

## SolarTech Power Solutions

# Italian home energy storage recommendations



## Overview

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PNIEC envisages the 2030 energy storage scenario to consist of 8 GW of hydroelectric pumping systems (most of which are already in place), 4GW of distributed energy storage systems (i.e. smaller scale storage systems integrated with residential, mostly photovoltaic plants - many of these distributed energy storage systems are also already in place) and 11GW of stand-alone utility scale storage facilities (which need to be developed). Does Italy need electricity storage?

As Italy's energy mix is increasingly composed of variable renewable energy sources, electricity storage will be needed to integrate power generated by renewables into the national grid and make it available when sun and wind energy are not accessible.

Is there a need for energy storage solutions in Italy?

Local industry contacts, as well as U.S. sector firms, have also indicated to Post that there is a need for energy storage solutions in Italy.

Are battery energy storage systems needed in Italy?

Therefore, battery energy storage systems (BESS) are needed in Italy. The Italian market for BESS is growing rapidly and currently amounts to 2.3 GW but it almost exclusively consists of residential scale systems, associated with small scale solar plants, having a capacity of less than 20 kWh.

What is Italy's energy storage structure?

Italy's energy storage structure is also dominated by residential storage, which accounts for more than 80% of new installations. In December 2023, the EU greenlit Italy's energy storage program, earmarking a hefty investment of €17.7 billion.

How will Italy develop utility-scale electricity storage facilities?

To develop utility-scale electricity storage facilities, the Italian Government set

up a scheme that was approved by the European Commission at the end of 2023. Italy will promote investments in utility scale electricity storage to reach at least 70 GWh, and worth over Euro 17 bn, in the next ten years.

How much will Italy's energy storage program cost in 2023?

In December 2023, the EU greenlit Italy's energy storage program, earmarking a hefty investment of €17.7 billion. This initiative is anticipated to facilitate the construction of over 9GW/71GWh of energy storage systems (ESS).

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