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Battery Energy Storage in Spain



Overview

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.

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.

Can battery storage systems be retrofitted in Spain?

The first solution is battery storage systems that enable peak shift, i.e. feeding electricity into the grid at times when the wholesale price is higher, usually before and after sunset. Fortunately, the retrofitting of battery storage systems in Spain is unproblematic from a regulatory perspective.

What is the future of energy storage in Spain?

In conclusion, the legislative landscape for BESS in Spain is evolving to support the country's ambitious renewable energy targets. While challenges remain, the combination of supportive policies, financial incentives, and technological innovation bodes well for the future of energy storage in Spain.

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.

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.

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