

Belgium supporting wind power supply



Overview

On 13 September 2024, the European Commission approved a €682 million State aid scheme by Belgium to support the construction and operation of a 700 MW offshore wind farm in the Princess Elisabeth Zone of the North Sea. Can offshore wind energy be used in Belgium?

Other forms of offshore renewable energy are being studied but are still at an experimental or demonstration stage. Since 2020, a total capacity of 2261 MW of offshore wind energy is operational in the Belgian part of the North Sea. The federal government decided to increase the capacity of offshore wind energy in 2021.

How will Belgium boost Wind Energy?

Belgium will boost wind power energy by building the world's first offshore energy island, enhancing grid links and supporting Europe's clean energy transition.

How many MW of wind power will be installed in Belgium?

By the end 2020, the total land-based installed capacity in Belgium has reached 3,000 MW, and an additional 2,292 MW are planned offshore for a possible total of 5,292 MW of wind power. A green energy certificate market is implemented to support onshore renewable energy production with Tradable Green Certificates (TGC).

Will EU aid support a wind farm in the North Sea?

The aid will support the construction and operation of an offshore wind farm in the North Sea. Credit: Planet One Images via Getty Images. The European Commission has announced the approval of €682m (\$756.54m) in state aid to support Belgium's renewable offshore wind energy development.

Will Belgium increase its offshore wind power by 2050?

Together with the existing offshore wind farms, the total offshore wind

capacity in Belgium could be increased to 5.8 GW by 2030, nearly tripling its current offshore capacity. This is in line with the EU's objective of supplying half of Europe's electricity with wind energy by 2050. 10.

How to maximize Belgium's own renewable electricity production?

To maximize Belgium's own renewable electricity production, the federal government decided to increase the capacity of offshore wind installations in the second offshore wind zone, the Princess Elisabeth Zone, to a range between 3,15 and 3,5 GW.

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