

How many solar power plants did Czechia build in 2023?

Czechia built around 1 GW of new PV plants in 2023, according to data from the Czech Solar Association (Solání Asociace). In total, 82,799 solar power plants were connected to the grid, with a combined total output of 970 MW. The nation achieved a record-breaking year with 145% growth, connecting 49,000 more power plants than it did in 2022.

How many solar power plants are in Czechia?

A total of 82,799 solar power plants were connected to the grid in Czechia last year. Image: CEZ Group
Czechia recorded a significant increase in installed solar capacity last year, with about 970 MWp of capacity added to the grid. However, the growth was mainly driven by household rooftop solar, according to the Czech Solar Association.

How much photovoltaic capacity does the Czech Republic have?

The Czech Republic had almost two gigawatts (GW) of photovoltaic capacity at the end of 2010, but installed less than 10 megawatts (MW) in 2011 due to the feed-in tariff being reduced by 25%, after installing almost 1,500 MW the year before. Installations increased to 109 MW in 2012.

Is a solar park a new start for Czech PV?

Although relatively small in size, the completion of the solar park represents a new beginning for Czech PV, as utility scale PV projects have been banned for years from the country's energy landscape and solar was also excluded by the planned auctions for large scale renewables.

Will Czech solar projects be financed through a PPA?

"There are more large scale projects under development in Czechia, that are hoping to be financed through the modernisation fund that was announced this year," Jan Krcmár, chairman of the Czech Solar Association, told pv magazine. "These projects will need to secure a PPA, as there are no auctions or other incentives for new solar power plants."

Why is the solar market growing in Czechia?

The figures mark a period of rapid growth in Czechia's solar market. The growth has been largely driven by residential PV, with most of the new installations (80,069) being domestic PV plants, supported by the country investing an additional CZK 55 billion (\$2.5 billion) in its New Green Savings program back in March 2023.

Solar potential in the Czech Republic
Solar panels in Prague. The Czech Republic had almost two gigawatts (GW) of photovoltaic capacity at the end of 2010, but installed less than 10 megawatts (MW) in 2011 due to the feed-in tariff being reduced by 25%, after installing almost 1,500 MW the year before. Installations increased to 109 MW in 2012.

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Of the new solar power plants, 80,069 (96.7%) were from household rooftops, with a total output of 823.3MWp. The average size of domestic PV plants was 10.3kWp last year, up from 6.7kWp in 2022. 92% of families chose a solution combined with battery storage with an average capacity of 12kWh, up from 11.7kWh in 2022. ...

The optics of implementing solar projects with agricultural land could help accelerate ground-mounted solar in Czechia, and with just half a per cent of the entire agricultural land, it would...

Changes in Legislation - In Jan 2023 Czech Parliament approved an amendment of Energy Law enabling from Feb 2023: streamlining of permitting procedures for new PV plants with capacity over 1 MWp incl FPV operation of PV plants up to 50 kWp without licence + energy sharing of produced PV energy amongst households+ development of community PV ...

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