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# Algeria s solar power generation and energy storage advantages



## Overview

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This study leads to the conclusion that decentralized photovoltaic electricity offers Algeria exceptional economic opportunities to cover its energy needs and achieve significant savings in natural gas and fuels, with medium-term export prospects of electricity and gas, and in the long-term hydrogen, a future ecological substitute for natural gas. What is Algeria's solar power supply chain?

The Algerian solar power supply chain grew significantly in the last decade and now seeks to add IPP development, engineering and design capabilities, EPC services, inverters manufacturing, storage solution manufacturing, universal certification expertise, and operations and maintenance services.

What is Algeria doing with solar energy?

Building on the Solar 2,000 MW and Solar 1,000 MW programs launched by Algeria's state-owned company Sonelgaz, which include a wide range of solar energy initiatives, the government aims to diversify its revenue streams and reduce reliance on natural gas, which is currently primarily used for power generation in the country.

How much electricity does Algeria generate a year?

Algeria currently generates a relatively small amount of its electricity (e.g., three percent or 686 MW annually), from renewable sources, including solar (448 MW), hydro (228 MW), and wind (10 MW).

What is the energy mix in Algeria?

In 2010, Algeria's energy mix was almost exclusively based on fossil fuels, especially natural gas (93%). However, Algeria has enormous renewable energy potential, mainly solar, which the government is trying to harness by launching an ambitious Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency Program.

How much does solar power cost in Algeria?

Algeria's Hamdi Eurl won two 80 MW plants and domestic PV panel maker Zergoun, alongside Ozgun, secured 80 MW in Guerara. The 19 projects represent an investment of €1.8 billion (\$1.96 billion) and the solar power prices proposed by the bidders ranged from €0.54/W to €0.81/W, with an average price of €0.625/W.

How many solar power plants are there in Algeria?

Approximately 60 solar power plants are planned to be constructed in Algeria within the next ten years. Algeria is also part of the Desertec Industrial Initiative, which intends to use Sahara solar and wind power to provide 15 per cent of Europe's electricity needs by 2050.

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