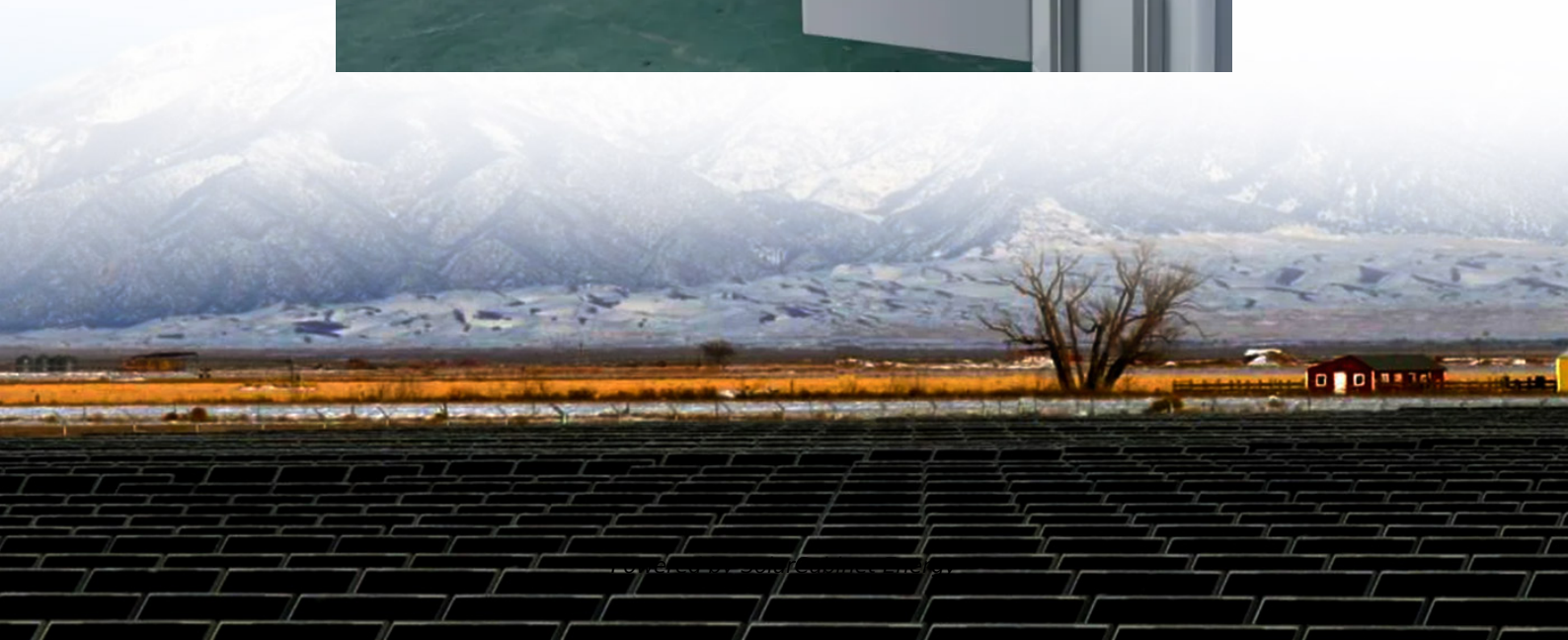


Belgium s new energy storage policy





Overview

What is Belgium's energy policy?

With the publication of the Belgian Federal, Flemish, and Walloon government agreements, Belgium's energy policy has taken shape, emphasising pragmatism, energy security, industrial competitiveness, and a clear return to nuclear power.

What is the energy storage project in Belgium?

The main energy storage project in Belgium is the construction and operation of an offshore "energy atoll" (essentially a manmade offshore pumped-storage facility), for which the Electricity Act has been modified in 2014 (see below), in order to support offshore wind-generated electricity production.

Does Belgium need a new energy industry?

Belgium clearly has a long way to go with its energy priorities. Most of the clean energy that we use is imported. We really need to build an industry fit for the future with the energy systems to supply it. Belgium will never be a leader in building batteries or solar panels; Chinese industry is far too powerful on this front.

Can solar panels be installed on Belgian electricity grids?

Synergrid, the federation of Belgian electricity and gas transmission and distribution system operators, will soon allow solar panels and household battery energy storage systems with a plug and socket to be deployed on the country's electricity distribution grids.

Does Belgium have a nuclear energy policy?

However, there is also a clear renewed commitment to nuclear energy, targeting a 4-gigawatt share in the electricity mix. Contrary to previous policies, nuclear energy will play a crucial role in Belgium's future energy policy.



How much storage capacity does Belgium need in 2020?

The need for storage capacity in Belgium is expected to increase from 7 GW to 12 GW in 2020.



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