

Are battery energy storage systems needed in Italy?

Therefore, battery energy storage systems (BESS) are needed in Italy. The Italian market for BESS is growing rapidly and currently amounts to 2.3 GW but it almost exclusively consists of residential scale systems, associated with small scale solar plants, having an average capacity of less than 20 kWh.

How does Italy guarantee a long-term supply system of new storage capacity?

The Italian legislator has acted to guarantee a long-term supply system of new storage capacity by introducing a mechanism based on competitive, transparent and non-discriminatory auctions. The system recognises the right to an annual remuneration, in exchange for the provision of the awarded capacity as part of the national energy market.

What is utility-scale energy storage?

The simultaneous deployment of utility-scale energy storage is in fact functional for the management of the electricity system, specifically to ensure the security, flexibility and integration of renewable energy sources into the national electricity system through time shifting and dispatching services.

Will Italy achieve 30-40 GW of battery storage capacity by 2050?

By 2050, Italy aims to achieve 30-40 GW of storage capacity. There are significant regional differences in the adoption of battery storage systems across the country. While most distributed battery adoption is occurring in the north, most of the larger-scale storage projects are in the south and on Italy's largest island, Sardinia.

How many storage systems are there in Italy?

More specifically, 311,189 storage systems were present in Italy in mid-2023, with a total power of 2,329 MW and a maximum capacity of 3,946 MWh.

Why is Customer-Sited storage so popular in Italy?

Customer-sited storage adoption has been mainly driven by a combination of high electricity prices and generous tax incentives. For utility-scale systems, Italy has established favourable electricity market rules that enable projects to earn revenues from a range of different sources.

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