

Is Tunisia a good place to invest in solar energy?

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Does Tunisia have a solar power plant?

First utility-scale photovoltaic plant (10 MW, in Tozeur) was commissioned in 2019 on German money. Tunisia aims to generate 30% of its electricity from renewable sources by 2030. The country currently gets only 3% to 6% of its electricity from renewable sources, mostly from wind and hydro. Solar energy capacity is at 35 megawatts (MW).

What is the Tunisian Solar Plan?

The Tunisian Solar Plan aims at developing an additional renewable energy installed capacity of 3815 MW by 2030. The targeted share per technology is detailed in the chart on the right.

Which countries are promoting the green transition of Tunisia?

The European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (EBRD) and the French development agency, Proparco, are promoting the green transition of Tunisia by financing the construction and operation of two solar photovoltaic power plants in the areas of Tozeur and Sidi Bouzid.

What is the energy situation in Tunisia?

The energy situation in Tunisia is marked by limited resources, a decrease in production and a sharp increase in demand. The gap between energy generation and national demand in hydrocarbons has created a deficit in the primary energy balance, which reached 49% in 2018, against 15% in 2010.

Does the EU support Tunisia?

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The latest work of SolarPower Europe's Global Markets workstream puts forward policy recommendations to harness Tunisia's enormous photovoltaic potential and encourage international investment in Tunisia.

With this report we are proud to present our findings on solar investment opportunities in Tunisia. The report provides a snapshot of Tunisia's business environment, major macroeconomic trends, and analyses issues related to the country's credit and political risk.

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miss that?

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