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Overview

What is solar energy in Armenia?

Solar energy in Armenia is an important source of renewable energy, and its technologies are broadly characterized as active solar or passive solar, depending on how they capture and distribute solar energy or convert it into solar power.

What is Armenia's largest solar power plant?

The 200-megawatt plant named Ayg-1 will be Armenia's largest solar power plant with a capacity of around half of Armenia's main energy generator, the Metsamor nuclear power plant. The plant is planned to be built in the Aragatsotn province in an area of over 500 hectares located in Talin, Dashtadem, Katnaghbyur and Yeghnik communities.

How much electricity does Armenia produce a year?

Last year Armenia produced 8,907.9 GWh of electricity, up 16% from 2021. The vast majority came from thermal power plants in Yerevan and Hrazdan (43.5%) and the Metsamor Nuclear Power Plant (32%). Hydropower accounted for 21.8%, while solar stood at 2.7% and wind power at just 0.02%.

How many solar farms are there in Armenia?

The installed capacities of Armenia's 60 solar farms range from 64.91 kW to 5,000 kW (5 MW). The majority (32 of 60) are at the upper range (5 MW), which seems to be the preferred size. The first license for a solar farm in Armenia was granted in November 2017, but only 12 were built in the first three years.

Is geothermal energy viable in Armenia?

The geothermal energy potential of Armenia is significant, but is not considered economically viable, at least for now. The World Bank has estimated the total potential at around 150 MW. The Karkar site in Syunik, for

instance, has an estimated capacity of 28 MW with a construction cost of nearly \$100 million, far pricier than solar.

Where does Armenia's electricity come from?

Despite this progress, the majority of Armenia's electricity still comes from non-renewable sources. Last year Armenia produced 8,907.9 GWh of electricity, up 16% from 2021. The vast majority came from thermal power plants in Yerevan and Hrazdan (43.5%) and the Metsamor Nuclear Power Plant (32%).

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