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# Tunisia Energy Storage Investment Project



## Overview

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On 5 and 6 February 2025, the MENALINKS programme officially launched its Battery Energy Storage Systems (BESS) workstream in Tunisia. The kick-off brought together over 25 high-level stakeholders, including representatives from the Ministry of Energy, Mines, and Energy Transition (MIME), the

y crisis, brought about by the Russia-Ukraine crisis. Its impact is far-reaching, disrupting global energy supply and demand patterns, fracturing long-standing the world is struggling with too little clean energy. Faster clean energy transitions would have helped to moderate the impact of t is.

The Government of Tunisia (GoT) has embarked on an ambitious path to increase its renewable energy production. The GoT plans to reach 35% of renewable energy in the electricity system capacity by 2030, against 3% currently. Renewable energy is then expected to cover 50% of the electricity needs by.

The World Bank is inviting consultants to submit proposals for a technical study on a 350 MW to 400 MW solar project with battery energy storage in Tunisia. The deadline for applications is March 24. The World Bank is looking to recruit a technical consultant that will advise on a proposed.

Since the 2000s, Tunisia has been facing a growing energy deficit. In 2024, the energy dependency rate stood at 59%. Natural gas currently accounts for 94.5% of electricity production. In 2023, the production cost of a kWh of electricity was 472 millimes (0.145€), compared with a selling price set.

Tunisia's Minister of Industry, Mines and Energy, Fatima Al-Thabat Shibb, has approved four solar projects with a combined capacity of 500 MW Battery Energy Storage System (BESS). France-based Qair International will build a 100 MW facility in the Kasr region of Gafsa province and a 200 MW project. Why is Tunisia investing in a secure electricity network?

To ensure a resilient electricity network, Tunisia is investing in modern, secure infrastructure. The ELMED interconnection project, which will link Tunisia to Italy by 2028, will play a key role in stabilizing energy supply, while supporting the energy transition in Tunisia and Europe.

How will the transition of the energy sector impact Tunisia?

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How Teri support Tunisia's energy sector?

The multi-year support to Tunisia's energy sector, particularly to increase renewable energy generation, has been financed by both the TERI Anchor Trust Fund and the Compact with Africa Trust Fund – an associated Trust Fund to the TERI Umbrella program.

Can Tunisia export green electricity?

Exploiting its renewable energy potential will also allow Tunisia to export green electricity, including green hydrogen, contributing to the GHG emission targets of the Maghreb and Europe.

How can Tunisia tackle the energy price gap?

This pricing gap makes energy subsidies a significant burden on the state budget. To address these challenges, Tunisia has set ambitious targets : Reducing carbon intensity by 45% by 2030 and increasing renewable energy's (RE) share to 35% of electricity production.

How many solar and wind power projects are in Tunisia?

Solar and wind power projects subject to authorization : Tunisia has granted authorizations for projects with a capacity of 381 MW, including 261 MW of solar PV and 120 MW of wind power. 2 plants with a unit capacity of of

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