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What is Kosovo's solar energy project?

The project is the largest solar energy investment in the district heating sector in the region and one of the largest solar power plants in Europe. As such, the project marks an historic moment on Kosovo's path towards a decarbonised energy system in line with the Paris Climate Agreement.

How much will Germany contribute to Kosovo's solar energy project?

The EU's contribution to solar heating and electricity projects in Kosovo will total almost EUR56 million. "Germany has supported Kosovo in its transition from coal to sustainable energy and decarbonisation in accordance with the objectives of the Green Agenda for the Western Balkans," said Germany's Deputy Ambassador to Kosovo Matthias Conrad.

How will the EU support the energy transition in Kosovo?

The EU will support the energy transition and sustainable development of Kosovo through another 100-megawatt solar electricity projectwith the Kosovo Energy Cooperation." The EU's contribution to solar heating and electricity projects in Kosovo will total almost EUR56 million.

Will Kosovo become the first economy to use solar power?

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A consortium led by Switzerland-based construction company Orllati was selected to build and operate a solar park of up to 105 MW in connection capacity for 30 years including a 15-year contract for difference. The group won the first renewable electricity auction in Kosovo\* with a bid of EUR 48.88 per MWh.

Kosovo"s recent Energy Strategy sets an ambitious vision to achieving a just energy transition for the country between 2022-2031. The main pillar of the Strategy is to accelerate renewable deployment, focused on utility-scale wind and solar PV. Kosovo plans to integrate 1200 MW of RES over the next 10-years. 100 MW Solar E n gi n ee ri n g, P ...

The European Union through Energy Community Treaty, which Kosovo is party to, is expected to set even more ambitious RE targets this year for Kosovo to meet by 2030. It's clear there is a growing need for alternative forms of energy, and with Kosovo's 240 days of sunlight a year, solar is a strong contender.

Despite being geographically well suited for developing solar energy, Kosovo is facing legal, administrative, and financial barriers such as prolonged authorization procedures, solar PV installed capacity limitation, lack of RES skills and capacities, protracted legalization process, lack of public awareness, and modest support schemes, that

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The strategy"s approach balances energy security and affordability of electricity supply for customers while ensuring Kosovo"s long-term commitment to decarbonization. Addressing climate change is a top priority for Kosovo as part of the government"s renewed and strengthened commitment to building climate resilience.

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Kosovo is taking a significant step towards a sustainable future with the upcoming construction of one of its largest solar power plants. The European Investment Bank (EIB) is leading the charge with a EUR33 million investment, a part of a comprehensive financial plan to support the project.

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