

Should Greece invest in energy storage facilities?

Currently there is a growing interest for investments in storage facilities in Greece. Licensed projects mostly consist of Li-ion battery energy storage systems (BESS), either stand-alone or integrated in PVs, as well as PHS facilities .

Will Greece install 900 MW of storage by 2030?

According to the Greek National Energy and Climate Plan (NECP), the nation aims to install 4.3 GW of storage by 2030. Thus far, 900 MW has been allocated via the Greek Regulatory Authority for Energy, Waste, and Water (RAAEY) tenders. Therefore, the remaining share would be delivered under the new plan but without any subsidy support.

How long should energy storage be in a Greek power system?

Considering the energy arbitrage and flexibility needs of the Greek power system, a mix of short (~2 MWh/MW) and longer (>6 MWh/MW) duration storages has been identified as optimal. In the short run, storage is primarily needed for balancing services and to a smaller degree for limited energy arbitrage.

Why is Greece focusing on energy storage?

Greece has been actively focusing on energy storage since the emergence of the RES "boom" in 2020. The country recognised the pivotal role of energy storage in the energy transition and emphasised its importance in the first iteration of the country's National Energy and Climate Plan in 2019.

How much power will Greece have by 2030?

The government now aims for 2.65 GW of battery projects on the transmission grid and a further 900 MW on the distribution grid. According to the Greek National Energy and Climate Plan (NECP), the nation aims to install 4.3 GW of storage by 2030.

How will the European Commission fund 900 MW of energy storage?

The European Commission has approved the Greek state's funding initiative for 900 MW of energy storage. Under the state aid rules, EUR 341 million will be allocated to grid-connected electricity energy storage systems in the form of an investment grant during project construction, followed by annual support during the first ten years of operation.

This article highlights key steps recently taken by the Greek State as regards the legal/regulatory framework and appropriate State aid schemes, to kickstart electricity storage activity and allow ...

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