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# Uruguayan solar energy storage companies



## Overview

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Is Uruguay a net importer of energy?

Once a net importer of energy, Uruguay now exports its surplus energy to neighbouring Brazil and Argentina. In less than two decades, Uruguay broke free of its dependence on oil imports and carbon emitting power generation, transitioning to renewable energy that is owned by the state but with infrastructure paid for by private investment.

Why does Uruguay have a power grid?

In the same way Uruguay's abundance of wind and rivers proved fortuitous for energy sovereignty, so was the government's oversight of the electric grid.

Where does Uruguay's electricity come from?

Half of Uruguay's electricity is generated in the country's dams, and 10% percent comes from agricultural and industrial waste and the sun. But wind, at 38%, is the main protagonist of the revolution in the electrical grid. But how did the country achieve it?

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How difficult was it to get electricity in Uruguay?

"It was difficult for us to cope," Ramón Méndez Galain, a professor at the University of the Republic in Montevideo, Uruguay, said in an interview with NPR. He is one of the architects of the energy revolution in that country. "It was difficult to get electricity.

How many wind turbines are there in Uruguay?

Today, Uruguay has more than 700 wind turbines distributed throughout its territory. "At first glance, the change is seen in many areas of the country: You go down the road and see the modern windmills in rural areas," Prats said. "Starting in 2010, with the variety of energy sources, and also renewable

ones, blackouts became very rare.

Is Uruguay a repeatable framework of energy sovereignty for developing countries?

Ramón Mendéz Galain believes so. Uruguay's former national director of energy in the Ministry of Industry, Energy and Mining, who was the impetus for the country's shift away from dirty fuels, has been promoting the country's success as a repeatable framework of energy sovereignty for developing countries.

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