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## South Korea subsidized solar energy

Does Seoul subsidize solar panels?

The Seoul Metropolitan Government has run various programs to subsidize solar panels for residents, beginning with a program for apartment dwelling households, since 2011. It started subsidizing building owners installing BIPVs in 2020.

#### What is South Korea's energy transition plan?

South Korea initiated energy transition plan in the "2030 National Greenhouse Gas Reduction Target (NDC) Upside Proposal" in October 2021 to increase the share of renewable energy to 30.2% by 2030, indicating that solar and wind power will soon emerge as the main power sources and play an important role in power supply.

### How much energy does South Korea get from renewables?

RE100 members in South Korea get just 2% of their electricity from renewables, compared to 32% in China, 26% in Singapore, and 15% in Japan. We're calling on decision-makers in South Korea to use our Localised Policy Messages as a guide to unlock further progress on the energy transition - helping to make renewables more accessible and affordable.

### Will South Korea achieve 100% renewable electricity before 2050?

It's promising to see progress on the LPMs from the government and a welcome sign for the RE100 member network - there are over 30 South Korean headquartered RE100 companies, all aiming to achieve 100% renewable electricity before 2050. Despite the progress, more must be done to increase access to renewable electricity in South Korea.

#### Should South Korea switch to nuclear energy?

South Korea has high land costs and heavily relies on nuclear energy. While there is a global push for sustainable and low-carbon energy, South Korea's plan aims for 20% of power to come from renewables by 2030. However, switching from nuclear energy may lead to higher costs, potential supply issues, and environmental impacts.

#### How did the 10th basic energy plan affect South Korea?

Three live moments for further policy progress The '10th Basic Energy Plan', released at the start of 2023, reduced South Korea's 2030 renewable energy target from 30.2% to 21.6%. In doing so, the government sent a negative signal to the market and took a step back on the path to a zero-carbon grid.

renewable energy subsidies were improperly allocated under the previous administration.10 Notwithstanding these challenges, achieving the targets for solar PV"s share in South Korea"s power generation under the 10th Basic Plan will likely require annual installation of 4-5 GW in new capacity until 2036. This should contribute

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Korea"s biggest solar power plant in Haenam, South Jeolla Province, made using Chinese solar cells (Hanyang) The definition of a government subsidy is simple: public funds granted to a...

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