

Can rooftop solar power systems help Europe's energy transition?

Rooftop systems could cover up to 24.4% of the EU electricity consumption (based on 2016 levels). Rooftop solar photovoltaic (PV) systems can make a significant contribution to Europe's energy transition. Realising this potential raises challenges at policy and electricity system planning level.

What is Solarpower Europe?

SolarPower Europe is the award-winning link between policymakers and the solar PV value chain. Our mission is to ensure solar becomes Europe's leading energy source by 2030. As the member-led association for the European solar PV sector, SolarPower Europe represents 300 organisations across the entire solar sector.

How big is rooftop solar in Europe?

Total rooftop solar capacity in Europe stood at more than 170 GW at the end of 2023 and is expected to grow to 355 GW by the end of 2027. In addition to the obligatory solar installations under the Solar Standard, the growth of rooftop solar on homes is also likely to increase, as citizens seek to shield themselves from fossil price volatility.

Will the EU rooftop solar standard drive more rooftop solar capacity?

According to our analysis, the EU Rooftop Solar Standard within the EPBD could drive the installation of 150 to 200 GW of additional rooftop solar capacity in the EU between 2026 and 2030. Critically, the Solar Rooftop Standard will unlock the potential of large rooftops such as those installed on offices, commercial buildings, or car parks.

How much solar energy will EU rooftops produce a year?

The results show that the EU rooftops could potentially produce 680 TWh of solar electricity annually (representing 24.4% of current electricity consumption), two thirds of which at a cost lower than the current residential tariffs.

What is the rooftop solar PV comparison update?

The Rooftop Solar PV Comparison Update produced by CAN Europe and eco-union, with contributions from our members, is an updated version of the Rooftop Solar PV Comparison Report published by CAN Europe in May 2022.

The president of the European Commission, Ursula von der Leyen, has announced a mandate for rooftop solar on commercial and public buildings by 2027, and for residential buildings by 2029. The EU ...

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Deploying photovoltaic (PV) on rooftops, water bodies such as hydropower reservoirs, and along roads and railways could push the EU total installed capacity in excess of 1 TWp without compromising the environment, ...

The countries where solar is rapidly taking off tend to be smaller and concentrated in Eastern Europe. Poland has increased its solar generation since 2018 by a whopping 26 times, with Finland and ...

Rooftop PV application mode Power generation potential of rooftop PV in Beijing (M kWh/y) Annual CO₂ emission reduction (Mt CO₂-eq) Mode 1: all solar cells are fixed at an ...

Despite a record-breaking 60 gigawatts direct current (GWDC) of solar PV capacity expansion in 2023, solar power generation in Europe saw a modest increase of about 20%. This year, ...

The European Investment Bank (EIB) is bolstering solar initiatives across Europe with three significant loan agreements totalling EUR265m (\$290.88m). These financial arrangements support solar photovoltaic (PV) ...

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By examining the progress made and challenges faced, the report aims to provide a comprehensive overview of the current state of residential rooftop solar PV adoption across the EU, offering insights, ...

According to Eurostat data (Eurostat, 2012), Germany was the largest producer of solar energy in Europe in 2012, with 2.26 Million toe (tonnes of oil equivalent) produced, ...

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