

Why should we invest in Romanian solar?

Econergy identified Romania as an important European renewables player at the end of the 2010s and has become a leading developer and investor in Romanian PV. We have learned where Romania's bold commitments create opportunity, where growth is delayed, and how Romania is weathering current international challenges. Solar regulation

How much solar energy does Romania need?

In the context of the European ambitions, Romania would need to aim for 44.4% RES, meaning 11.1 GW of solar - 6.1 GW for utility-scale and 5 GW for rooftop PV. Drivers for solar growth The last two years have been marked by significant legislative changes that underpinned the development of the Romanian PV sector.

Is Romania a good country for solar energy?

National targets for solar PV With an average of 1,900 to 2,400 annual sunlight hours, Romania has significant natural potential for solar PV development. Yet, the country has not set ambitious targets for renewable energy sources, aiming for only 30.7% of its final energy consumption to come from RES by 2030.

How much solar does Romania have in 2023?

That would mark a sixfold increase on the 1.39 GW of solar in Romania in 2020. By the end of 2023 - as Romania became the 118th member of the International Solar Alliance group of tropical nations - the country had reached 2.9 GW of solar. Romania is positioning itself to become a major player in European Union renewables.

How much energy will Romania have by 2030?

The new plan aims for 36% of Romania's energy to come from renewables by 2030 - higher than the figure allocated it by the European Commission - with 8.3 GW of solar and 7.6 GW of wind. Bucharest has committed to phase out coal by 2032.

What does Romania's new energy plan mean for the world?

In late 2023, the Romanian government raised the ambition of the draft National Energy and Climate Plan it presented to the COP. The new plan aims for 36% of Romania's energy to come from renewables by 2030 - higher than the figure allocated it by the European Commission - with 8.3 GW of solar and 7.6 GW of wind.

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Romania joins the International Solar Alliance (ISA) as its 118th member, reinforcing its commitment to

sustainable energy. President Klaus Werner Iohannis highlights Romania's goal of achieving carbon neutrality through extensive solar capacity growth.

International investors are realizing the potential Romania has, and there is sufficient political commitment to support it. On March 4 this year, the total production of Romania's deployed solar power plants approached 6,5 GW, leading to a net export of electricity.

Today, Romania is one of the most promising markets for renewable energy in Europe. A number of international players have planned or already begun large-scale projects in solar and wind energy segments, as well as energy storage.

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to incentives, Romania introduced the Casa Verde Fotovoltaice project in 2019 to cover up to 90% of capital expenses of solar systems for residential segments with a minimum capacity of 3 kW. As of 2023, the financing scheme covered up to 4000 euros of an investment in a PV system of minimum 3kW, but

Coupling local stakeholders with experienced international players, the event will explore the major challenges and opportunities in Romania's growing solar market. Closing 2022 with 1.7 GW of installed PV capacity, Romania is on track to reach 2.5 GW of cumulative capacity by the end of this year.

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Romania boasts an ideal climate for solar energy, with an average of 1,600 kWh/m² of solar irradiation annually. To encourage the expansion of solar energy development, the government has implemented many national and European policies to incentivise more renewable investment.

