

# Current status of energy storage industry overseas

Is China entering a new era of energy storage demand?

Mainland China accounts for most of the global energy storage demand, driven in the near term by regional requirements for new utility-scale wind and solar projects to include energy storage capacity. However, the Chinese market is entering an era of change.

What is the future of energy storage?

Global installed energy storage is on a steep upward trajectory. From just under 0.5 terawatts (TW) in 2024, total capacity is expected to rise ninefold to over 4 TW by 2040, driven by battery energy storage systems (BESS). Last year saw a record-breaking 200 gigawatt-hours (GWh) of new BESS projects coming online, a growth rate of 80%.

What will energy storage be like in 2024?

In 2024, the global energy storage is set to add more than 100 gigawatt-hours of capacity for the first time. The uptick will be largely driven by the growth in China, which will once again be the largest energy storage market globally.

How can manufacturers capitalize on energy storage trends?

To capitalize on this trend, manufacturers should focus on market insights and plan for new opportunities. Developing energy storage has become a global consensus. It was announced at COP29 in late 2024 that global storage capacity will increase to 1,500 GW by 2030, more than six times the 2022 level.

Which country will have the highest energy storage capacity by 2026?

From an international perspective, the IEA estimates that China will have the highest installed electrochemical energy storage capacity by 2026, accounting for 22% of the global total. By then, China will be on a par with Europe and outstrip the US by 7 percentage points (Figure 5).

How has cost decline impacted energy storage?

This trend may highlight that the cost decline over the past few years has driven energy storage into an era of accelerated diversification in the global market. The European energy storage market added 19.1 GWh of installed capacity in 2024, up 12.4% YoY, with drastic changes in the ESS landscape throughout the year.



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