

Should the Faroe Islands be self-sufficient?

Isolated in the North Atlantic Ocean, the Faroe Islands need to be self-sufficient in terms of electricity generation as the Faroese electrical grid is not interconnected to neighbouring countries. SEV operates six hydro power plants, three thermal power plants, three wind farms and one solar power plant.

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Are there renewables in the Faroe Islands?

"In the Faroe Islands, we are blessed with renewables: we have wind, hydro and some sun in the summer; we also have tidal and wave power where we can see great potential," says Nielsen. Since announcing its green vision in 2014, SEV has already done a lot to increase the share of renewables in its energy mix.

Where are the Faroe Islands located?

Far from continental Europe and surrounded by a vast sea, the Faroe Islands lie in the middle of the North Atlantic between Iceland and Norway.

Will the Faroe Islands use more green energy in 2025?

Even more conservative scenarios predict that the Faroe Islands' current electricity consumption of approximately 350,000 MWh per year will increase to approximately 450,000 MWh in 2025. "The current discussion recommends using more green energy and especially the potential for wind energy is quite high," says one of the islanders.

Can the Faroe Islands be a smart microgrid?

"The energy system in the Faroe Islands is an impressive example of how all available energy resources can be integrated into a smart and innovative microgrid," says Vehkakoski.

energy for EU islands website, including an online platform, mapping EU initiatives and projects relevant for the de-carbonisation of islands (BRIDGE, NESOI, HFC taskforce, etc). It will also organise annual Island forums to broaden EU islands ...

energy in the Faroe Islands, but also for the European grid as a whole. Its ambitious targets and the creative nature of its efforts to reduce dependency on fossil fuels make SEV a worthy recipient of the Nordic Council Nature and Environment Prize 2015."

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