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Overview

What is the European energy storage inventory?

In March 2025, the Commission launched the European Energy Storage Inventory, a real-time dashboard that displays energy storage levels across different European countries. It is the first European-level tool of its kind and offers energy storage data across a full range of technologies.

Why is energy storage important in the EU?

It can also facilitate the electrification of different economic sectors, notably buildings and transport. The main energy storage method in the EU is by far 'pumped hydro' storage, but battery storage projects are rising. A variety of new technologies to store energy are also rapidly developing and becoming increasingly market-competitive.

How many energy storage projects are there in Europe?

The goal is to list all planned and operational energy storage projects in Europe by location and technology. The dashboard can be filtered by country, project status and technology. It lists 32 countries and is led by Germany, with 472 projects. It is followed by the United Kingdom (455 projects), Spain (147 projects) and Italy (112 projects).

What is the European Commission doing about energy storage?

The European Commission in 2020 published a study on energy storage, which summarized some previous studies and reports, explored current and potential energy storage markets in Europe, and set out policy and regulatory recommendations for energy storage.

Should energy storage be regulated in Europe?

As renewable energy continues to expand in Europe, energy storage must keep pace to ensure the grid remains flexible and stable. The Energy Storage Coalition urges the European Commission to develop an Action Plan on Energy



Storage, providing much-needed regulatory clarity and supporting Member States in scaling up energy storage capacity.

What are EU energy storage initiatives?

EU energy storage initiatives are a key part of advancing energy security and the transition toward a carbon-neutral economy, improving energy efficiency, and integrating renewable energy sources into electricity systems, and can play an integral role in balancing power grids and saving surplus energy.



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