

Electric vehicle policy morocco

Morocco has grown into a car manufacturing juggernaut over the past fifteen years, positioning itself strategically between East and West as the automotive industry transitions to electric vehicles. The country supplies more cars to Europe than China, India or Japan through new highways and an expanded port in Tangier.

Casablanca - The electric vehicle (EV) market in Morocco has made significant strides in 2023, with a notable increase in market share despite facing substantial challenges. The sector, which includes both fully electric vehicles (BEVs) and plug-in hybrids, saw its market share rise by 50% to reach 0.6%. However, this growth still falls short ...

By the end of 2023, Morocco's automotive landscape featured a total of 6,646,028 vehicles, including 2,936,528 passenger cars, 2,481,486 motorbikes, and 1,228,014 commercial vehicles. Battery electric vehicles (BEVs) totaled approximately 1,457, and hybrid electric vehicles 24,176, supported by about 290 charging stations.

electric mobility is hindered by four types of barriers: o Economic: EVs have higher upfront costs compared to internal combustion engines (ICE), which leads to higher investments to be sustained by the private sector; o Technical: Electric mobility development is strictly dependent on Battery Energy Storage Systems

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People inspect electric vehicles made by Chinese automaker BYD during an auto fair in Jakarta, Indonesia, Wednesday, June 19, 2024. Investment in electric vehicle manufacturing is booming in Morocco, a country that neighbors Europe and enjoys a free trade agreement with the United States. That's partially because Chinese firms see it as a side door to access the U.S. market and new Biden administration subsidies designed to shut them out. (AP Photo/Achmad Ibrahim)

FILE - A Renault factory is visible on the outskirts of Tangier, Morocco, April 29, 2024. Investment in electric vehicle manufacturing is booming in Morocco, a country that neighbors Europe and enjoys a free trade agreement with the United States. (AP Photo, File)

FILE - Workers assemble vehicle parts on a production line inside Renault factory, on the outskirts of Tangier, Morocco, April 29, 2024. Investment in electric vehicle manufacturing is booming in Morocco, a country that neighbors Europe and enjoys a free trade agreement with the United States. (AP Photo, File)

TANGIERS, Morocco (AP) -- After the United States passed new subsidies designed to boost domestic electric vehicle production and cut into Beijing's supply chain dominance, Chinese manufacturers began investing in an unlikely place: Morocco.

In the rolling hills near Tangiers and in industrial parks near the Atlantic Ocean, they have announced plans for new factories to make parts for EVs that may qualify for \$7,500 credits to car buyers in the United States.

Similar investments have been announced in other countries that share free trade agreements with the United States, including South Korea and Mexico.

At least eight Chinese battery makers have announced new investments in the North African kingdom since President Joe Biden signed the Inflation Reduction Act, the \$430 billion U.S. law designed to fight climate change, according to an Associated Press tally.

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