

"70 GW solar target for UK is ambitious... but no apologies for that."

In a recent interview Andrew Bowie, Minister for Nuclear & Renewable Energy, highlighted several key points regarding the challenges and opportunities associated with deploying the ambitious target of achieving 70GW of solar energy capacity in the UK by 2035.

Elements Green is pleased to hear the Minister reaffirming the 70GW/2035 target and we are actively supporting the Government's ambitious goals. We are dedicated to bringing substantial investment into UK infrastructure while also taking proactive steps to support skills development through our NG+ programme: https://ngplus.uk/

Firstly, Minister Bowie reiterated the government's support for the 70GW solar
target, emphasizing its importance in driving the country towards a more sustainable and
renewable energy future. Despite the ambitious nature of this goal, he made it clear that
there would be no apologies for setting such a world-leading target for solar deployment

- Addressing the challenges of capacity and grid access, Minister Bowie acknowledged that this remains a key constraint to the speedy deployment of renewable energy sources like solar. However, he expressed confidence in the government's commitment to addressing grid infrastructure and ensuring adequate access for solar projects, both roof-mounted and ground-mounted.
- ☑ Minister Bowie also emphasized the **importance of skills development in the renewable energy sector**, recognizing it as a critical success factor and an opportunity for economic growth. He stressed the need for investing in training and education to cultivate a skilled workforce capable of driving the expansion of the solar industry.
- Furthermore, Minister Bowie expressed pride in the significant foreign direct investment (FDI) flowing into the UK's energy sector but emphasized the **need for even greater investment** to accelerate progress towards renewable energy goals.
- The interview also touched upon the widespread public support for solar energy in the UK, with Minister Bowie acknowledging the positive sentiment towards renewables among the population. He also highlighted the need for improved planning processes to streamline the development and deployment of solar projects.

In conclusion, Minister Bowie's interview shed light on the government's commitment to advancing solar energy in the UK. Despite the challenges ahead, including grid access and skills development, he remained optimistic about the country's ability to meet and exceed its solar energy targets, driving forward the transition to a cleaner, more sustainable energy landscape.

To watch the interview, *Minister Andrew Bowie, Minister for Nuclear & Renewable Energy, and the challenges deploying Solar,* please click the link below.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rHgXhBPd1ZY





