

Should reunion have solar panels?

“At least 60% of the houses on Reunion are detached. If all of them were equipped with PV panels, that could cover half of our island's electricity needs,” he stated. The government has indeed included solar energy in its transition plan, but in the form of large projects.

Will Reunion Island produce all its energy by 2028?

France's overseas territory Reunion Island is aiming to produce all of its energy through renewables by the end of 2028. Though activists agree on the target, they disagree on the methods. The Les Cedres project on Reunion Island combines PV panels with organic farming Image: Sandy Palenzuela

How can a new energy system be made in R  union?

This includes replacing sugar cane with different food crops; restricting urbanization; increasing the capacity for producing energy from waste; significantly scaling up photovoltaics that convert sunlight directly into energy; and convincing R  union islanders to make certain lifestyle changes.

Will switching to renewables solve R  union's self-sufficiency problem?

Although laudable, switching to renewables will not solve the self-sufficiency problem. The renewable sources R  union uses to generate electricity will still be mainly imported from abroad. "Forests will be cut in Canada to put in our furnaces in R  union island," says Mathieu David, who studies mechanics and energy at the University of La R  union.

Is electricity self-sufficiency possible on R  union?

Although electricity self-sufficiency on R  union is theoretically possible, there are still a number of constraints imposed by factors such as nature, technology and economics. The island's remote location and geographical features are serious challenges for starters.

Why is R  union so worried about energy imports?

Part of this concern stemmed from R  union's over-reliance on imports, including for energy, says Russeil, who is now at the French National Research Institute for Agriculture, Food and Environment in Paris.

Reunion Island is facing the challenge of saying goodbye to imported fossil fuels and reaching energy self-sufficiency by 2030, a goal defined in the region's Multiannual Energy Program (PPE). In 2019, the French Environment and Energy Management Agency ADEME has delivered the latest report on the island's development and future scenarios ...

The 27,000 solar panels cover an area of 4.5 hectares, which generate an annual total of 10 GWh in local renewable electricity. This contributes to Reunion's energy strategy, by reducing dependence on imports, and minimizing the share of fossil fuels and greenhouse gas emissions in the energy mix.

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Reunion Island's government is indeed aiming to become energy independent but only by the end of 2030. That's too late, says Futhazar. The trained engineer thinks the government plans are also ...

In the framework of the Reunion Island's energy plan, i.e. the Regional Schema for Climate, Air, Energy (SRCAE), the regional government established an Energy Governance Committee (EGC) gathering regional, local and state government actors as well as private stakeholders (energy and waste companies) and the public.

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