

Is Western Sahara supplying half of Morocco's wind and solar energy?

Western Sahara Resource Watch, a Brussels-based NGO allied to the independence movement, estimates that by the end of the decade occupied Western Sahara could be supplying half of all Morocco's wind energy and a third of its solar energy, much of it headed for Europe.

Can the Sahara Desert Power Europe?

Representative image of solar panels in a desert. As the world grapples with the urgent need to transition to clean energy, scientists, policymakers, and entrepreneurs have considered harnessing the immense solar potential of the Sahara Desert to power Europe.

Is the Sahara a potential battery for Europe?

The Sahara has long been viewed as a potential battery for Europe, using CSP. In 2013, the EUR400bn Desertec project collapsed after the two advocates, Desertec Foundation and the Desertec Industrial Initiative, fell out, each accusing the other of poor communication. TuNur believes that now is the time for solar in the Sahara to finally take off.

How is Saharan solar power transforming Europe?

As the dream of Saharan solar power for Europe evolves, new technologies and approaches emerge. Smart grids and advanced algorithms are improving the management and efficiency of electricity transmission. Investments in grid interconnections continue, such as the third link between Morocco and Spain, jointly funded by both countries.

Could Sahara solar power 2 million European homes?

Heat will be stored in molten salts that run through these towers, heating steam to turn turbines but also, as the salt can hold heat for hours, power can be generated long after the sun stops shining. If given the go-ahead, Sahara solar could provide power to two million European homes.

Can Desert Sun Power Europe's future?

Sahara's solar revolution: Can desert sun power Europe's future? NASA estimates that each square meter of the desert receives between 2,000 and 3,000 kilowatt-hours of solar energy annually. Representative image of solar panels in a desert.

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19 March 2020: Developer Penso Power said it would later expand the planned 100MW project by another 50MW, having secured land rights, planning permission and a grid connection offer to extend the site in

February 2020. Shell Energy Europe signed a multi-year power offtake deal for the first 100MW, with the Shell-owned energy tech firm Limejump to ...

The initial stages of another renewable energy project has been launched in the disputed Western Sahara region, which is under the control of Morocco. The Janassim project recently launched its measuring campaign ...

Indeed, while Europe's adoption of energy storage has proliferated in the past couple of years, with 10GWh of mostly residential batteries installed in 2023, experts from EASE and consultancy LCP Delta said earlier this year that there is a big mismatch between the speed of deployment and the overall need for storage on the system.

In fact, the market has doubled or close to doubled in size now for three consecutive years, and the total fleet across Europe represented 35.9GWh of energy storage capacity by the end of 2023. Nonetheless, this ...

As reported by Energy-Storage.news however, and perhaps due in part to input from the industry and advocates, in both cases, later versions of the plans were revised to feature explicit treatment of energy storage. Energy storage does however have friends or allies in the EU government: case in point being a 2020 report spearheaded by Austrian ...

The European Court of Justice (ECJ) has repeatedly ruled that Western Sahara, a non-self-governing territory, must be treated separately from Morocco in trade agreements and resource exploitation. This legal stance highlights a critical issue: the ongoing activities of European companies extracting resources in Western Sahara without the consent ...

France is also part of the European six nation shared frequency regulation market - which we heard more about from Corentin Baschet in our discussion of why energy storage deployment in Europe experienced a 2019 slowdown but is expected to bounce back and then continue to grow in the coming years. Of course, as we've seen in the past few months ...

European battery company Northvolt has filed for Chapter 11 "reorganisation" bankruptcy in the US, which it said will allow it to restructure its debt to continue scaling the business. ... The Energy Storage Summit USA is the only place where you are guaranteed to meet all the most important investors, developers, IPPs, RTOs and ISOs ...

Panelists at this year's Energy Storage Summit Central and Eastern Europe (CEE) in September described Hungary's scheme as one of the most advanced in the world. Grant support for energy storage in the EU has also been activated via a separate scheme, the post-Covid-19 Recovery and Resilience Plan, including in Romania, Finland and Greece.

Countries in West Europe are mutualising a secondary reserve service and storage could be a big winner. Energy storage could garner a market share of one-third by 2025 for the new, pan-European automatic frequency restoration reserve (aFRR) market, which is set to launch in the middle of this year with France and Germany sharing their capacity first.

The EU is bringing in increased security requirements for energy assets including energy storage as the risks grow, particularly in Central and Eastern Europe (CEE). Energy is critical infrastructure and energy storage units will effectively be the "nodes" of the future grid, one delegate said at last week's Energy Storage Summit Central ...

At various meetings throughout Intersolar Europe/ees Europe in June, Energy-Storage.news heard corroborating views from several sources, including Alvaro Garcia of EFT that the C& I market in Europe is starting to shine. EFT is a "global local service partner" to Chinese lithium battery and EV maker BYD, initially servicing products for the ...

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Leading energy storage developers, system integrators, products, projects, people, and much more are featured on the shortlists for this year's Energy Storage Awards (ESAs). The Energy Storage Awards 2024, hosted by our publisher Solar Media, marks the second year of recognition and celebration of achievements across the European industry. We ...

However, while some opportunities appear to be opening up, concern was expressed in June about the lack of consideration of energy storage by European Union Member States in their proposed economic recovery plans, by 12 national energy storage associations, as well as by the continental European Association for Storage of Energy (EASE).

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