

THE MONTH'S FIGURE

53 GWc

This is the potential energy that could be supplied thanks to the rollout of solar energy panels in brownfield and parking areas in France.

In a recently revealed survey, ADEME looked at the solar panel operating potential of brownfield and parking areas in France and the prospects are encouraging! In point of fact the survey reveals that the estimated operating potential of these areas is 53 GWc. Compared with this, the solar panel power installed in France in 2018 represented 9 GWc.



This survey enabled 17,764 sites to be found that are suitable for the installation of a solar park or photovoltaic power station, whether these be brownfield sites that can accommodate stations at ground level or car parks where solar panels could be installed without affecting their operation. Such sites exist all over France with a greater concentration found near to the big urban areas (Île de France, Gironde) or in former industrial regions (North and East).

The total potential energy identified – 53GWc - represents 6 times the solar panel power installed to date. 93% of this is on brownfield sites and 7% on car parks. The great majority of these sites represent modest energy sources: 70% of them have an estimated potential of between 0.5 and 2.5MWc.

For more information, go to the ADEME website: <http://bit.ly/2MJgCh5>