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Spain s power system energy storage capacity





Overview

Energy storage emerged as a notable component of Spain's renewable energy expansion in the second quarter of 2025, with seven energy storage plants receiving construction authorization totaling 29.3 MW, according to data from the Renewable Energy Observatory for the Digital Economy developed by Opina 360. 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.

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.

Why is energy storage important in Spain?

Spain surpassed its 2020 target set by the Renewable Energy Directive, achieving a RES share that was 1.2 percentage points higher than the 20% goal. Energy storage also reduces the need for fossil fuel power plants to operate as backup. This lowers greenhouse gas emissions and cuts fuel costs.

How much energy storage will Spain have by 2030?

In its National Energy and Climate Plan (NECP), the Spanish government aims to have 22.5GW of energy storage by 2030 (see table 1). This amount of storage capacity will be needed to integrate the growing capacity of intermittent generation.

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.

How many GW of hydro capacity does Spain have?

Spain operates 17 GW of hydro capacity plus 3.3 GW of pumped storage. These assets have historically provided: Seasonal energy storage in reservoirs. Asset owners optimise based on the water value, considering power prices months into the future. Pumped Hydro responds to wholesale market price signals.



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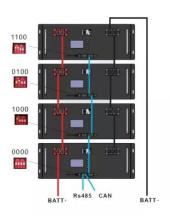
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