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This is also one of the biggest solar PV plants to be constructed in Bulgaria in recent years. With the solar PV plant, Aurubis Bulgaria will save some 11.700 MWh per year from grid electricity consumption (sufficient for approx. 12.000 households), which will cover an average of 2.5% of the electricity needs of its smelter facility.

#### Will solar power grow in Bulgaria in 2023?

Director of Bulgarian transmission network estimated photovoltaics growth as 30% in 2022, also he expects 700 MW new solar capacity in 2023, which could represent 30-40% YoY growth. In April 2023 Bulgaria's Inercom signed contract with Huasun for supply of 1.5GW solar modules. Solar power in Bulgaria has expanded by 100 megawatts (MW) in 2011.

#### Is solar PV a good investment in Bulgaria?

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#### How much electricity will Aurubis Bulgaria save?

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#### Why are distributed solar PV projects being built in Bulgaria?

Most distributed solar PV projects currently being built in Bulgaria are being configured purely for self-consumption; in other words, they are not connected to the grid, and are being used strictly to reduce the customer's electricity bill. This makes it harder for distribution system operators (DSOs) to monitor, and control.

#### What should Bulgaria do about solar energy?

The authorities in Bulgaria need to take steps to systematically reduce barriers, fees, and surchargeson small and medium-sized solar PV systems, make it easier to connect to the grid and export the surplus electricity, and create a comprehensive policy and regulatory environment to catalyse investments.

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Solar potential in Bulgaria. Solar power generated 12% of Bulgaria's electricity in 2023. [1] By the end of 2020 about 1 GW of solar PV had been installed. [2] It has been estimated that there is potential for at least another 4 GW by 2030. [3] On March 13, 2023, peak photovoltaics power was 30% of Bulgaria electricity generation.

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Of the total global solar PV capacity, 0.20% is in Bulgaria. Listed below are the five largest active solar PV power plants by capacity in Bulgaria, according to GlobalData''s power plants database. GlobalData uses proprietary data and analytics to provide a complete picture of the global solar PV power segment.

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