

## SolarTech Power Solutions

# Czech Republic low-cost high-reliability energy storage



## Overview

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The Czech Republic addresses the challenge of energy storage through 1. investment in advanced technologies, 2. the development of renewable energy sources, 3. governmental policies promoting efficiency, and 4. collaborative efforts with European nations. 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 will the Czech electricity storage scheme do in 2025?

In an announcement released on March 7, 2025, the executive arm of the European Union said that the Czech scheme will support the installation of at least 1.5 GWh of new electricity storage facilities. The measure will be open to all storage technologies directly connected to the transmission network or distribution network.

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 will Czech state aid help a net-zero economy?

The aid will take form of direct grants which will cover up to 50% of the investment cost of supported projects. From ESS News The European Commission (EC) has authorized a €279 million (\$303 million) Czech state aid scheme to support investment into electricity storage facilities and foster the transition towards a net-zero economy.

Why are Czech businesses investing in renewable projects without subsidies?

The subsidy increases to cover up to 75% of costs for community projects. But what we noticed at Wattstor is that Czech businesses are investing in renewable projects even in the absence of subsidies, because they have realised the strong business case for generating clean energy on site.

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