

# How is the profit of photovoltaic panel construction

Do solar photovoltaic energy benefits outweigh the costs?

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#### Why do solar panels cost so much?

The only additional cost factors are the upfront costs of installing a solar system and the fossil fuel electricity costs needed when solar doesn't cover all energy needs. While the most efficient solar panels on the market today have efficiency ratings as high as 23%, the majority of panels range from a 15% to 20% efficiency rate.

## How profitable is a photovoltaic installation?

In order to demonstrate the profitability of the photovoltaic installation, it was assumed that the average price of electricity (including electricity sales and distribution fee) in 2020 was 0.5622 PLN/kWh , and its year-on-year increase will be 3.5% [23, 35].

## How does a photovoltaic system produce electricity?

The use of solar energyprovided by a photovoltaic system is indispensable for the production of electricity. It uses photovoltaic cells made of a semiconductor material which conducts an electric charge under the influence of solar radiation. The most commonly used semiconductor for the production of cells is silicon.

#### Why does PV power cost so much?

The drop in the price paid for utility-scale PV power stems in part from how electricity is bought and sold on wholesale electricity markets. On the "day-ahead" market, generators and customers submit bids specifying how much they'll sell or buy at various price levels at a given hour on the following day.

## Why should we invest in photovoltaic panels?

There is the necessity to develop environmentally friendly technologies. Atmospheric conditions affect the electricity production by photovoltaic panels. The source of investment financing affects time of its return. PI and CCE are one of the investment profitability indicators.



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