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UK Energy Storage



Overview

From mountainous pumped hydro to cutting-edge cryogenic and compressed air technologies, the UK is deploying a broad portfolio of energy storage solutions to ensure energy security, decarbonisation, and grid resilience. How has energy storage changed in the UK?

RenewableUK's 'EnergyPulse' energy storage report showed that the total pipeline of battery projects has increased from 50.3GW a year ago to 84.8GW, an increase of 68.6 per cent, or 34.5GW. Operational battery storage capacity has grown to 3.5GW, while the capacity of projects under construction has reached 3.8GW.

How much battery storage capacity does the UK have?

The UK's total battery storage project pipeline currently contains a total of 127GW of capacity. Figure 1 demonstrates the amount of capacity at each development stage as a proportion of the total pipeline. 8% of the capacity pipeline in the UK is operational or under construction, with 31% approved and yet to begin construction.

Will UK energy storage build the UK's largest hydrogen storage site?

UK Energy Storage will build the UK's largest Hydrogen storage site, with up to 2 billion cubic metres of hydrogen capacity providing up to 20% of the UK's predicted hydrogen storage needs in 2035.

Will the UK add more energy storage capacity in 2022-2031?

Wood Mackenzie has predicted that the UK will add 25.68GWh of new grid-scale energy storage capacity during the period 2022-2031, more than twice the amount that will be added by Europe's second fastest-growing market, Italy. More due diligence required in future.

How can electricity be stored?

Electricity can be stored in a variety of ways, including in batteries, by

compressing air, by making hydrogen using electrolyzers, or as heat. Storing hydrogen in solution-mined salt caverns will be the best way to meet the long-term storage need as it has the lowest cost per unit of energy storage capacity.

Could energy storage save £10 billion a year?

The Department for Business, Energy & Industrial Strategy has said that technologies “such as electricity storage could save up to £10 billion per year by 2050 by reducing the amount of generation and network needed to decarbonise and create 24,000 jobs”. Which are the 5 biggest UK energy storage projects?

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