

What is Kosovo's solar energy project?

The project is the largest solar energy investment in the district heating sector in the region and one of the largest solar power plants in Europe. As such, the project marks an historic moment on Kosovo's path towards a decarbonised energy system in line with the Paris Climate Agreement.

How will the EU support the energy transition in Kosovo?

The EU will support the energy transition and sustainable development of Kosovo through another 100-megawatt solar electricity project with the Kosovo Energy Cooperation." The EU's contribution to solar heating and electricity projects in Kosovo will total almost EUR56 million.

How can development finance support solar PV projects in Kosovo?

Many of the solar PV projects currently being developed in Kosovo have benefitted from support from development finance institutions such as the EBRD or the IFC. Indeed, the role of DFIs has arguably been instrumental in helping catalyse investment, and in building other lenders' confidence in providing loans to the sector.

How much solar power does Kosovo have?

With regard to solar power, Kosovo's installed capacity at the end of 2020 stood at 20,9MW, the bulk of which are sited at agricultural facilities throughout the country. However, a few recently announced solar power projects are poised to increase that number significantly.⁹

Will Kosovo become the first economy to use solar power?

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How much will Germany contribute to Kosovo's solar energy project?

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Kosovo's recent Energy Strategy sets an ambitious vision to achieving a just energy transition for the country between 2022-2031. The main pillar of the Strategy is to accelerate renewable deployment, focused on utility-scale wind and solar PV. Kosovo plans to integrate 1200 MW of RES over the next 10-years. 100 MW Solar Engineering, P ...

Despite being geographically well suited for developing solar energy, Kosovo is facing legal, administrative, and financial barriers such as prolonged authorization procedures, solar PV installed capacity limitation, lack of RES skills and capacities, protracted legalization process, lack of public awareness, and modest support schemes, that

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A photovoltaic system is being built on the areas where ash from the two coal-fired power plants at Kosovo A was previously deposited. It will have an installed capacity of up to 100 MW and produce 152 GWh of electricity annually.

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