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Overview

How much solar & wind energy is in Southeast Asia?

New analysis by the International Energy Agency (IEA) indicates that the share of solar and wind energy in the power generation mix in Southeast Asian countries must reach approximately 23% by 2030 to align with the 2050 Net Zero Emission (NZE) scenario. Combined solar and wind generation in ASEAN grew from 4.2 TWh to 50 TWh between 2015 and 2022.

Will Southeast Asia meet the combined wind and solar share target?

For this report, we calculate capacity additions required in Southeast Asia to meet the combined wind and solar share target of 23% by 2030, set out in the IEA NZE scenario. We estimate the required electricity generation by 2030, using ASEAN Centre for Energy (ACE) average annual electricity growth rate projection of 5.8%.

Which country produces the most solar power in ASEAN?

Thailand is one of the largest producers of utility-scale solar and wind power in ASEAN, with over 3 GW of renewable capacity. Two-thirds of this capacity comes from onshore wind power. Thailand's national energy targets include 10 GW of solar and 4 GW of wind in operation by 2030 and net zero emissions goals for 2065.

Why are solar and wind energy costs so high in Southeast Asia?

While renewable technology costs in Southeast Asia remain higher than international benchmarks due to smaller markets and higher financing costs, solar and wind are becoming increasingly cost-competitive with new coal and gas across the region (particularly in the absence of fuel price subsidies).

How much solar power does the ASEAN region have in 2022?

The ASEAN region has 27 GW of solar and 6.8 GW of wind installed capacity in 2022, representing less than 1% of the approximately 30,523 GW of solar and

1,383 GW of wind theoretical potential estimated by the National Renewable Energy Laboratory (NREL).

Is solar power transforming ASEAN?

EMBER finds that an increasing use of solar and wind generation by ASEAN countries, has led to a shift towards clean power. This is especially true when 99% of the wind and solar potential in ASEAN, reportedly remains untapped.

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