# Solar power plant setup Belarus



### Is solar power possible in Belarus?

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## Who is involved in the Belarus nuclear power plant project?

St Petersburg AEP(now part of ASE Group) has been involved with the project since 2004, including site selection and technology choice. In January 2014 the Nuclear Power Plant Construction Directorate became the Belarus Nuclear Power Plant state unitary enterprise.

## Does Belarus have a nuclear power plant?

Belarus has one nuclear power plantat Ostrovets. In November 2020 the first unit was connected to the grid, with the second unit connected in May 2023. The Ostrovets project is financed by Russia and the two VVER-1200 units were built by Atomstroyexport. Total generation (in 2021): 41.2 TWh

## Are there hydropower resources in Belarus?

Hydropower resources in Belarus are deemed scarce, though there are opportunities for small hydro in the northern and central parts of the country. Total hydropower potential is estimated at 850 MW, including technically available potential of 520 MW and economically viable potential of 250 MW (0.44 Mtoe/year).

### What technology is used in Belarus?

The technology with the most mature local market is biomass, currently used mainly in heat generation. Belarus is still in the early stages of deploying wind, solar PV and biogas, although the technologies used in their development are considered mature and meet international standards.

### Does Belarus have a geothermal potential?

Belarus's geothermal potential is relatively undiscovered, with only a few regions having been tested. Of the tested regions, the most promising geothermal energy potential lies in the Pripyat Trough (Gomel region) and the Podlasie-Brest Depression (Brest region), in dozens of abandoned deep wells.

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Solar potential of Belarus. As of 2021 there is little use of solar power in Belarus but much potential as part of the expansion of renewable energy in Belarus, as the country has few fossil fuel resources and imports much of its energy. [1] At the end of 2019 there was just over 150MW produced by solar power. [1]: 29

Belorusneft Rechytsa Solar PV Park is a 55MW solar PV power project. It is located in Gomel, Belarus. According to GlobalData, who tracks and profiles over 170,000 power plants worldwide, the project is currently active.

Due to government incentives, Belarus already has experience in operating solar power plants. Construction of commercial solar power plants began in 2011, after the adoption of the Law on Renewable Energy Sources and the introduction of incentive tariffs for the purchase of electricity.

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