

Title: Uruguay's new energy storage and new energy

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What is Uruguay's energy strategy?

In 2005, Uruguay initiated a dramatic shift in its energy strategy, moving from petroleum-based electricity generation to renewable sources. In 2024, Uruguay generated 99 percent of its electricity from renewable sources using hydropower (42 percent), wind (28 percent), and biomass (26 percent).

Why did Uruguay switch to renewables?

Uruguay's shift to renewables, he argues, demonstrated that clean energy can be cheaper, more stable, and create more jobs than fossil fuels. Once the country adjusted the playing field that had long favored oil and gas, renewables outperformed on every front: halving costs, creating 50,000 jobs, and protecting the economy from price shocks.

How much electricity does Uruguay produce?

The results speak for themselves. Today, Uruguay produces nearly 99% of its electricity from renewable sources, with only a small fraction--roughly 1%-3%--coming from flexible thermal plants, such as those powered by natural gas. They are used only when hydroelectric power cannot fully cover periods when wind and solar energy are low.

Is Uruguay a net importer of energy?

Once a net importer of energy, Uruguay now exports its surplus energy to neighbouring Brazil and Argentina. In less than two decades, Uruguay broke free of its dependence on oil imports and carbon emitting power generation, transitioning to renewable energy that is owned by the state but with infrastructure paid for by private investment.

Uruguay's pragmatic and nonpartisan quest for renewable energy highlights how even small nations can achieve rapid decarbonization and economic growth -- offering a ...

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Uruguay built a power grid that runs 99% on renewables--at half the cost of fossil fuels. Here"s how its bold energy overhaul became a global model.

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