

Installed solar panels should generate over 30,000 kWh of green energy per year per station. The largest Romanian oil and gas company OMV Petrom, a part of Austrian OMV Group, has installed solar panels at 33 petrol stations within the OMV network and at 7 stations within the Petrom network in order to supply them with green energy and to reduce conventional energy consumption. Thanks to these investments of some 1.3 million euros, over 10 % of the electricity needs of these petrol stations will be covered by solar energy. Radu Caprau, a member of the Management Board of OMV Petrom responsible for the Downstream Oil activity, said that the company has continuing concern to reduce its carbon footprint in all business segments, including refining and distribution. This year it continued environmentally friendly initiatives, including the installation of solar panels at petrol stations. The plan is to increase the number stations equipped with solar panels to 78 by the end of the year.

With the help of electricity produced by solar panels, each station will help reduce its carbon footprint by 8.3 tons of carbon dioxide emissions annually. Basically, the carbon reductions in the 40 stations are equivalent to recycling more than 3 million plastic recipients.