

VIETNAM ENERGY TRANSITION WEEKLY UPDATE

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Key points

Here are some top news headlines this week

- Vietnam's plan for spending \$15.5 billion for its clean energy transition will be [announced](#) at COP28.
- Vietnam is now in Europe's [sights](#) for investment in energy transition.
- Electrifying commercial transport will [help](#) Vietnam to fulfil its net-zero commitments.
- The Government Office [issued](#) a new directive, urging the finalization of the Action plan for PDP8.

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Generation	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Electricity generation reaches 234 billion kWh in the first ten months of 2023. Of the ten-month total, 107.74 billion kWh was generated from coal thermal power plants, accounting for 46 per cent, 66.74 billion kWh from hydropower plants, or 28.5 per cent, and 31.58 billion kWh from renewable energy, or 13.5 per cent. <div data-bbox="472 972 1101 1356"><p>Total generation in the first 10 months 2023, EVN</p><table border="1"><caption>Total generation in the first 10 months 2023, EVN</caption><thead><tr><th>Source</th><th>Percentage</th></tr></thead><tbody><tr><td>coal</td><td>46%</td></tr><tr><td>gas</td><td>9.8%</td></tr><tr><td>hydro</td><td>28.5%</td></tr><tr><td>RE</td><td>13.5%</td></tr><tr><td>Others</td><td>2.2%</td></tr></tbody></table></div> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• MoIT Minister Nguyen Hong Dien asked prominent state-owned enterprises, namely EVN, PVN, and Vinacomin to strictly implement six solutions for continual power supply in 2024.	Source	Percentage	coal	46%	gas	9.8%	hydro	28.5%	RE	13.5%	Others	2.2%
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Demand	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• According to the National Load Dispatch Center (A0), Vietnam will have enough or even excess electricity in the last two months of 2023. Overall, the country's electricity system will have nearly 4,500 MW of reserve capacity per month for the remainder of this year, A0 said.• Electrifying commercial transport will help Vietnam to fulfil its net-zero commitments. However, there is a need for policy changes, including setting emission standards or quotas for commercial vehicles and as well as supporting research and development of EV technologies.												

Market	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • After the latest power price hike announced by Vietnam Electricity (EVN), many businesses said they are seeking ways to adapt to the new situation. According to EVN, the price hike would increase household electricity bills by between 3,900 VND and 55,600 VND per month, while businesses would have to pay an additional 432,000 VND per month.
Fuel	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Experts at the National Summit on Green Hydrogen in Vietnam recently held in Hanoi as part of Vietnam International Innovation Expo 2023 agreed that Vietnam has great potential to develop a hydrogen energy market. According to the representative from SK E&S, Central and Southern Vietnam are suited to green hydrogen, based on quality solar and wind power resources, while Northern Vietnam can produce blue hydrogen using the infrastructure of the LNG hub.
Grid	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •
Planning/ others	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A plan for how Vietnam will spend \$15.5 billion to transition to cleaner energy has been finalized and will be announced at COP28. • Prime Minister Chinh signed Decision 1447/QD-TTg dated November 22, 2023, to establish the State Steering Committee for important national and key energy projects. • The Singapore Government approved in principle the sale of 1.2GW from a 2.3GW wind farm offshore Vietnam but the latter must come up with a framework to implement the deal within the next year.