

# Expected ROI of portable ESS system project in Spain 2025

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.

How many Bess projects are there in Spain?

In March 2025, UK companies Renewco and Atlantica announced the development of up to 2.2GW of BESS projects across Spain. Other projects in the pipeline primarily involve storage co-located with solar or wind generation. According to BloombergNEF, the total capacity currently in the BESS pipeline is around 3GW.

What is Spain's regulatory framework for energy storage?

Spain's regulatory framework for BESS is set in its Strategy for Energy Storage. The Strategy identifies the required regulatory measures - such as grid access, market structure, and addressing double tolling - that are currently needed to ensure the deployment of a solid energy storage market.

Does Spain need a Bess energy system?

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. As a result, the need for BESS to integrate renewable energy sources into the electricity system is less immediate than in the UK, for example.

Why did BW ESS move to Spain?

For BW ESS, a firm with a growing global portfolio across the UK, Australia, and other parts of Europe, the move into Spain is a calculated one. "We have a common objective to improve Spain's grid resilience and support the market's ambitious energy storage growth targets," said Isaac Garcia Moreno, Executive Director of BW ESS.

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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