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### Can energy projects make Croatia greener?

Several energy projects aim to make Croatia greener, ensure a secure energy supply, and improve lives in Zagreb Just eight kilometres from the Kastel Benkovic, a medieval castle, the village of Korlat produces one of the finest red wines in both Croatia and Europe.

#### What is Croatia's solar energy potential?

" Croatia's solar energy potential estimated at 6.8 GW". Balkan Green Energy News. Retrieved 18 March 2022. 'Spasic, Vladimir (10 November 2021). " Croatia to add 1.5 GW of renewables by 2025". Balkan Green Energy News. Retrieved 18 March 2022.

#### How many power plants are there in Croatia?

At the end of 2022, the total available power of power plants on the territory of the Republic of Croatia was 4,946.8 MW, of which 1,534.6 MW in thermal power plants,2,203.4 MW in hydropower plants,986.9 MW in wind power plants and 222.0 MW in solar power plants.

#### Which Hep projects will reshape the energy landscape in Croatia?

The combined-cycle power plant EL-TO Zagreb, financed with EUR130 million from the European Investment Bank, the European Commission and the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development in 2018, is another HEP project that will reshape the energy landscape in Croatia.

## Are imported coal and oil filling the energy gap in Croatia?

Imported coal, oil and gas are filling the gap. "In Croatia, we have exhausted all of our hydropower resources, " said Andro Bacan, a renewable energy expert at the state-owned Energy Institute Hrvoje Pozar back in the busy capital Zagreb.

#### How will the European Investment Bank support Croatia's green transition?

The European Investment Bank will continue to support Croatia's green transition. With the REPowerEU initiative, the Bank will provide an additional EUR30 billion in energy loans and equity financing for high impact energy projects EU-wide over the next five years--on top of our regular lending.

In the case of the power system in Croatia, which is rich in solar and hydroenergy and whose climate conditions are very similar to those in the European countries, it has been shown that implementation of the green strategy of energy balance fulfilling can be realized with

In line with the EU regulations on state subsidies, the European Commission approved the Croatian subsidy programme for the production of electric power from renewable energy sources in the amount of 783 million EUR. The measure will help Croatia to attain its goals related to energy from renewable sources, including the goals in its Recovery [...]

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A small solar power plant (22 kW) and energy efficient lighting made them the first energy independent school in Croatia. The project was initiated by Energy Cooperative Kastela and United Nation Development Programme (UNDP) in Croatia in 2014 and the investment was funded by citizens, REScoop members, local authorities and private local ...

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Renewable sources excluding hydropower accounted for more electricity output in Croatia in February than fossil fuels, coming in second by stake, the Renewable Energy Sources of Croatia association said.

Croatia satisfies its electricity needs largely from hydro and thermal power plants, and partly from the Krsko nuclear power plant, which is co-owned by Croatian and Slovenian state-owned power companies. Renewable energies account for approximately 31.33% of Croatia's energy mix.

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(g) The green objective is presented under 7 different categories taken into account the intervention fields (SWD(2021) 184 final): Renewables (028 - 032), Hydrogen (022, 027, 029, 032, 033, 074, 077 and ADHOC), Energy Efficiency

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Overall, Croatia has a need for technology and solutions for power plants, the production and use of biomass and geothermal resources and the storage of energy. Dutch companies with experience in the transition to a "bio-based" economy, offering solutions and business models for green and bio-based energy could find a



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