worth in Macedonia?

n estimated value of 70 million euros. Novaci Solar Power Plant: A MW facility completed by Mey Energy. North Macedonia enjoys high solar irradiation (1,200 kWh/kWp/year) and abundant degraded land, giving it an estimated technical

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