

Costa Rica's latest energy storage policy announcement

What is Costa Rica's energy policy?

Data is now available through the .Stat Data Explorer, which also allows users to export data in Excel and CSV formats. Costa Rica's energy policy aims to move from a fossil fuels based energy system towards renewable energy sources and to expand its power generation capacity, replacing old power generating stations and developing new projects.

How will renewables affect Costa Rica's energy system?

Both renewable scenarios will result in a high proportion of variable power generation (PV and wind): 33%-31% by 2030 and 54%-66% by 2050. Such a varied mix of renewables will make Costa Rica's energy system more resilient, efficient and affordable.

Can Costa Rica achieve a fully decarbonised energy system?

This policy roadmap complements the study "100% Renewable Energy for Costa Rica - A decarbonisation roadmap" by the University of Technology Sydney - Institute for Sustainable Futures. It aims to provide policy pathways for Costa Rica to achieve a fully decarbonised energy system in Costa Rica.

Will Costa Rica continue to develop its power capacity?

Costa Rica's current plans for the continuing development of its power capacities would maintain a share of over 90% renewable electricity. Under these plans, the system might not be able to supply the transport sector with the additional power demand in case of a shift to electric mobility.

Does Costa Rica have 100% renewable electricity?

To date, Costa Rica is one of very few countries to run on 100% renewable electricity for the largest part of the year. In fact, 2018 was the fourth year in a row that Costa Rica generated more than 98% of its electricity from renewable sources (2015: 98.99%; 2016: 98.21%; 2017: 99.67%; 2018: 98.15%).

What is the energy system like in Costa Rica?

Currently, the energy system in Costa Rica is heavily centralised, with the Costa Rican Electricity Institute (ICE), the state-owned power and telecoms provider, by law being the only actor obligated to provide electricity to all sectors and parts of the country.



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