

# China and Russia deepen solar power plant

Why is China a global leader in solar power plants?

China's rapid deployment of solar photovoltaic (PV) power plants has positioned it as the global leader in cumulative installed capacity. The expansion patterns of PV power plants in China play a crucial role in promoting PV diffusion in markets, shaping policies, and analyzing environmental and social impacts.

Where are China's largest solar facilities?

The two largest operational solar facilities previously were also in western China- Longyuan Power Group's Ningxia Tenggelí desert solar project and China L&#252;fa Qinghai New Energy's Golmud Wutumeiren solar complex, both with a capacity of 3GW, according to the Global Energy Monitor's solar power tracker.

Which region will dominate the future PV power plants in China?

The expansion patterns indicate that the western and eastern regions of China will dominate the future PV installations. Therefore, the land occupation by PV power plants is a serious problem as most current PV power plants were situated on grasslands and croplands.

Why is China developing a PV power plant?

Attribution of the rapid PV expansion in China The rapid development of PV power plant construction in China is largely relied on the strong support and promotion from a comprehensive range of policies at both the central and local government levels. The PV policies have undergone different phases in recent years.

Where does solar energy come from in China?

China's extensive grasslands, deserts, and the Gobi region, mainly in the western provinces, provide ample space for PV installations. At the same time, the western, eastern, and central regions have abundant solar energy (Ji et al., 2022).

How many solar power plants will China install in the future?

To realize the goal, China will install 500-800 GW of PV power generation in future eight years, which means the area of PV power plants will increase by 4725-7560 km<sup>2</sup> by 2030. The expansion patterns indicate that the western and eastern regions of China will dominate the future PV installations.

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