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# Advantages of Czech battery energy storage system



## Overview

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High-capacity battery storage systems can perform like small power plants – responding within milliseconds, producing no emissions, requiring no fuel, and taking up minimal space. Will a battery storage system help Czech companies achieve net zero?

The high penetration of renewable generation projects in the region could deliver a large amount of clean energy and really accelerate the journey to net zero, but at the moment Czech companies are not in a position to reap the full benefits of solar and other renewable energy sources. To do so, battery storage will be essential.

Why is Czech energy-accumulation so expensive?

According to the report, the main reason is the regulatory framework biased in favor of classical energy models. The Czech Republic is no exception. It is fair to say that none of available energy-accumulation technology is perfect yet, and cost-effectiveness can be reached under specific conditions only.

How has the energy crisis impacted the Czech Republic?

With coal dominating the energy mix, the Czech Republic has traditionally enjoyed low electricity prices and a steady supply of domestic fuel. However, the recent energy crisis, together with pressure from stakeholders and regulatory bodies to decarbonise, has triggered an unprecedented shift in the country's energy market.

Is the Czech Republic ready for pumped-storage hydroelectric power plants?

Bulk energy storage is currently dominated by hydroelectric dams, both conventional as well as pumped. There are six localities considered for new pumped-storage hydroelectric power plants in the Czech Republic but public acceptance presents a challenge. Front-of-meter installations in the Czech Republic are mired in regulations.

What incentives are there for onsite generation in the Czech Republic?

At the same time, stakeholder and regulatory pressure encouraged Czech organisations to invest in renewable power. There are several EU incentives to spur the growth of onsite generation. For example, the Modernisation Fund supports investments in energy efficiency, storage, network upgrades and the re-skilling of workers.

How does the Czech government cope with higher energy bills?

Unlike other European countries, the Czech Government has traditionally relied on the market to self-regulate, avoiding state intervention. This means that as prices rose, consumers and businesses had to cope with higher energy bills.

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