

Can Costa Rica achieve a fully decarbonised energy system?

This policy roadmap complements the study "100% Renewable Energy for Costa Rica - A decarbonisation roadmap" by the University of Technology Sydney - Institute for Sustainable Futures. It aims to provide policy pathways for Costa Rican to achieve a fully decarbonised energy system in Costa Rica.

Does Costa Rica need solar power?

Costa Rica's abundant renewable energy resources can supply all required energy across all sectors, including increased electricity demand for electric vehicles. Utilising about 6% of total solar power potential and 25% of Costa Rica's wind power potential would suffice to supply enough energy to do so.

What is Costa Rica's energy policy?

Costa Rica's energy policy aims to move from a fossil fuels based energy system towards renewable energy sources and to expand its power generation capacity, replacing old power generating stations and developing new projects.

How will renewables affect Costa Rica's energy system?

Both renewable scenarios will result in a high proportion of variable power generation (PV and wind): 33%-31% by 2030 and 54%-66% by 2050. Such a varied mix of renewables will make Costa Rica's energy system more resilient, efficient and affordable.

What is the energy system like in Costa Rica?

Currently, the energy system in Costa Rica is heavily centralised, with the Costa Rican Electricity Institute (ICE), the state-owned power and telecoms provider, by law being the only actor obligated to provide electricity to all sectors and parts of the country.

Does Costa Rica have 100% renewable electricity?

To date, Costa Rica is one of very few countries to run on 100% renewable electricity for the largest part of the year. In fact, 2018 was the fourth year in a row that Costa Rica generated more than 98% of its electricity from renewable sources (2015: 98.99%; 2016: 98.21%; 2017: 99.67%; 2018: 98.15%).

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Infrastructure: To harvest Costa Rica's onshore wind and solar resources, the power grid must be able to transport large loads from the west coast further inland to the load centres of Costa Rica. Decentralized power can shoulder a significant part of the residential sector demand. Storage: Under all scenarios, the share of variable

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