

What is Cyprus' energy policy?

Cyprus' energy policy has created financial support for RES projects, and a special fund was created aiming to support RES and energy saving investments in Cyprus, with revenue derived from consumers paying a 'green tax' levied on electricity bills (currently at EUR0.005 per kWh and EUR0.0025 per kWh for vulnerable groups).

Is Cyprus ready for full electricity market liberalisation?

Currently, Cyprus is in a transitional step before full electricity market liberalisation, which is being driven by the binding timetable of the Cyprus Energy Regulatory Authority (CERA) to ensure the full opening up of the energy market and granting consumers the right to choose their own supplier.

Are solar energy projects a thriving segment for Cyprus?

Over the last several years, solar energy projects have become a thriving segment for Cyprus. The European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (EBRD) alone has financed five solar parks across the island with an investment of EUR10.85 million to increase photovoltaic capacity in Cyprus by 12%.

How can Cyprus overcome a high dependency on fossil fuels?

A key hurdle for Cyprus to overcome is its high dependency on fossil fuels for energy - with one of the biggest shares within the EU. This makes it crucial for the country to develop both its renewable energy sources and natural gas, the cleanest of the fossil fuels, as a transitional fuel.

How much LNG will Cyprus import?

Cyprus intends to import approximately 0.5 billion cubic metres (bcm) through Gas Sale Purchase Agreements (GSPAs) for three to four years, with the option to purchase LNG from SPOT markets - markets where commodities are traded for immediate delivery.

Does Cyprus have a 3 MW PV Park?

Local Cyfield runs a 3 MW PV park in Ayios Ioannis, while the Electricity Authority of Cyprus (EAC) operates its own PV park in Tseri with a nominal capacity of 3 MWp, generating some 5,000 MWh per year and avoiding 3,600 tonnes of carbon dioxide emissions per year.

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Cyprus electricity storage batteries

The project would combine 72MW of solar PV with a 41MW/82MWh lithium-ion battery energy storage system (BESS), making it the largest to-date of either technology type. It would be located in the Akaki area of the Nicosia province.

Denmark Storage devices (including batteries) can participate in the electricity markets. While in 2014 stationary Li-ion batteries were installed by TSOs and DSOs on a test basis, it is assumed the grid operators are allowed to own and operate storage plants

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o Pumped-hydro storage of around 150 MW using the existing reservoirs and battery storage of about 60 MW to stabilize the grid o Increase the PV installations over Cyprus thus provide RES power to charge the storage facilities and minimize the operation

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