

How many PV plants will Czechia build in 2023?

The nation's PV association says it expects a shift toward larger power plants in the coming year, but notes the need for more energy storage capacity. Czechia built around 1 GW of new PV plants in 2023, according to data from the Czech Solar Association (Sol&#225;r&#237; Asociace).

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.

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 Kr&#225;r, 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.

Does Czechia need more energy storage capacity in 2023?

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PV Tech Premium talked to Krcm&#225;r last year to examine ground-mounted solar in Czechia. In addition to setting a legal framework on agriPV, which could help boost the growth of solar PV in Czechia, the country still needs to work on one of its main challenges that could hamper that progress: its grid.

Czechia had a boom of ground-mounted solar PV back in 2010 and is now near a new resurgence in the coming years, yet some challenges remain.

Czech utility CEZ Group has recently commissioned a 3 MW ground-mounted solar plant in Bechyne, in the South Bohemian region of Czechia.

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Update on Czech PV and ESS market as of March 3, 2023 1. Residential Sector in 2022 vs. 2021. in 2021: 40 MWp/ 9300 PV plants; in 2022: 237 MWp/ 34 000 PV plants; avg size of PV plants: 8,5 kWp+ avg size of ESS: 12 kWh; cca 95- 97% of new PV Plants incl. ESS

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