

# What is energy storage design in Italy

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.

Why is energy storage important in Italy?

In addition, electricity storage is critical to avoid congestion in the power grids since most of the renewable production originates in Southern Italy but is consumed mostly in the north. Therefore, PNIEC also provides for the installation of new energy storage infrastructure with the aim of reaching 22.5 GW of installed storage capacity by 2030.

How many energy storage systems are there in Italy?

Italy concluded the year 2023 with an impressive tally of 518,947 energy storage systems (ESS) integrated into the grid, marking a notable surge from the preceding year. According to data sourced from ITALIA SOLARE and Terna, these systems collectively wielded a power capacity of 3.37 GW and boasted a storage capacity amounting to 6.65 GWh.

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 a capacity of less than 20 kWh.

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.

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 EUR 17.7 billion. This initiative is anticipated to facilitate the construction of over 9GW/71GWh of energy storage systems (ESS).

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