

## Algerian wind power generation and energy storage companies

#### Does Algeria have a wind farm?

Algeria does have a wind farm. The country's first wind farm is being built at Adrar with an installed capacity of 10MW. Algeria has promising wind energy potential of about 35 TWh/year, almost half of the country experiences significant wind speed. The wind farm began electricity production in June 2011, and substantial funding for the project comes from state-utility Sonelgaz.

### Is Algeria abandoning its traditional energy sector?

Algeria recently launched a 2024 bid round under the oversight of the National Agency for the Valorization of Hydrocarbon Resources, serving as a clear signal that the country is notabandoning its traditional energy sector.

#### What is the energy mix in Algeria?

In 2010,Algeria's energy mix was almost exclusively based on fossil fuels,especially natural gas (93%). However,Algeria has enormous renewable energy potential,mainly solar,which the government is trying to harness by launching an ambitious Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency Program.

#### What is the wind energy potential of Algeria?

Algeria has a wind energy potential of approximately 35 TWh/year. Nearly half of the country experiences significant wind speeds. The country's first wind farm, with an installed capacity of 10MW, is being built at Adrar and has substantial funding from state-utility Sonelgaz. Two more wind farms, each of 20 MW, are planned for development during 2014-2013.

#### How much wind does Algeria have?

For wind, Algeria has a 1,300-kilometer Mediterranean coastline with wind speeds of more than eight meters per second, in addition to winds coming off the surface of the Sahel in the South. Algeria aims to produce 27 percent of its electricity from renewable resources by 2035, mostly from solar power.

#### Does Algeria have solar energy resources?

Algeria is one of the countries with one of the highest solar potentials in the world, estimated at 13.9 TWh per year. Algeria has solar energy resources. Algeria has joined the Desertec Industrial Initiative, which aims to use Sahara solar and wind power to supply 15 per cent of Europe's electricity needs by 2050.



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