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Overview

Will North Africa be a key enabler of a greener power sector?

Europe's transition to a greener power sector is gaining speed, with North Africa set to be a key enabler of this process. New capacity additions from solar and wind, weaker power demand and a partial comeback of hydropower and nuclear energy have seen Europe's power mix turn increasingly green in the recent years.

Could North Africa be Europe's future energy partner?

Politics aside, North Africa is increasingly seen as the golden prize for Europe's twin desires to green its energy system and end its reliance on Russian gas. "North Africa is Europe's most important potential future trading partner in renewable energy," says El-Katiri. That is good news for fighting climate change.

How much solar power does North Africa have?

Positioned within the Earth's solar belt, the region's daily photovoltaic power output ranges from 4.8 to 5.6 kilowatt-hours (kWh) per kilowatt-peak (kWp), compared to 3.6 to 4.8 kWh per kWp in Europe. North Africa also boasts significant wind potential, with wind speeds averaging between 7 to 10 meters per second.

Are solar and wind farms a good idea in North Africa?

Critics also point to environmental and social concerns. Proponents of solar and wind farms in North Africa routinely describe the land they are taking as remote, empty desert. But even the Sahara Desert is not deserted, especially the coastal areas favored to link up with submarine cables.

Should Africa export so much power?

But there are ethical concerns about Africa exporting so much power. Most people in Morocco and Egypt have electricity, but less than half the

continent's population is connected to reliable power grids.

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