

Driving change on a local level. Mitigation policies in Gran Canaria



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The Canary Islands: An outermost region 1,000 km from mainland Europe with 2.2 million inhabitants



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- Gran Canaria: 866,000 inhabitants
- 4,000,000 tourists per year
- Photovoltaic generation 73.55 MW
- Wind generation: 293.30 MW





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Cabildo Focus Areas (*Energy and Climate Agency)





The "ecoisland" vision of Gran Canaria





Climate Change Adaptation Strategy Circular Economy Strategy Finalizing the Energy Transition Agenda



Co-funded by the European Union Accelerating and mainstreaming transformative MATure-based solutions enhance result Bence to climate change for diverse bio-geographical European





Installed capacity in 2022

- 24.8% of installed power is renewable
- Renewable capacity: 300 MW
- Fossil capacity:
 906 MW



Total emissions in tCO2 by sector in Gran Canaria

Over 50% in buildings and industry

- Municipal buildings and facilities 5%.
- Tertiary buildings and facilities 17%.
- Residential buildings and facilities 24%
- Industry 5%
- Municipal transport 0%
- Public transport 1%
- Private transport 36%
- Waste 10%
- Other (buildings and primary equipment) 2%

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Evolution of CO2 emissions (electricity sector)





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SELF-CONSUMPTION IN GRAN CANARIA





PHOTOVOLTAIC SELF-CONSUMPTION IN GRAN CANARIA









Use less energy. We need to reduce demand and use what we really need efficiently Transition to renewables. e.g. wind, solar, biofuel Flexibility and storage. We need to be able to store electricity and use it more flexibly.





The President's commitment to make Gran Canaria a net zero carbon island by 2040 means we must work at a greater scale and pace than ever before.

Innovation opportunities have been seized to test offshore technologies, such as floating offshore wind, and hydrogen infrastructure

This will require large scale transformation by 2040, requiring new approaches, greater coordination, faster action, citizen engagement, and substantial flows of public and private capital.



How? "Ecoisland vision"

With mitigation and adaptation policies

Circular economy

Community engagement



Covenant of Mayors for Climate and Energy An integrated approach that fits our vision of "ecoisland".





Rooftop solar power in island government buildings



Hogar Maternal (Jul 2022) 10 kW 18.000 kWh/año 10,42 tCO2eq/año



38.600 kWh/año 29,84 tCO2eg/año



Residencia Taliarte (Oct 2022) 400 kW 762.407 kWh/año 487,98 tCO2eq/año

3.117 MW photovoltaic capacity 3,352.87 tons of CO2 equivalent avoided



Casa Palacio + Edificio de Cristal (May 2021) 120 kW 206.944 kWh/año 121,43 tCO2eq/año

Institución Ferial de Canarias (INFECAR) (Oct 2022) 179 kW 228.296 kWh/año 35,40 tCO2eq/año



Teatro Cuyás (Dic 2022) 15 kW 28.860 kWh/año 16,71 tCO2eg/año



Comarca 2 (Jun 2023) 55 kW 109.178 kWh/año 63,21 tCO2eg/año



Comarca 4 (Jun 2023) 770 kW 1.412.270 kWh/año 817,70 tCO2eq/año



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ECOPARQUE Gran Canaria Norte (Dic 2023) 1.284 kW 2.400.000 kWh/año 1.389,60 tCO2eq/año



We have also submitted a proposal for energy efficiency in public and private buildings in the last Life call



The authorised project will take advantage of the fact that there are two large inland reservoirs (the Chira and Soria dams) located on the island in order to build between them a 200-MW pumped-storage hydroelectric power station (equivalent to approximately 36% of the peak demand of the island of Gran Canaria) and an energy storage capacity of 3.5 GWh. Additionally, the project includes the construction of a seawater desalination plant and the associated marine works, as well as the necessary facilities for connection to the transmission grid.





Island network of charging points for electric cars

- 47 points managed by the island government
- Capacities of 22 kW, 50 kW and 360 kW
- 40 kms maximum distance between recharging points





Collective self-consumption and renewable energy communities Office for Community Transformation and Energy Transition of Gran Canaria

4 citizen energy communities

2 industrial energy community (cooperative and non profit organization

Energy community project in a vulnerable area (Las Remudas)

Next call for tenders planned:

Digital platform to manage energy communities (energy trading, efficiency, storage)

- CE Ciudadana Siete Palmas
- CE Ciudadana Telde
- CE Ciudadana Playa de Inglés
- CE Ciudadana Bco. de Arguineguín
- CE Energética Industrial (Cooperative) PI Arinaga
- CE CE Energética Industrial







Innovative projects. Agrovolaics. Energy community management.

Agrivoltaics- A European Interreg proposal submitted

- In GC land is scarce and, thus, a highly valuable resource.
- Increases farmers' income, diversifies their economy, converting farming into a more attractive sector.
- This is especially important in regions where farming has decreased over the last decades, favouring e.g. the tourism sector in opposition to the primary sector, compromising food sovereignty in isolated regions, such as the Canary Islands.







Innovative projects. Deep geothermal project.

13.2 million euros grant obtained to develop deeper studies and three boreholes at 2.5 km depth

• Public-private consortium









Innovative projects. Open-cycle saltwater hydropumping in the north of Gran Canaria

Storage project 70 MW capacity

- Submitted to a call for proposals for hydropumping with Next Generation funds
- Public-private consortium







State and regional action is essential to set the framework and make the big decisions, but the complexity of the green transition in our 21 municipalities, localities and neighborhoods cannot be managed from so high up, since the transition will be different in each place and requires actions on the "battle front".

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Thank you for your attention

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