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# **Uruguay Southern Power Grid Energy Storage Company**



## Overview

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Why does Uruguay have a power grid?

In the same way Uruguay's abundance of wind and rivers proved fortuitous for energy sovereignty, so was the government's oversight of the electric grid.

What percentage of Uruguay's grid is powered by green energy?

In a typical year, 98% of Uruguay's grid is powered by green energy. How did it get there?

It involved a scientist, an innovative approach to infrastructure funding, and a whole lot of wind. Today's show was hosted by Erika Beras and Amanda Aronczyk. It was produced by Willa Rubin with help from Emma Peaslee.

Does Uruguay have a green grid?

Countries all over the world have announced lofty goals to reduce the emissions that cause climate change. But Uruguay actually did it. In a typical year, 98% of Uruguay's grid is powered by green energy. How did it get there?

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What is Uruguay's energy future?

His vision for Uruguay's energy future was to cover that empty land with hundreds of wind turbines. Today, wind power accounts for around 40% of Uruguay's energy production. And, according to a 2008 law, all the wind in the country officially belongs to the Uruguayan people.

Does Uruguay have a wind power auction?

In 2009, Uruguay started holding auctions in which different wind companies from around the world came to bid on how cheaply they'd sell renewable energy to the country. In 2011, Uruguay held an auction intended to secure

150 megawatts of new wind power, which would have represented about 5% of the country's energy generating capacity.

Is Uruguay a repeatable framework of energy sovereignty for developing countries?

Ramón Mendéz Galain believes so. Uruguay's former national director of energy in the Ministry of Industry, Energy and Mining, who was the impetus for the country's shift away from dirty fuels, has been promoting the country's success as a repeatable framework of energy sovereignty for developing countries.

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