

# Solar energy set up Uruguay

In a typical year, 98% of Uruguay's grid is powered by green energy. How did it get there? It involved a scientist, an innovative approach to infrastructure funding, and a whole lot of wind.

Solar and wind energy are two of the pillars that have allowed Uruguay to achieve impressive figures in clean energy production. The country has a considerable amount of sunshine throughout the year, making solar energy a viable and effective option. Key projects and goals towards 2026

Sky Solar, the global clean energy developer, has secured \$85 million in debt finance to expand solar power infrastructure in Uruguay. Hong Kong-based Sky Solar is working on 6 solar photovoltaic power plants in the South American country and \$55.7 million of the funding will be provided by the Inter-American Development Bank.

The first stage of the energy transition positioned Uruguay at the forefront regarding renewable energy. Uruguay is the country with the second highest share of renewable energy electricity production (such as solar and wind) globally REN21 (2022), and leader together with Denmark, Ireland and Portugal in terms of wind energy production [1].

**Solar Energy Market and Projections:** Uruguay's solar PV capacity has grown from virtually zero in 2013 to 248 MW in 2020. The government aims to increase solar PV capacity to 1 GW by 2025. Residential on-grid solar installations are growing, supported by net metering policies and decreasing technology costs. Energy Exports:

Renewable sources--hydroelectric power, wind, biomass, and solar energy--now cover up to 98% of Uruguay's energy needs in a normal year and still over 90% in a very dry one, according to M&#233;ndez. The central role of wind in the country's energy mix has demonstrated that if a system is designed correctly, it can be flexible enough to ...

**Solar Energy Potential in Montevideo, Uruguay** Montevideo, Uruguay, situated at latitude -34.891 and longitude -56.0971, offers a promising location for solar energy generation. The city's position in the Southern Sub Tropics provides favorable conditions for solar photovoltaic (PV) installations throughout the year, albeit with seasonal variations.

Las instalaciones de Energ&#237;a Solar Fotovoltaica en Uruguay han tenido un crecimiento exponencial en los &#250;ltimos 5 a&#241;os, tanto a peque&#241;a escala como a gran escala. Se pas&#243; de tener pr&#225;cticamente 0 MW en 2012 a contar con 242 MW instalados en 2017.

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