

Press release

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Axpo is making plans for a second alpine solar plant in Ilanz/Glion

Following Axpo's presentation in September 2023 of its plans to build a 15 MWp ground-mounted system in Ilanz/Glion in the canton of Graubünden, the company is now planning to build a second project in the community. This second ground-mounted system is expected to have an installed capacity of around 30 MWp. Axpo aims to generate a total of around 66 gigawatt hours of sustainable electricity in Ilanz/Glion with the two projects, corresponding to the electricity consumption of over 14,000 households.

Axpo is now planning to build two alpine solar projects on Alp da Schnaus and on Alp da Rueun in the municipality of Ilanz/Glion. The two plants will have a combined installed capacity of around 45 megawatt peak (MWp) and are intended to supply sustainable electricity for over 14,000 households in the region. Above all, the alpine plants will produce essential winter electricity.

"Our outstanding partnership with the municipality of Ilanz/Glion marks another key step in our solar offensive and for the energy transition in Switzerland," explains Oliver Hugli, Head of Axpo Solar Switzerland.

"I am delighted that we can rely on the experienced solar expert Axpo for the two projects in our community. With these plants, we are increasing energy security in Switzerland, adding value to the region and bringing the community long-term income for the municipal treasury," says Mayor Marcus Beer.

Axpo informed the population of the Ilanz/Glion municipality about the two intended projects at an information event yesterday. The public will vote on the two projects within the next few weeks. Assuming a positive voting result and a building permit, Axpo will begin the construction of the plants in spring 2025, with partial commissioning expected in late 2025.

15 MWp plant on Alp da Schnaus

The planned solar plant on Alp da Schnaus (project name: "Ovra Solara Camplauns") will have an installed capacity of 15 MWp and cover an area of 200,000 square meters. The plant is expected to produce 22 gigawatt hours (GWh) of sustainable electricity per year, which equates to the electricity consumption of over 4,700 households. What is special about the plant is its integration into the surrounding area, as

it leaves the ski slopes and the hiking and cycling trails undisturbed. After completion, the land will remain usable as pasture, enabling the coexistence of habitat and energy production.

30 MWp plant on Alp da Rueun

“Ovra Solara Rueun”, a 30 MWp ground-mounted system covering an area of around 500,000 square meters, is set to be constructed on Alp da Rueun. The plant is expected to produce around 44 GWh of renewable sustainable electricity, which equates to the electricity consumption of over 9,400 households. As with the plant on Alp da Schnaus, it is being ensured here that the site’s various uses can coexist harmoniously: consideration is being given to existing hiking trails and skiing routes, and alpine pasture management should also still be possible after the solar plant has been built. The plant will also be constructed up to the existing high-voltage line in order to combine the infrastructure.

Further information on the [Axpo solar offensive](#), as well as the alpine solar projects “[Alpin Solar Ybrig](#)”, “[Ovra Solara Magriel](#)” and [NalpSolar](#) communicated as part of the solar offensive, can be found here. Various business units of the Axpo Group have driven the project planning of alpine solar plants forward. The activities have been carried out under consistent management since the middle of the year.

About Axpo:

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