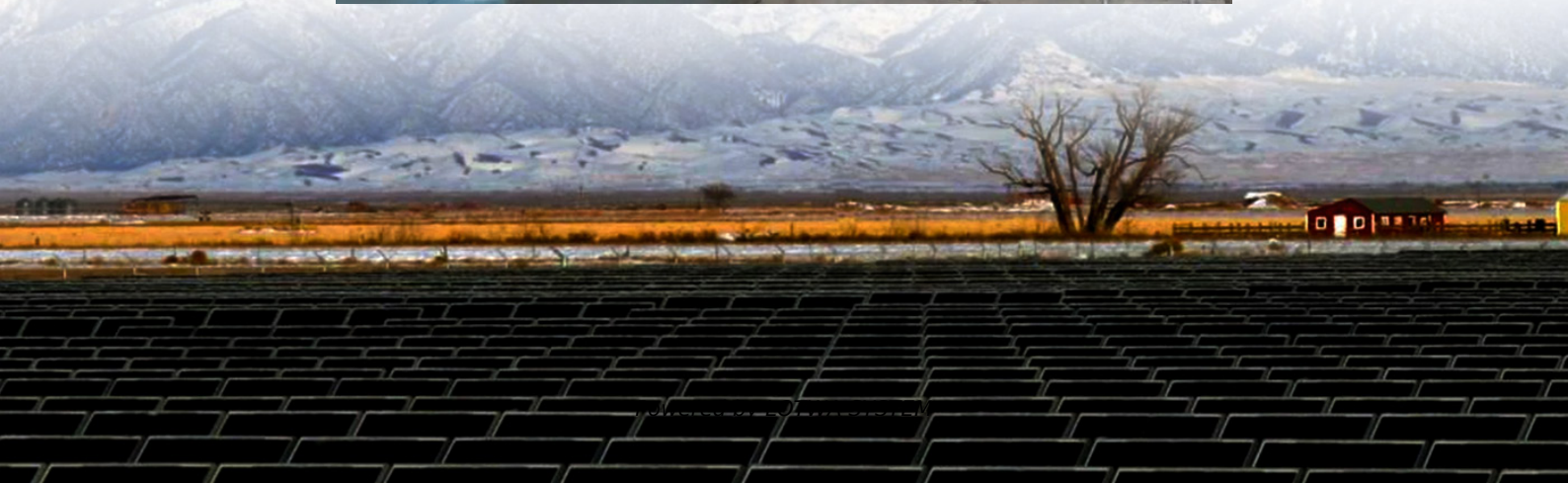


Solar and wind power generation systems in Southern Europe





Overview

Climate change and geopolitical risks call for the rapid transformation of electricity systems worldwide, with Europe at the forefront. Wind and solar are the lowest cost, lowest risk, and cleanest energy.

What role does wind and solar play in Europe's transition?

Power generation from wind and solar resources plays an essential role in Europe's transition to a decarbonised energy system. The total installed capacity, as well as the share of wind and solar power in European electricity generation, has been steadily increasing over the past two decades .

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Potential power generation from onshore wind was below average across most of Europe, especially in southern central regions. Conversely, potential solar photovoltaic power generation was above average across most of Europe.

How does wind power affect solar power generation in South Europe?

Over South Europe, the hydropower and onshore wind power account for the majority of renewable electricity and exhibit larger interannual variability than solar PV (Figure 6). Consistent with the observed weak wind speed (Figure not shown), the wind power generation in 2022 was greatly weakened (Figure 6).

Should solar power be integrated across European countries?

The integration of solar power across European countries does not provide significant benefits because generation patterns within the continent are homogeneous and the Southern countries have both higher and more consistent solar resource.



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