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# Kazakhstan solar energy storage system



## Overview

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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 many solar power plants are there in Kazakhstan?

Solar Power: The potential of solar energy in Kazakhstan is estimated at 2.5 billion kWh per year. Solar energy can be widely used in two-thirds of Kazakhstan's territory. The government aimed to put 28 solar power plants into operation by the end of 2021, and met this goal, with currently 51 solar power plants in operation.

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.

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.

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.

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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