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Overview

June 2025 saw the highest EU solar generation on record – 45 TWh, which kept the grid well-supplied during daytime hours. During the hottest days, electricity price spreads exceeded 400 €/MWh. Heatwaves make power demand peaks more severe due to cooling needs. In 2024, Europe saw new installations of 65. The. In a new weekly update for pv magazine, Solcast, a DNV company, reports that significant swathes of Europe saw much more solar irradiance than normal last month. Sunny summer conditions delivered record photovoltaic (PV) production across much of western Europe in June 2025, as high pressure. A June–July heatwave has caused stress for European power systems, driving electricity demand and doubling daily power prices. This week alone, temperature records have been broken across south-west. The Solar Index Maps of June and July 2019 (developed with satellite resource data enhanced by 3E's solar data) show record-breaking levels of solar insolation in many countries compared to the long-term average between 2004 and 2018. Meteorological agencies confirmed that the continent experienced not only the hottest June on record but also unprecedented temperature spikes in early.

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Solar power compensated for the energy shortage amid the heatwaves of past weeks, which saw record-breaking temperatures and an unparalleled surge in air conditioning demand, ...

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Understanding high temperatures and solar power generation

High temperatures and solar power generation When ambient temperature reaches 40ºC, as registered in Belgium in July 2019, the solar cells of an average solar installation with good ventilation can ...

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Sunny summer conditions delivered record photovoltaic (PV) production across much of western Europe in June 2025, as high pressure systems brought sustained clear skies and above ...

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