

Plans to boost small-scale renewable projects in Canada

Canada is moving towards a European-style approach to boosting small-scale deployment of renewable energy projects with Ontario's provincial government committing to pay CAN42 cents for every kWh of electricity that comes from small solar electricity systems. It will also pay 11 cents for electricity from wind, biomass and small hydro systems that don't exceed 10 MW. The Government's program, which offers simple 20-year contracts, is open to any business, organisation, co-operative and homeowner that can connect their project to the grid. The government hopes the program will attract 1,000 MW of power over 10 years, or enough to supply electricity to 250,000 homes. But renewable energy experts say the potential is significantly higher if Ontario can generate similar interest to Germany and Denmark, where similar rebate programs have created thousands of jobs in the solar and wind industries.

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