

# Estonia's first batch of new energy storage projects

When will Estonia's first energy storage project start?

Estonia's first long-duration energy storage project, Zero Terrain Paldiski, obtained the main building permits in December 2022. Construction of the country's first pumped-hydro storage plant will begin in 2025.

Where is Estonia's largest battery storage facility located?

The flagship battery storage project commenced operations on February 1, only days before cutting ties with the Russian power grid. Estonian state-owned energy company Eesti Energia has inaugurated the nation's largest battery energy storage facility at the Auvere industrial complex in Ida-Viru County.

When will Estonia's first pumped-hydro storage plant start?

Construction of the country's first pumped-hydro storage plant will begin in 2025. During the nominal operating cycle of 12 hours, Zero Terrain Paldiski generates 6GWh of power to the grid, which is somewhat more than the average daily consumption of all Estonian households.

What is Estonia's Auvere Bess project?

Estonia's Auvere BESS project is designed to participate in both the electricity exchange and other energy markets to ensure the security of electricity supply. According to Eesti Energia board member Kristjan Kuhi, the battery is able to respond very effectively to fluctuations in the power system.

Why did Latvia start a battery storage project in 2024?

Previously, in November 2024, Latvia activated its first utility-scale battery storage project in preparation for the decoupling from Russian grid. The 10 MW/20 MWh BESS was added to its 58.8 MW Targale Wind Park, which has been operating since 2022, and supplied by Chinese company Hoymiles.

How does Eesti Energia's battery work?

According to Eesti Energia board member Kristjan Kuhi, the battery is able to respond very effectively to fluctuations in the power system. "This modern capacity significantly reduces the costs of balancing the Baltic electricity system and thus the end price for the consumer," Kuhi said.

Estonia's first large-scale energy storage project, Zero Terrain, has received an official permit and construction can go ahead. Developed by Energiasalv, the 550 MW underground pumped ...



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