

Why is Greece launching a battery storage auction?

Initially a response to the COVID 19 pandemic, the focus has pivoted to support Greece's green energy transition. The storage auctions themselves require further approval under EU State aid rules. The pipeline of prospective battery storage projects now approaches 27GW, with over 500 projects granted a storage license.

Can a battery storage plant be built in Greece?

An increasing number of local and foreign companies are interested in building energy storage facilities in sun-loving Greece using battery technology. In fact, the Regulatory Authority for Energy (RAE) has been receiving applications for permits concerning battery storage plants.

How many GW of solar power will a solar battery support?

These batteries are expected to accompany 14.1 GW of solar capacity, 7.1 GW of onshore wind capacity, and 2.7 GW of offshore wind capacity. To maintain grid stability and the smooth absorption of such volumes of renewable energy, that scale of battery capacity is to be expected.

What opportunities are there for storage in Greece?

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What is Greece's new solar subsidy program?

His geographic area of expertise includes Europe and the MENA region. Greece's Ministry of Environment and Energy has revealed a new EUR200 million (\$215.3 million) subsidy program for solar projects and small storage systems in the residential and agricultural segments. The scheme is backed by the country's post-pandemic recovery plan.

How much battery storage will Europe have by 2030?

However, based on current policies, the country looks set to hit only 4.8GW of operational battery storage capacity by 2030, as shown in the above infographic from LCP Delta's STOREtrack market intelligence platform covering energy storage across Europe.

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Greece's goal is to reach about 3.5 GW in battery storage by 2030 to support its ever-increasing renewables fleet. So far, the first two auctions for standalone batteries have been completed and the third one is expected by the end of this year.

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