

How many solar power plants are there in Kazakhstan?

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Is solar energy a viable option in Kazakhstan?

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What is the energy potential of Kazakhstan?

Kazakhstan has significant potential for renewable energy. The wind potential is estimated to be 1.8trn kWh per year, which is close to 10 times Kazakhstan's current energy consumption, according to UN estimates. Solar energy also has great potential given the number of sunny hours per year, typically between 2,200 and 3,000 hours, implying a capacity of 1,300-1,800kW/sqm per year. Hydro power is another renewable energy source with potential in Kazakhstan.

What is Kazakhstan's First Solar power plant?

The plant is to produce solar cells using Kazakhstan's silicon. The designed capacity of photovoltaic wafers is 50 MW with a potential to increase up to 100 MW. In 2012, the first solar power station, "Otar," that generates 0.5 MW of energy, was also built in the Zhambyl region.

Is there a solar PV plant in Kazakhstan?

Both concentrated solar thermal and solar photovoltaic (PV) have potential. There is a 2 MW solar PV plant near Almaty and six solar PV plants are currently under construction in the Zhambyl province of southern Kazakhstan with a combined capacity of 300 MW.

Why is Kazakhstan so energy-intensive?

Kazakhstan's economy is highly energy-intensive and uses two to three times more energy than the average for OECD countries. Electricity in Kazakhstan is generated by 155 power plants of various forms of ownership.

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There is enormous potential for renewable energy in Kazakhstan, particularly from wind and small hydropower plants. The Republic of Kazakhstan has the potential to generate 10 times as much power as it currently needs from wind energy alone.

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Kazakhstan has remarkable solar potential with a very well-designed auction system, a clear renewable capacity addition schedule, and a solid decarbonisation target. The country is now also including storage systems as part of its public procurement strategy in a move that will ease further integration of renewables into the grid.

**Solar Power.** The potential of solar energy in Kazakhstan is estimated at 2.5 billion kWh per year, which corresponds to an area of about 10 km<sup>2</sup> of solar cells with a total efficiency of 16%. The average efficiency of modern solar panels varies in the range of 15-25%.

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