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# **Kazakhstan solar Energy Storage Project**



## Overview

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What was the installed solar power capacity in Kazakhstan in 2018?

As of 2018, the solar power generation was 0.1 TWh and the installed capacity was 209 MW. Solar power generation in renewables energy is expected to meet the highest electricity demand on Kazakhstan's power grid.

Is Kazakhstan a good place to invest in solar power?

Kazakhstan has remarkable solar potential with a very well-designed auction system, a clear renewable capacity addition schedule, and a solid decarbonisation target. The country is now also including storage systems as part of its public procurement strategy in a move that will ease further integration of renewables into the grid.

How big is solar capacity in Kazakhstan?

Back in 2015, Astana was predicting installed solar capacity by the end of 2020 to reach 714 MW. A government report last month said solar capacity had reached 467 MW. Indeed, renewables are still small fry in Kazakhstan. Today solar accounts for 56 percent of the country's total renewable capacity.

What is Kazakhstan's largest solar project?

Kazakhstan's largest solar project – a 100 MW field in Saran, Karaganda Province – was opened last year by a German company, also with EBRD backing. Russian engineers doubled capacity at the EBRD-backed Burnoye plant in Zhambyl in 2018.

How efficient is solar energy in Kazakhstan?

The potential of solar energy in Kazakhstan is estimated at 2.5 billion kWh per year, which corresponds to an area of about 10 km<sup>2</sup> of solar cells with a total efficiency of 16%. The average efficiency of modern solar panels varies in the range of 15-25%. Solar energy can be widely used in two-thirds of the territory of the Republic of Kazakhstan.

## Can solar power drive Kazakhstan's decarbonisation?

The focus now is on leveraging solar's comparative advantages to drive forward Kazakhstan's decarbonisation and harness its significant solar resources. This report builds on the first edition of solar investment opportunities in Kazakhstan.

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