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Swiss wind and solar energy storage power station



Overview

Which energy storage projects have been commissioned in Switzerland?

Axpo commissioned its BESS in February this year while utility Thurplus commissioned a 3MW system in September last year. But Switzerland was the location for one of the largest energy storage projects commissioned in recent years, a 20GWh pumped hydro energy storage (PHES) unit which started operations in June 2022 in the Canton of Valais.

Can gravity-based batteries help wind and solar power plants reach their full potential?

For wind and solar power plants to reach their full potential, they need storage systems. A Swiss start-up is introducing a gravity-based battery solution. It is an extraordinary energy storage facility that has recently been completed in the Rudong district of Shanghai, China.

Is MW storage the country's largest battery storage project?

MW Storage is a developer of BESS projects which is also active in the German market, with a 100MW/200MWh project underway that it claimed is the country's largest. The inauguration ceremony for the BESS project. Image: EWS AG. EWS AG and MW Storage have expanded a battery storage project in Switzerland to 28MW, making it the country's largest.

Where is the gravity energy storage system based?

The research and development of the gravity energy storage system has been based in Ticino and operational since 2019 with its own R&D centre. The commercial demonstration unit has been connected to the Swiss national utility grid and used for two years of testing and software commissioning.

How many MWh can a grid-scale energy storage system store?

Several projects are currently under way in China and the US, totalling 915 megawatt hours (MWh) of energy storage. The company's first commercial

grid-scale project using its proprietary gravity energy storage technology in Rudong, near Shanghai, was connected to the grid in December 2023 and can store up to 100 MWh.

What is gravity energy storage system (GESS)?

The blocks weigh several tonnes and are controlled by special AI-powered software. Instead of using chemicals as in a conventional battery, the building uses gravity to store energy. Experts call this a Gravity Energy Storage System (GESS) and it is seen as a potential game changer for clean energy systems.

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