

How much solar power does North Macedonia have?

Solar power Built on a former lignite open pit mining site, North Macedonia's Oslomej solar park will have an installed capacity of 120 MW when fully completed. &#169; Ciril Jazbec

Who built the first solar plant in North Macedonia?

The 10MW solar plant, built on the site of the spent Oslomej lignite coal mine, was constructed by the public company JSC Elektrani na Severna Makedonija (ESM). This is the company's first solar plant in North Macedonia, developed with a view to diversifying energy sources and supporting decarbonisation.

How will a new solar plant help Macedonia?

Andi Aranitasi, EBRD Head of North Macedonia, said: "The new solar plant will help the country, which faces severe air pollution from coal, to reduce its reliance on ageing coal-fired infrastructure. It will also generate cheap electricity in times of very high market prices.

Why is EBRD launching a solar PV plant in North Macedonia?

Andi Aranitasi, EBRD Head of North Macedonia, said: "This is a very important project for the country's energy transition. It is a continuation of our previous work in backing the ambitious decarbonisation plans of North Macedonia by organising solar PV tenders and constructing the first-ever utility scale solar PV plant in the country.

How much electricity does Macedonia produce?

ESM, a public electricity generation utility owned by the government of North Macedonia, provides 90 per cent of the country's domestic electricity production - about 3,600 GWh from two thermal power plants and 1,250 GWh from eight hydropower plants.

What are the decarbonisation plans in North Macedonia?

Decarbonisation plans in North Macedonia are taking a big leap forward. The European Union (EU) is supporting ESM, the state-owned electricity company, to implement a 30 MW photovoltaic (PV) project consisting of 10 MW on a portion of the exhausted coal mine of thermal power plant Oslomej, and 20 MW adjacent to the thermal power plant Bitola.

Shortly after Akuo Energy's photovoltaic project of up to 400 MW in Stip was declared a strategic investment, the Government of North Macedonia gave the same status to two planned solar power plants in ...

Slovenia-based GEN-I connected its 17 MW solar power plant southeast of Skopje to the grid four months before the deadline. It is the largest photovoltaic facility in North Macedonia and the Western Balkans.

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