

# Why doesn t Tunisia use solar power

#### Does Tunisia have solar power?

Tunisia has significant solar potential given the country's high irradiance, ranging from 1800 kWh/m2 per year in the North to 2600 kWh/m2 per year in the South. This equals approximately 1,980 sunshine hours per year.

#### What is the Tunisia Solar Plan?

The Tunisia Solar Plan is the main framework concerning solar energy and photovoltaic parks. It was launched in 2009 and implemented by STEG ER (Renewable Energies), a subsidiary of STEG in charge of managing investments in renewables.

Why is the energy deficit increasing in Tunisia?

Over the same period, the demand for energy increased more than twofold. This context has led to the expansion of the primary energy balance deficit, which increased from 15 per cent in 2010 to almost 50 per cent in 2018, simultaneously enhancing Tunisia's energy dependence (more than half of the natural gas consumed is imported from Algeria).

### What are Tunisia's major energy projects?

Another notable project, the TuNur, filed with the Tunisian Ministry of Energy in 2017 and still under construction, aims to create a thermodynamic solar power plant in the Tunisian desert - particularly in the southern region of Ké bili - and a consequent cable connection for the export of energy to Europe.

Is Tunisia suffering from a serious electricity crisis?

Belhassan Chiboub,the director-general of electricity and energy transition at Tunisia's Ministry of Industry,Energy and Mines,explained that the electricity sector in Tunisia is suffering from a serious crisis,commenting that the electricity deficit was around 59 per cent in 2019.

### Does Tunisia still produce electricity?

Electricity production in Tunisia remains heavily reliant on natural gas, which makes up 97% of the sector's capacity, the majority of which is imported from Algeria, or received as royalty. Declining domestic gas production now only makes up 38% of the electricity production mix.

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them in solar panels could power nearly 8 million homes.

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A plan to power Europe from solar power plants in Sahara desert, popularly known as Desertec, seems to have stalled, but several large North African solar projects are still going ahead despite local concerns.

Nonetheless, Tunisia has abundant solar and wind energy resources, with an estimated production potential of 320 gigawatts (GW) compared to the current peak national demand of approximately 5 GW. This vast potential would also allow to production and export of green hydrogen.

Tunisia recently launched a call for a bid on renewable energy projects to produce 1,700 megawatts (MW) nationally by 2025, including the Hecha and Khobna photovoltaic plants and eight solar projects of 100 MW each. The ...

In 2015, 7 Tunisia launched the updated version of the Tunisian Solar Plan (its French acronym is PST), an operational plan that sits within the country's energy transition strategy. The plan was originally published in 2009 and aims to increase the ratio of renewable energy from 3 per cent in 2016 to 30 per cent in 2030, 8 which ...

The project constituted the largest private solar farm in Tunisia, using a solar tracking system technology to generate and sell electricity to STEG, at USD 24/MWh, the ...

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Tunisia has significant potential for renewable energy, particularly wind and solar power. However, the country is still heavily dependent on fossil gas for electricity generation and is currently facing an energy crisis. The Tunisian Solar Plan foresees a share of renewable electricity of 35% and an installed capacity of 4GW by 2030.

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reliance on imported fossil fuels, thereby enhancing energy security and diversification while mitigating vulnerability to global energy price fluctuations.

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