

Should North Macedonia accelerate the transition to renewables?

Like others in the region, North Macedonia must balance its need to rapidly accelerate the transition to renewables to secure its energy future with the need to ensure that future is one where both the country's nature and people thrive.

Did North Macedonia change its energy regulations?

There were no major energy legislative changes, but North Macedonia continued to harmonize its energy regulations with the EU Energy Community's Third Energy Package (TEP). North Macedonia's state-owned power company was unbundled and partially privatized in the early 2000s.

Will natural gas supply increase in North Macedonia?

Natural gas made up only 7% of primary energy consumption in 2017, however with Macedonian ambitious natural gas network development this share has a great potential to increase in the future. In order to assure security of supply, North Macedonia is developing other supply routes.

What is the energy strategy for North Macedonia until 2040?

The Strategy for Energy Development of the Republic of North Macedonia until 2040 (the Strategy) relies on relevant global, EU energy policies and trends, and particularly Energy Community acquis.

How much energy does North Macedonia use?

According to that, estimated primary energy consumption in North Macedonia will reach 3,014 ktoe in 2020. This means that North Macedonia will keep the primary energy consumption according to the 'individual cap consumption' set for the EnC countries, which is 3,270 ktoe.

Why is North Macedonia so unstable?

North Macedonia is surrounded by EU neighbour states and is also at the heart of a region that has suffered recent conflicts and remains volatile. In this context, alignment with non-EU geopolitical players can lead to regional instability that would affect the whole of Europe.

The results of the study are unambiguous: North Macedonia has an enormous untapped potential for renewable energy development. Even when completely excluding all important bird and plant areas, the potential comes to ...

Increasing the clean energy storage capacity for creating jobs and balancing the country's energy system. Increasing renewables penetration rates and the role of energy prosumers and communities in the energy system of North Macedonia. Addressing mines' reclamation and repurposing. Supporting people and communities affected by coal phaseout

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energy storage and aggregation have been transposed in the Energy Law amendments from 2022. All customers have been free to choose their supplier since 2019. In 2023, approximately 40% of consumption was supplied at non-regulated prices. In the mid of 2024, the Government selected a universal service

While there were no other major energy legislative changes, North Macedonia continues to harmonize its energy sub-regulations with the EU Energy Community's Third Energy Package (TEP). The National Electricity Market Operator (MEPSO) launched May 10, 2023, the country's first day-ahead electricity exchange, which featured 22 participating ...

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