

# Press release

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## Axpo plans another alpine solar plant in Ilanz/Glion

**Axpo is pushing forward with its solar offensive in Switzerland, which was launched in 2022, and is planning to build an approximately 15-MWp ground-mounted installation in Ilanz/Glion in the canton of Graubünden. According to current planning, the plant is expected to generate around 22 gigawatt hours of sustainable electricity per year, a significant amount of which will be generated in the cold winter months. The project is intended to be a model of how nature, leisure activities and energy production can be combined.**

Axpo is planning the construction of an alpine solar plant in the municipality of Ilanz/Glion with an installed capacity of around 15 megawatt peak (MWp) on an area of around 200,000 square metres. "Ovra Solara Camplauns" – as the project is called – is expected to produce around 22 gigawatt hours (GWh) of sustainable electricity per year, which corresponds to the average electricity consumption of over 4,700 households.

"The partnership with the municipality of Ilanz/Glion for the 'Ovra Solara Camplauns' project marks another important step in our solar offensive," explains Oliver Hugi, Head Solar Switzerland at Axpo. "We are delighted about the collaboration and the opportunity to work together for more local, sustainably produced electricity. This co-operation highlights our desire to advance the expansion of renewable energies and reconcile them with the needs of the community." The president of the municipality, Marcus Beer, also considers the realisation of the project to be a unique opportunity to generate long-term income for the municipality's finances and to contribute to sustainable electricity security in Switzerland.

The population of the Ilanz/Glion municipality was informed about "Ovra Solara Camplauns" at an information event yesterday. They will be able to vote on the project in the next few months. Following positive voting results, Axpo will finalise the project planning. Construction of the plant would start in spring 2025 and partial commissioning would be expected at the end of 2025.

### **Nature, leisure activities and energy production**

The plant is not just another important project in the Swiss energy transition, but also sets new standards in combined space usage. A corridor for the ski slope from the Crap Masegn mountain station to Ladir will continue to run through the area on the Alp da Schnaus. Similarly, a hiking and biking route path is also planned in the

project area. A sufficient safety distance from the solar panels is guaranteed to ensure that both the ski slope and the hiking and biking route can be used without restrictions.

The land will continue to be usable as pasture even once the plant construction is complete. This design enables nature and leisure activities to coexist with energy production.

### **Accelerated procedures to boost renewable energies**

A significant increase in domestic, environmentally friendly electricity generation is required to ensure the security of energy supply in Switzerland. This is the only way for Switzerland to fill the potential gap of around 50 terawatt hours by 2050. However, the approval processes still create a significant hurdle. In order to generate sufficient renewable energy, the processes must be further simplified and accelerated. Axpo is having constructive discussions with politicians to advocate for suitable framework conditions.

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.

### **About Axpo:**

Axpo's ambition is to provide a sustainable future for society through innovative energy solutions. Axpo is Switzerland's largest producer of renewable energy and an international pioneer in energy trading and the marketing of solar and wind power. The company has more than 6,000 employees who combine experience and expertise with a passion for innovation and the shared search for ever-better solutions. Axpo relies on innovative technologies to meet the ever-changing needs of its customers in over 30 countries in Europe, North America and Asia.

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