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## Overview

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Will Albania have a solar power project?

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Could a photovoltaic unit be the second-biggest in Albania?

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Where is Albania's second largest photovoltaic plant?

The company laid the cornerstone late last year for the 100 MW solar power system in the west of Albania. The site is near the port city of Durrës. One other PV plant is planned for expansion to 100 MW. Now another project of the same size is racing for the position of the country's second-largest photovoltaic facility.

Why does Albania need to import energy?

Changing weather patterns over the years have forced the country to import energy to cover domestic needs, as a lack of storage capacity requires Albania to sell its generated power during peak months of production.

How can Albania solve the energy crisis?

In addition to eliminating the electricity deficit and taking electrification to new sectors, Albania can increase its potential to unlock new industries and investment using clean energy. The country can explore opportunities to produce green hydrogen through solar and wind power.

Is Albania a good place to invest in renewables?

Opportunities for renewables, and especially for solar and wind energy, are extensive in Albania. According to IRENA's Renewables Readiness Assessment report (2021), the solar radiation is very high throughout most of its territory, with the country enjoying some of Europe's highest number of sunshine hours per year.

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