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# **Bulgaria Solar Power System Recommendation**



## Overview

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What should Bulgaria do about solar energy?

The authorities in Bulgaria need to take steps to systematically reduce barriers, fees, and surcharges on 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.

How big is Bulgaria's solar power?

In a matter of months, Bulgaria's total solar power capacity is set to exceed 3 GW, compared to just 1.3 GW at the end of 2021. The lineup in the list of the largest photovoltaic plants is changing almost every week as major facilities come online, and there is more in the pipeline.

Are solar panels a viable option for self-consumption in Bulgaria?

Conversely, households and institutions interested in installing solar panels for self-consumption are still stuck with administrative hurdles. In the statistics of the International Renewable Energy Agency (IRENA), Bulgaria had 1.28 GW at the end of 2021 and 1.95 GW just one year later. The measure is expressed in nominal or peak capacity.

What does Bulgaria's energy policy look like?

The overall trajectory of energy policy in Bulgaria continues to rely heavily on high-cost, large-scale technologies and projects, including expanding the role of natural gas, and doubling down on nuclear power.

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.

Will solar power increase in Bulgaria in 2030?

According to Bulgaria's NECP, the annual production of electricity from renewable energy sources is projected to increase from the current 8.673 GWh to 13.035 GWh in 2030. To achieve this, solar PV generation is projected to increase the most — more than three-fold over the course of the next ten years.

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