



Montevideo energy independence



Overview

One such story is unfolding in Uruguay, a small South American country that has quietly become a world leader in renewable energy. This swift, state-led shift brought not only energy security, but also how the 2008 financial crisis catalyzed a national and political consensus for energy sovereignty. This broad agreement was. While many nations pledge to embrace renewable energy, Uruguay stands out as a beacon of success, having achieved an impressive 98% renewable electricity generation. 5 million residents not only boasts significant beef production but has also transformed its energy. The Climate and Energy Transition Nest of the College of Europe in Natolin has the pleasure to organise a discussion titled: “Moldova: From Energy Full Dependence to Full Independence - How to Achieve the Impossible in One Year” to be delivered by Mr Maciej WOZNIAK, EU Senior Expert to the. This article appears in the April 2025 issue, with the headline “Uruguay's Green Power Revolution. But there have been some notable additions.



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Its energy transition has supported economic, as well as energy sovereignty and 50,000 new jobs (equivalent to 3% of the country's labour force) were created during this transition.⁵ The country is a ...

Uruguay's Renewable Charge: A Small Nation, A Big ...

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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Held up as a case study for successfully transitioning away from fossil fuels, Uruguay now generates up to 98% of its electricity from renewable ...

Uruguay's power grid runs on 98% green energy.

In a typical year, 98% of Uruguay's grid is powered by green ...

Uruguay's green power revolution: rapid shift to wind ...

Xavier Costantini, a partner at the consultancy McKinsey, based in Montevideo, says that the idea that renewable energy is free is a misconception.

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