

# European energy storage

What does the European Commission say about energy storage?

The Commission adopted in March 2023 a list of recommendations to ensure greater deployment of energy storage, accompanied by a staff working document, providing an outlook of the EU's current regulatory, market, and financing framework for storage and identifies barriers, opportunities and best practices for its development and deployment.

Why is energy storage important in the EU?

It can also facilitate the electrification of different economic sectors, notably buildings and transport. The main energy storage method in the EU is by far 'pumped hydro' storage, but battery storage projects are rising. A variety of new technologies to store energy are also rapidly developing and becoming increasingly market-competitive.

Is energy storage the key to decarbonising the EU energy system?

The Commission has published today a series of recommendations on energy storage, with concrete actions that EU countries can take to ensure its greater deployment. Analysis has shown that storage is key to decarbonising the EU energy system.

How much energy storage capacity does the EU need?

These studies point to more than 200 GW and 600 GW of energy storage capacity by 2030 and 2050 respectively (from roughly 60 GW in 2022, mainly in the form of pumped hydro storage). The EU needs a strong, sustainable, and resilient industrial value chain for energy-storage technologies.

What is the European Association for storage of Energy (EASE)?

.....\*\*\* About EASE: The European Association for Storage of Energy (EASE) is the leading member-supported association representing organisations active across the entire energy storage value chain. EASE supports the deployment of energy storage to further the cost-effective transition to a resilient,

How much energy storage will Europe have in 2022?

Many European energy-storage markets are growing strongly, with 2.8 GW (3.3 GWh) of utility-scale energy storage newly deployed in 2022, giving an estimated total of more than 9 GWh. Looking forward, the International Energy Agency (IEA) expects global installed storage capacity to expand by 56% in the next 5 years to reach over 270 GW by 2026.

The Market Monitor is based on the most extensive database of European energy storage projects. The database of over 2,600 projects includes detailed data on current installations by customer segment (residential, C&I and front-of-meter) across 24 European countries, future projects and forecasts to 2030.

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energy shifting technologies, and including existing storage capacity of approximately 60 GW in Europe, mainly PHS). By 2050, it is estimated at least 600 GW of energy storage will be needed in the energy system.

An appropriate deployment of energy storage technologies is of primary importance for the transition towards an energy system. For that reason, this database has been created as a complement for the Study on energy storage - contribution to the security of the electricity supply in Europe.. The database includes three different approaches:

Energy storage is an essential enabler of the energy transition. In the past decades, Europe has shifted from an energy system dominated by centralised fossil fuel generation that can be dispatched to match energy consumption at all times, to a system with more and more renewables. Energy storage supports Europe in this transition.

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According to data from the European Energy Storage Association (EASE), new energy storage installations in Europe reached approximately 4.5GW in 2022. Among these, utility-scale ESS installations accounted for 2GW, representing 44% of the total power. EASE predicts that in 2023, new European energy storage installations will surpass 6GW, with ...

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