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Photovoltaic panels power generation in China and Europe



Overview

Does China make solar panels?

China has invested over USD 50 billion in new PV supply capacity – ten times more than Europe – and created more than 300 000 manufacturing jobs across the solar PV value chain since 2011. Today, China's share in all the manufacturing stages of solar panels (such as polysilicon, ingots, wafers, cells and modules) exceeds 80%.

How has global solar PV manufacturing capacity changed over the last decade?

Global solar PV manufacturing capacity has increasingly moved from Europe, Japan and the United States to China over the last decade. China has invested over USD 50 billion in new PV supply capacity – ten times more than Europe – and created more than 300 000 manufacturing jobs across the solar PV value chain since 2011.

Does the EU have a role in solar PV production?

The EU's share of global solar PV manufacturing capacity has fallen to less than 1%. The only exception to this trend is polysilicon, of which the European Union holds 3% of the world's supply thanks to the high purity of polysilicon produced in Germany, which is still exported to China.

How has China shaped the global supply and demand of solar PV?

Government policies in China have shaped the global supply, demand and price of solar PV over the last decade. Chinese industrial policies focusing on solar PV as a strategic sector and on growing domestic demand have enabled economies of scale and supported continuous innovation throughout the supply chain.

What are China's solar PV exports?

In 2021, the value of China's solar PV exports was over USD 30 billion, almost

7% of China's trade surplus over the last five years. In addition, Chinese investments in Malaysia and Viet Nam also made these countries major exporters of PV products, accounting for around 10% and 5% respectively of their trade surpluses since 2017.

Did European solar firms survive the China shock?

Overall, it seems that many European solar firms did not survive the China shock – but some of those who did adapted by innovating more intensely. In the years following the study period, China has further cemented its dominant position in the global market for solar PV and other low carbon supply chains.

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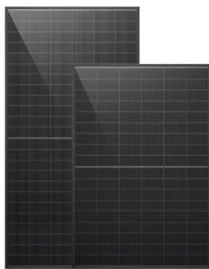
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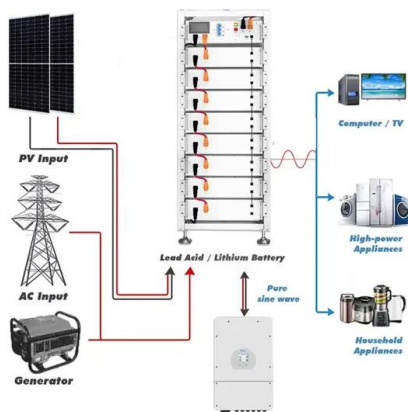
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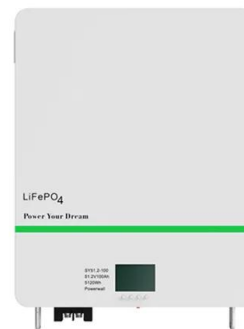
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