

European Solar and Energy Storage Solutions

The current status of photovoltaic solar power generation



Overview

How many GW of photovoltaic installations are there in the world?

As a result of sustained investment and continual innovation in technology, project financing, and execution, over 100 MW of new photovoltaic (PV) installation is being added to global installed capacity every day since 2013, which resulted in the present global installed capacity of approximately 655 GW (refer Fig. 1).

Is solar PV a competitive source of new power generation capacity?

Solar PV is emerging as one of the most competitive sources of new power generation capacity after a decade of dramatic cost declines. A decline of 74% in total installed costs was observed between 2010 and 2018 (Figure 10).

How has the solar PV industry evolved in recent years?

The evolution of the solar PV industry so far has been remarkable, with several milestones achieved in recent years in terms of installations (including off-grid), cost reductions and technological advancements, as well as establishment of key solar energy associations (Figure 5).

How many GW DC of photovoltaics are installed in 2023?

The International Energy Agency (IEA) reported that in 2023, 407-446 gigawatts direct current (GW dc) of photovoltaics (PV) was installed globally, bringing cumulative PV installs to 1.6 terawatts direct current (TW dc). China continues to dominate the global market, representing ~60% of 2023 installs, up 120% year-over-year (y/y).

Which countries are advancing solar PV?

Countries and regions making notable progress to advance solar PV include: China continues to lead in terms of solar PV capacity additions, with 100 GW added in 2022, almost 60% more than in 2021.

Is solar PV a strategic renewable technology?

This report clearly points out that solar PV is one of the strategic renewable technologies needed to realise the global energy transformation in line with the Paris climate goals. The technology is available now, could be deployed quickly at a large scale and is cost-competitive.

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