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Spanish energy storage batteries



Overview

What is Spain's battery storage market?

Spain's battery storage market is dominated by customer-sited systems. Utility-scale storage remains nascent. Currently, Spain's storage market is mainly composed of small-scale batteries co-located with solar PV. Spain's household electricity prices now stand at over EUR 0.30/kWh on average.

Why do we need battery energy storage systems in Spain?

Due to the large capacity of installed hydroelectric and thermal storage systems and the resilience of the Spanish power grid, the need for Battery Energy Storage Systems (BESS) in Spain has been relatively low. The lack of a clear regulatory framework for BESS has also hindered its development in Spain so far.

How much energy storage capacity does Spain have?

When it comes to installed energy storage capacity in general, Spain is one of the leading countries within Europe (see figure 2). Currently, Spain has 6.3GW of hydroelectric and 1GW of thermal storage capacity installed. In fact, the non-BESS storage capacity in Spain is higher than in any other European country.

What is Spain's energy storage program?

For stakeholders in battery storage, thermal storage, and pumped hydro, this program offers not only financial backing but also long-term stability and political support. Spain has launched a €700 million energy storage program to support battery, thermal, and pumped hydro projects, aiming to deploy 2.5–3.5 GW of capacity.

Which wind farm has the first battery storage system in Spain?

The Elgea-Urkilla wind farm, located in Araba (Basque Country), has the first battery storage system in a wind farm in Spain. This type of storage system

collects the energy produced by the wind and has an installed power of 5MW and 5 MWh of storage capacity. It is the first green hydrogen plant in Europe.

Does Spain need a Bess energy system?

Currently, Spain has 6.3GW of hydroelectric and 1GW of thermal storage capacity installed. In fact, the non-BESS storage capacity in Spain is higher than in any other European country. As a result, the need for BESS to integrate renewable energy sources into the electricity system is less immediate than in the UK, for example.

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