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Uruguay Energy Battery Cabinet Base Station Power Generation



Application scenarios of energy storage battery products



Overview

The electricity sector of Uruguay has traditionally been based on domestic hydropower along with thermal power plants, and reliant on imports from Argentina and Brazil at times of peak demand. Investments in renewable energy sources such as wind power and solar power over the preceding 10 years allowed the country to cover 98% of its electricity needs with renewable energy. Electricity coverage (2019) 99.85% (total), (total average in 2007: 92%) Installed capacity (2020) 4.6 Share of fossil energy 2% Share of renewable energy 98% (including large hydropower) Watch full video Electricity supply and demand Installed electricity capacity in Uruguay grew significantly from around 2,500 MW in 2009 to 5,267 MW in 2024. Of the installed capacity, about 29% is solar, accounting for 1,538 MW which includes half of the capacity.

How does the electricity sector work in Uruguay?

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How does Uruguay generate 97 percent of its electricity from renewable sources?

Going for gales: Wind turbine farms are one of the ways Uruguay managed to generate 97 percent of its electricity from renewable sources. (Courtesy of Natasha Hakimi Zapata).

Why does Uruguay have a power grid?

In the same way Uruguay's abundance of wind and rivers proved fortuitous for energy sovereignty, so was the government's oversight of the electric grid.

Is Uruguay a net importer of energy?

Once a net importer of energy, Uruguay now exports its surplus energy to neighbouring Brazil and Argentina. In less than two decades, Uruguay broke free of its dependence on oil imports and carbon emitting power generation, transitioning to renewable energy that is owned by the state but with infrastructure paid for by private investment.

Should Uruguay transition to renewables?

Since 2019, energy has become a significant export for Uruguay, with some years bringing in hundreds of millions of dollars in revenue. In most of the world, when anyone mentions the need to transition to renewables, climate change dominates the public discussion.

How much green energy does Uruguay use?

In 2016, even before several more renewables projects went online, it hit 94.5 percent green energy. In 2019, according to an analysis by the Uruguayan company SEG Engineering, the country ran on 98 percent renewable energy.

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