



Could solar power be the backbone of Ukraine's energy system?

The war against Ukraine has led to massive destruction of the energy infrastructure. One consequence of this is blackouts in cities. In the future, renewables such as wind and solar power could form the backbone of Ukraine's electricity system. (Image: Oleksii Maznychenko /Adobe Stock)

What is Ukraine doing with solar energy?

Ukraine's Solar Association is also working to provide solar and storage systems to hospitals, particularly in cities that were once under Russian occupation. Green groups like Ecoclub, an NGO based in western Ukraine, have also been involved in that effort.

What is the optimal share of solar power in Ukraine?

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Can solar power help prevent corruption in Ukraine?

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How much solar power will Ukraine have by 2027?

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What happened to Ukraine's solar power system?

Large-scale renewables have suffered too. The Ministry of Energy states that 30 per cent of solar and 90 per cent of wind plants have been disabled or occupied. But Ukraine's power system perseveres. Yesterday (23 February), the ministry reported that it sent surplus electricity to Poland, as a result of excess power generated by solar plants.



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USAID and NREL are working with the Ukrainian Ministry of Energy to design a microgrid pilot project that will demonstrate how solar-plus storage systems can provide reliable, affordable, and resilient power to critical facilities under the present conditions in Ukraine.



The government is now targeting a 50 per cent share of renewables in Ukraine's power mix by 2035 - a big leap from 15 per cent in 2021, though civil society groups want to see its climate



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