European Space Agency Solar Power

Overview

Through SOLARIS, ESA is bringing together policymakers, energy suppliers and space companies to investigate the feasibility of developing and implementing space-based solar power. The first metal 3D printer in space, a collaboration between ESA and Airbus, has printed its first metal product on the International Space Station, a breakthrough in crew autonomy for future long-duration exploration missions. [1] The proposal calls for an in-orbit demonstration in approximately 2030, the first operational station in geostationary orbit by 2040 with subsequent stations added afterwards. A decision on the viability of the project is expected by the end of 2025. For satellites orbiting high above Earth, outside the atmosphere, sunlight is on average more than 10 times more intense than on the ground in Europe.

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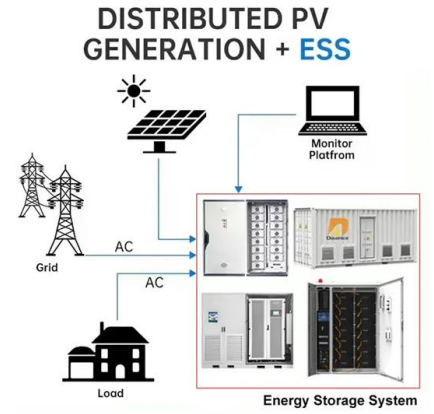
[Europe could use space-based solar power to slash land-based ...]

Researchers also suggest system could resolve problems with irregular and weather-dependent Earth-based supply Solar panels in space could cut Europe's terrestrial renewable energy ...

[European Space Agency studying space-based solar power]

Its hope is that collecting solar power in space will overcome shortfalls with collecting it on Earth, including the day-night cycle and unfavourable weather. The contracts are part of a broader ...



Solaris (solar power)

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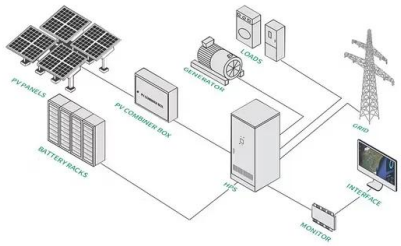
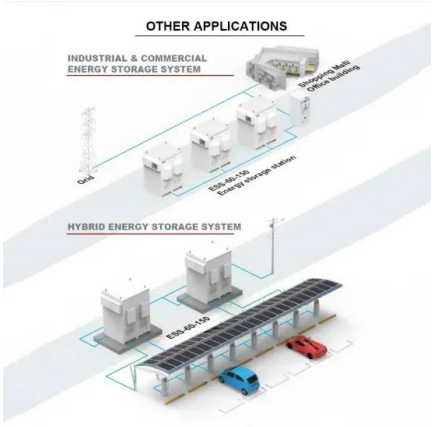
[ESA/NASA Re-ignite Space-based Solar Power Research]

Meanwhile, the space sector is working hard to make space exploration more sustainable. ESA is targeting both ambitions by enabling European academia and industry to take further steps towards ...





[ESA accelerates the race towards clean energy from space]

ESA is laying the groundwork for the development of satellite technology designed to harvest the Sun's energy in space before transmitting it wirelessly to receiving stations on Earth.

[ESA reignites space-based solar power research]

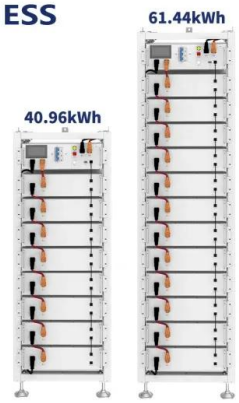
We urgently need solutions to tackle climate change on Earth. Meanwhile, the space sector is working hard to make space exploration more ...

[European Space Agency mulling feasibility of space-based solar power]

The European Space Agency (ESA) is collaborating with policymakers, energy suppliers, and space companies under the Solaris initiative to assess the feasibility of space-based solar

[Assess space-based solar power for European-scale power system](#)

Originally conceived in the 1960s, space-based solar beaming gigawatt-scale power from geostationary orbit is re-emerging amid falling launch costs. Space-based solar power could provide ...



[ESA Publishes Call for the Development of In-Space Assembly ...](#)

The European Space Agency has published a EUR3 million call to industry to begin the development of in-space assembly capabilities that the agency will need if it chooses to pursue the ...

[Project Solaris: Inside ESA's bold plan to harness solar power from space](#)

It was not designed to beam power to the ground but it is testing different types of solar cells and other technologies that will be needed in a full-blown orbital power station.

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