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Scale of household energy storage facilities in Greece





Overview

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Considering the energy arbitrage and flexibility needs of the Greek power system, a mix of short (~2 MWh/MW) and longer (>6 MWh/MW) duration storages has been identified as optimal. In the short run, storage is primarily needed for balancing services and to a smaller degree for limited energy arbitrage.

How many storage plants are there in Greece?

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How does storage work on Greece's islands?

The introduction and development of storage on Greece's islands that are that are not connected to the mainland power system is quite different, as it is currently only possible via hybrid stations (i.e. virtual production stations consisting of renewable energy resources and storage units operating as single distribution entities).

Should Greece invest in energy storage facilities?

Currently there is a growing interest for investments in storage facilities in Greece. Licensed projects mostly consist of Li-ion battery energy storage systems (BESS), either stand-alone or integrated in PVs, as well as PHS facilities.

How is storage developing in Greece?



The development of storage in Greece has only just begun: this year has been the big "kick-start" and there is now a common understanding of the needs and requirements and the steps to be taken to ensure an adequate identification and prioritization of all necessary actions.

Will res stations be regulated in Greece in 2021?

1 During 2020-2021, Greece has experienced a new explosion of licensing interest for RES stations. The application to the Regulator in mid-2021 exceeded 9000 MW, with most of them having already acquired Electricity Producer Attestation (EPA), far beyond the needs of our national system.



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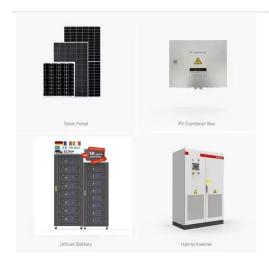
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