

Is there an alternative to solar energy in Chile?

Chile has begun to explore an alternative. Both Cerro Dominador and the Alba Project are powered by so-called solar salts, extracted from the Atacama Desert, composed of potassium nitrate and sodium nitrate. When melted and kept in a liquid state, they allow energy to be stored.

Does Chile have a solar thermal tower?

Chile's Atacama desert is home to the only solar thermal tower in Latin America. The imposing 240-meter construction is one of the pillars of the country's ambitious green energy program that began in 2019 and aims to completely replace fossil fuels by 2040.

How much of Chile's energy will come from Sun and wind?

"A decade ago, no one would have imagined that more than a third of Chile's energy would come from the sun and wind before 2030," the former Environment Minister of Chile Marcelo Mena says. "It was seen as something ambitious and it has already been surpassed."

Will Chile replace coal plants with solar thermal plants?

As coal plants are eliminated, Chile intends to replace them with solar thermal plants or convert them into batteries like the Alba Project. The solar thermal tower Cerro Dominador has become a symbol of Chile's energy revolution against climate change.

How much energy does Chile produce?

"It was seen as something ambitious and it has already been surpassed." Today 35.4 per cent of the energy generated in Chile is wind and solar, and 37.2 per cent comes from water sources in the National Electric System (SEN), which covers the vast majority of demand. Oil, coal and gas represent 26.9 per cent.

Is Chile a 'emerging market'?

Chile has streaked ahead of its Latin American rivals after becoming the first country in the region to surpass 1GW of installed solar capacity and brush off its classification as an 'emerging market'.

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Chile's solar and battery expansion is poised to revolutionize the country's power market. Solar will dominate the energy mix, while batteries will ensure that renewable energy can be stored and dispatched when needed, mitigating intermittency issues.

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