

## SolarTech Power Solutions

# Solar panels in Montenegro



## Overview

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This article presents Montenegro's solar journey – from early pilot projects to nationwide adoption – highlighting how inclusive financing, streamlined regulation, and public trust can deliver results. Is Montenegro a leader in rooftop solar energy?

In recent years, Montenegro, a small country on the Adriatic coast, has become an unexpected leader in rooftop solar energy. With more than 2,000 hours of sunshine per year, the country's natural potential has always been evident, but innovative policy design has truly driven adoption.

Does Montenegro need solar power?

In effect, Montenegro has ensured that the benefits of solar power – lower energy costs, protection from market volatility, and environmental gains – are available to those who need them most, but not only to affluent early adopters.

Where are solar power plants located in Montenegro?

Montenegro is rich in solar radiation, particularly in the southern part, especially around the cities of Bar and Ulcinj, and in the area around the capital city of Podgorica. Solar power plants are located in these areas due to the high solar radiation.

Where is electricity produced in Montenegro?

The majority of electricity in Montenegro is primarily produced at the Pljevlja coal-fired Thermal Power Plant and the Perucica and Piva Hydropower Plants. The core activities of the majority state-owned Electrical Power Company of Montenegro (EPCG) are electricity generation, transmission, distribution, and supply.

Is Montenegro a prosumer country?

Almost 70 MWp of rooftop solar capacity has been installed, making

Montenegro a regional frontrunner in prosumer deployment. However, instead of leaving solar energy to wealthier households able to afford panels, Montenegro created a financing model that requires no upfront payments.

Will Montenegro's rooftop photovoltaics transform Red III?

Montenegro's nationwide rollout of rooftop photovoltaics, with thousands of prosumers integrated into the grid, illustrates precisely the kind of transformation envisaged in RED III. By early 2025, the rooftop capacity had approached 70 MW, with projections pointing to 100 MW by the end of the year.

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