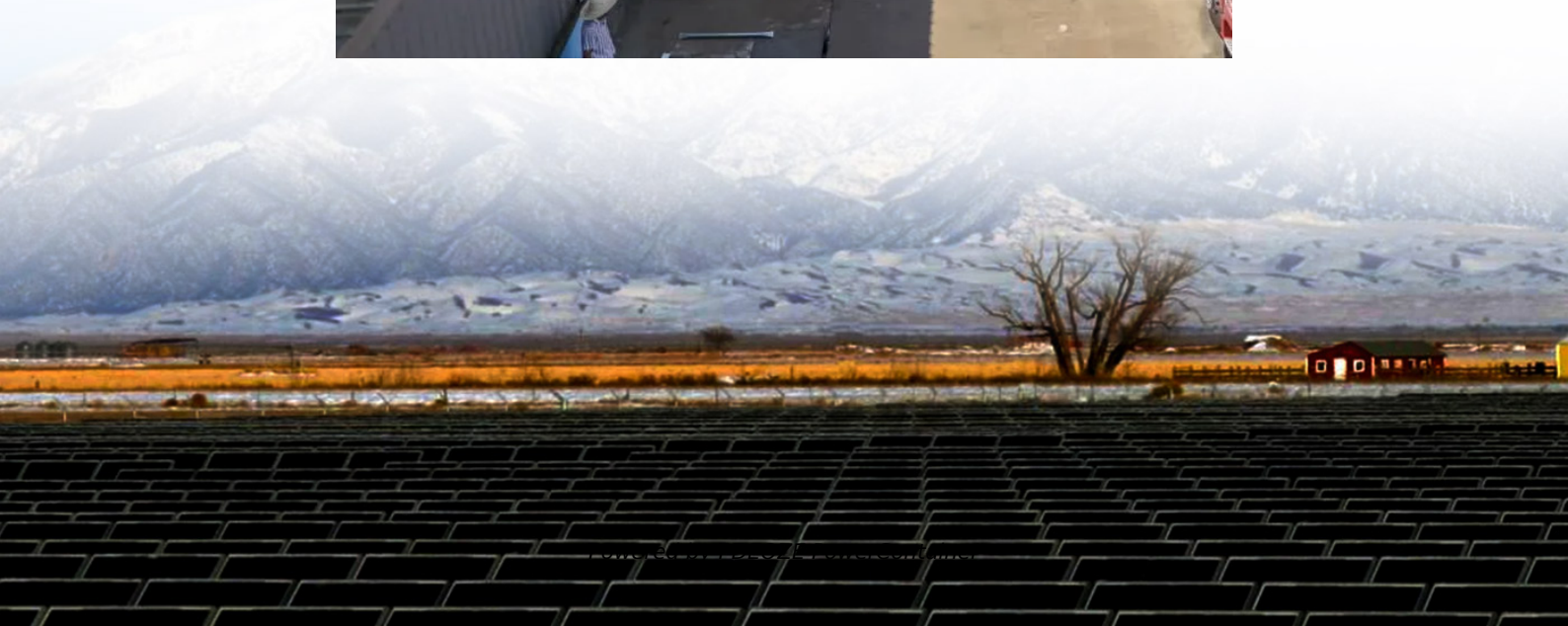


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Overview

domestic solar PV market is among the top 10 in the world. In 2022, South Korea had the ninth-largest cumulative installed capacity, at 24.8 GW.¹ Nevertheless, the country's capacity additions slowed somewhat in 2022, from 4.1 GW in 2020 and 4.2 GW in 2021 to an estimated 3.6 GW in 2022.² The PV penetration rate—solar PV's theoretical share in national electricity demand—increased slightly, from 4.6% in 2021 to 4.7% in 2022.³ This was not sufficient to place South Korea within the world's top-25 countries; PV penetration in the European Union (EU) was 8.7% due to high rates in Spain (19.1%), Greece (17.5%), the Netherlands (15.9%), and Germany (12.4%).⁴ Table 1 displays the world's top-10 countries. What is solar energy in South Korea?

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Which sector produces the most solar energy in South Korea?

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How much solar power does South Korea have in 2023?

To put the figures in a wider context, South Korea deployed almost 3.7 GW of solar across both categories in 2023, according to figures from KEPCO, with almost 2.8 GW based on power generation for sale and just under 900 MW of self-consumption installations.

Why does South Korea need solar energy?

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