

Solar thermal future outlook





Overview

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Project developers have reported 73 plants totalling 277 MW that are to be realized by 2027 – the majority of them in Europe. The Solar Industrial Heat Outlook 2025-2027 presents the results of the survey in a series of infographics. Chile and Europe will be the main target regions for solar.

In 2024, China led the global market for industrial solar heat, while the Netherlands recorded the highest increase in newly installed solar district heating capacity in Europe. Germany topped the charts for newly installed hybrid photovoltaic-thermal (PVT) collectors. The newly released Solar Heat.

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By harnessing the untapped potential of urban surfaces such as roads, pavements, and rooftops, solar thermal technologies align with broader sustainability goals and provide a scalable solution to the pressing needs of rapidly growing urban environments. This Specialty Grand Challenge article.

IEA SHC's 2024 edition of Solar Heat Worldwide highlights the resiliency and changing landscape of solar heat. This year's report includes dedicated chapters on two growing technologies, Photovoltaic Thermal (PVT) and PV generated heat (PGH) systems. A new set of infographics highlights some of the.

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What are the emerging solar thermal technologies?

These emerging solar thermal technologies are: Electrical heat storage (including hot water tanks and compact heat stores, both residential scale and district heating scale) using the power from solar photovoltaics (on-site and/or off-site).

Will solar thermal technology grow in 2021?

Deployment growth rates for standard solar thermal technologies have generally declined globally in recent years, however, 2021 did show a change in this downward trend with a positive growth rate of 3%.

How many solar thermal systems will be installed in 2020?

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Can solar thermal technologies be deployed in South Africa?

Data is scarce on the current deployment of emerging solar thermal technologies (e.g. solar photovoltaic to heat), however markets such as South Africa have already reached 10 MWp since the start of data collection in 2018.

Are solar thermal deployment rates still achievable in 2021?

Some markets in 2021 have demonstrated that significant year-on-year deployment growth rates of standard solar thermal are still achievable, with Italy, Brazil and the United States posting growth rates of 83%, 28% and 19%,



respectively.



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