



# Italian energy storage project suspended

When will Italy's first energy storage capacity procurement mechanism be postponed?

Italian transmission system operator (TSO) Terna said that Italy's first energy storage capacity procurement mechanism (MACSE) will be postponed until September 2025. Italian TSO Terna has decided to postpone its first auction for the procurement of energy storage capacity until later this year.

Does Italy need electricity storage?

As Italy's energy mix is increasingly composed of variable renewable energy sources, electricity storage will be needed to integrate power generated by renewables into the national grid and make it available when sun and wind energy are not accessible.

How much will Italy's energy storage program cost in 2023?

In December 2023, the EU greenlit Italy's energy storage program, earmarking a hefty investment of EUR17.7 billion. This initiative is anticipated to facilitate the construction of over 9GW/71GWh of energy storage systems (ESS).

Is there a need for energy storage solutions in Italy?

Local industry contacts, as well as U.S. sector firms, have also indicated to Post that there is a need for energy storage solutions in Italy.

How will Italy develop utility-scale electricity storage facilities?

To develop utility-scale electricity storage facilities, the Italian Government set up a scheme that was approved by the European Commission at the end of 2023. Italy will promote investments in utility scale electricity storage to reach at least 70 GWh, and worth over Euro 17 bn, in the next ten years.

What is Italy's energy storage structure?

Italy's energy storage structure is also dominated by residential storage, which accounts for more than 80% of new installations. In December 2023, the EU greenlit Italy's energy storage program, earmarking a hefty investment of EUR17.7 billion.

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