

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%.

Can a long-term energy planning model be used in Cyprus?

In order to examine options for economically optimal deployment of renewable energy in Cyprus under different scenarios, and to understand the potential impact of key policy decisions on the power generation mix, a long-term energy planning model of the current power system in Cyprus was developed.

Why does Cyprus have a high electricity price?

Cyprus has one of the highest electricity prices in Europe, due to high reliance on liquid fuel for power generation. However, a major transition is imminent for electricity supply. On one hand, indigenous natural gas discoveries are to be developed in the coming years.

How will Cyprus achieve a higher share of renewables?

Cyprus has set out to attain a higher share of renewables, and this roadmap helps to assess optimal investment strategies in the power sector. Solar PV and wind power will play a major role in the roadmap to 2030. Roadmap findings will play an important role to revise existing energy policies and develop new ones.

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The Renewable Energy Roadmap for the Re-public of Cyprus is based on three complementary sections. The details of what is covered by each section and how each of them relates to the others are described below. 1) Cyprus energy balance and demand forecasts As a first step to analysing the potential for renewable energy deployment in Cyprus and

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While Cyprus aims to boost renewable energy to 33% of its grid by 2030, up from 19% currently, challenges such as limited storage and an ageing infrastructure hinder rapid progress. The government is preparing to address this by launching tenders for solar battery storage facilities in the coming weeks.

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