

## SolarTech Power Solutions

# Albania s communication base station equipped with wind power and hybrid power



## Overview

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How can Albania keep its electricity system clean?

Determined to keep its electricity system clean, Albania wants to go a step further. State-owned utility KESH added a ground-mounted solar power unit to one of its main hydroelectric stations, but the idea is to integrate a floating photovoltaic plant and a wind park as well.

Could a Floating photovoltaic plant and a wind park work in Albania?

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What is a hybrid power plant?

The idea behind modern hybrid power plants is to balance an intermittent source with energy from another system. The most obvious pair are wind and solar energy, as wind is stronger at night and in the winter while photovoltaics only produce during the day and the peak is in the summer. It enables a more predictable total output for the operator.

Can a PV-wind-battery-based hybrid system provide electricity to telecom towers?

A hybrid system consisting of Photovoltaic modules and wind energy-based generators may be used to produce electricity for meeting power requirements of telecom towers (Acharya & Animesh, 2013; Yeshalem & Khan, 2017). A schematic of a PV-wind-battery-based hybrid system for electricity supply to telecom tower is shown in Fig. 17. Fig. 17.

What are the components of PV and wind-based hybrid power system?

PV and wind-based hybrid power system mainly consists of 3 parts (Yu & Qian,

2009): (i) wind power generation system (which includes a wind turbine, generator, rectifiers and converters), (ii) PV power generation system, and (iii) single-phase power supply inverter.

Can Floatovoltaics be installed in Albania?

Of note, Norwegian green energy company Statkraft has installed a floating solar power plant in Albania in 2021 on the reservoir of its Banja hydropower plant, which is another first for the country. The advantage of floatovoltaics is that they can be installed without property ownership issues.

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