

How to plan urban microgrids?

Planning urban microgrids must consider the possibility of outages affecting critical services at both city and municipal levels, hence decision-making processes in a city must entail assessing social vulnerabilities, household needs and the criticality of critical services (Fig. 2).

How can microgrids improve city resilience?

Microgrids, tailored energy systems for specific neighbourhoods and districts, play a pivotal role in sustaining energy supply during main grid outages. These solutions not only mitigate economic losses and well-being disruptions against escalating hazards but also enhance city resilience in alignment with Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) 11.

Why is urban governance a major limitation in microgrid planning?

Urban governance, rooted in the Capability Approach pioneered by the Nobel laureate Amartya Sen, emphasizes equity and resilience, especially during disasters 2,26,27. Furthermore, a major limitation in contemporary microgrid planning is the concentration of numerous critical services within individual microgrids¹⁷.

Who is involved in urban microgrid districting?

Hence, in the pivotal initial phase of urban microgrid districting, we advocate for a collaborative approach involving local governments, city planners, critical service providers and communities³³.

It focuses on the techno-economic analysis of grid-connected PV-wind power systems using multi-year module inputs in 26 cities in Tunisia. Based on the economic and environmental evaluation, this study is conducted to provide a national energy plan and reference data for the investment decision in Tunisia's renewable energy.

Find the cost of upgrading from passive network into an urban community microgrid to get additional reliability, by comparing solutions of the base case (a household purchases its energy needs from the network) with urban community microgrids optimally sized.

We describe the different current offers of the Tunisian electricity market and propose a specific approach based on the use of the concept of community-coupled microgrids managed by the electricity service provider (ESP) which further enhances the relationship with the end customer and promote the use and integration of renewables.

We present a systemic study of solar-powered microgrids in the urban context, obeying real hourly consumption patterns and spatial constraints of the city. We propose a microgrid model and study its citywide implementation, identifying the self-sufficiency and temporal properties of microgrids.

Hence, the prime objective of this article is to conduct a thoughtful assessment of four prominent renewable energy options for electricity generation and explore the most potential barriers hindering their development in Tunisia. To ...

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