



# Switzerland solar wind turbine for home

What is the potential of wind energy in Switzerland?

According to the Energy Strategy 2050+, wind turbines in Switzerland should generate up to 4.3 TWh of electricity from wind power by 2050. In order to quantify the potential of wind energy in Switzerland, the Swiss Federal Office of Energy (SFOE) recently went over the books.

Is solar energy better than wind energy in Switzerland?

Their calculations also show that solar energy in Switzerland has greater potential than wind energy: it is more cost-efficient and predictable and is more readily available. An interesting finding: renewable energies ease the load on the electricity grid and reduce the risk of outages.

Where in Switzerland can wind and solar energy be generated?

The calculation revealed that the greatest potential for the generation of wind and solar energy lies in the western half of Switzerland - especially around the cities of Geneva, Lausanne and Berne.

How many wind turbines are there in Switzerland?

If Switzerland wants to achieve the energy transition, wind power should account for a significantly larger share of Switzerland's power mix. There are currently 41 wind turbines in this country, producing around 144 GWh of electricity. The largest wind farm is located on Mont Croisin in the Bernese Jura near St. Imier.

Does Switzerland need wind power?

"Given that two-thirds of wind turbine output is generated in winter, every kilowatt-hour of wind power reduces the need for storage and imports, as proven by a study conducted by the Swiss Federal Institute of Technology in Zurich," stated Suisse Eole in a press release. +Read more: Switzerland needs energy, but what kind?

Is Switzerland a good place to get solar power?

Last year, a study by the Swiss Energy Foundation (SES) found the Swiss to be among the worst solar and wind performers in Europe. May 20, 2020 Switzerland meets only 4.2% of its electricity needs with wind and solar power, which is far from where it should be to meet climate goals. June 9 votes in Switzerland: how can healthcare costs be reined in?

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In Switzerland, 29.5 terawatt hours (TWh) per year could be generated from wind energy, of which 19 TWh in the winter half of the year alone, according to a new study commissioned by the Swiss Federal Office of Energy (SFOE) from Meteotest AG to determine the wind energy potential in Switzerland.

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By the end of 2022, Switzerland had 41 large wind turbines with a total rated power of 87 MW in operation. These turbines collectively produced 153 GWh of electricity throughout the year. Additionally, a new wind farm with a capacity of 14 MW is under construction and will be commissioned in 2023.

A modern wind turbine can yield power for up to 2000 households on an area the size of a single-family home. Generating the same amount of electricity from photovoltaics would require a surface equal to of about seven football fields. Therefore, in terms of space requirements, wind energy has a big advantage in Switzerland.

The SFOE's Wind Energy research programme supports the expansion of wind energy in Switzerland. The research priorities for 2021 to 2024 are wind park optimisation, turbine optimisation and alternative wind energy technologies above 1 MW.

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A significant expansion of wind and solar energy in combination with Power-to-X technology could help Switzerland reduce its carbon emissions despite an increasing share of high-emission electricity imports, according to a recent study.

In Switzerland, wind energy plants produce two-thirds of their electricity during the winter, i.e. precisely when we need more energy for heating and electricity for lighting. This means that wind energy is an ideal supplement to hydropower plants and solar installations, which produce the highest quantities of electricity during the summer.

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