

What's going on with battery energy storage in Italy?

Since it went to press, regulators in Italy approved new auction rules for grid-scale storage and gave the green light to a 200MW/800MWh battery energy storage system (BESS) project from UK developer Aura Power, while Eni Plenitude brought a 15MW BESS online.

Why is battery technology important in Italy?

"As Italy continues its renewable energy transition, battery technology stands to play a hugely important role in supporting established clean energy generators, through its ability to manage intermittency issues and associated price fluctuations" said Francesco Cacciabue, Global Head of Clean Energy Investments at Nuveen Infrastructure.

How many MW of battery storage projects are being developed in Italy?

Fund managers investing in clean energy Nuveen Infrastructure (formerly Glenmont Partners) and independent renewables asset management and development firm Exus Renewables have agreed to co-develop around 800 MW of battery storage projects in southern Italy, with each company co-developing a portfolio of around 400 MW of projects.

Is there a real energy transition in Italy?

There can be no real energy transition in Italy without electricity storage systems. And here Enel Green Power is also playing a leading role, particularly in battery energy storage systems (BESS), which are increasingly efficient and competitive, thanks to technological innovation.

Could Italy's grid-scale battery storage market see a massive expansion?

Grid-scale battery storage | Cameron Murray writes about the nascent market for large-scale battery storage in Italy, which could see a massive expansion in the short term. Italy's grid-scale energy storage market: a sleeping dragon
Render of a co-located battery storage project in Italy from Innovo Group. Credit: Innovo Storage smart power

Is Italy a good place to start a battery industry?

Today, Italy holds significant opportunity for the modern battery industry, with its strategic location and highly skilled workforce. Italy has a rich industrial heritage, especially as a hub of Europe's automotive industry, offering access to a large, skilled workforce.

BESS, or battery energy storage systems, are an essential element of the energy transition: the Enel Group is playing an important role in the growth of the sector, in Italy and in the other countries where it is present.
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The planned energy storage system (ESS) will pair a gravity energy storage system (GESS) with a battery.

The hybrid ESS (HESS) will be deployed within 500-meter-deep mine shafts, along with Energy Vault's proprietary, VaultOS energy management software, the companies said in a release, adding that the proposed site would be wholly owned and ...

But, many more are coming, as Energy-Storage.news explored in a special feature for Vol.35 of PV Tech Power, Solar Media's quarterly technical journal for the downstream solar and storage industries. While the first half was one of growth, the second quarter saw the first sequential fall in deployments in nine quarters.

Enel Green Power will start building 1.6GW of battery storage projects in Italy this quarter, with the country's utility-scale market expected to soar in the next three years. ...

The new market rules will allow grid operator Terna to run large-scale energy storage auctions. Terna will now run a consultation with the industry on the proposed new auction system and the first auctions should take place in late 2023/early 2024, two developers interviewed for a special feature in PV Tech Power (Vol.35) (Premium access) recently told ...

Energy storage is the capture of energy for use at a later time, and a battery energy storage system is a form of energy storage. Battery energy storage has a variety of useful applications, such as balancing energy demand and supply for either the short or long term. This ensures the grid operates more efficiently.

NEC Corporation has commissioned a 2MWh lithium-ion battery energy storage system designed to ease the integration of renewable energy into the grid for Italian distribution system operator (DSO) Enel Distribuzione. ... Samsung SDI and Italian renewable energy producer Green Utility. Similar in scope to the collaboration between NEC and Enel ...

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This is the second deep dive in our four-part series that explores why battery-based energy storage is key to addressing Southern Europe's grid flexibility challenges. This article delves into the intricacies of the Italian energy market and how the current high reliance on gas-fired power generation puts the country's decarbonization targets at risk and impacts ...

Transmission system operator (TSO) Terna estimates Italy will need 9GW/71GWh of new energy storage to integrate its growing renewables pipeline, an average duration of just under 8 hours. That duration will be split between battery energy storage system (BESS) and select pumped hydro energy storage (PHES) projects, though even on the BESS ...

Figures by industry group Italia Solare put the current size of the Italian energy storage sector at approximately 450MW of total installed capacity. ... participants have identified permitting issues as the main

obstacle to greater growth in Italy's battery storage sector.

Australian developer reveals plans for giant 3.4 GWh battery project Libra Energy has unveiled its first major Australian renewables project, announcing plans to build an 850 MW/3.4 GWh battery energy storage system in southeast Queensland to help soak up excess solar energy and stabilize grid supply and demand during peak hours.

Following the 70MW being delivered by NHOA Energy in the context of the Fast Reserve Units, the award of this project confirms NHOA Energy's capability to design systems able to provide all the different energy storage services in the Italian market and paves the road for additional deployments in sight of the future storage auctions to reach the 2030 ...

Energy storage analysts at TrendForce said that the energy storage market in Italy is expected to enter the peak period of large storage grid connection in the second half of the year. Italy's new energy storage capacity is expected to reach 2.5GW/6.2GWh in 2024, +25%/61% year-on-year.

Battery energy storage refers to employing electrochemical batteries for energy storage. Spinning reserve in generating plants, load balancing at substations, and peak shaving on the customer side of the meter are the three main uses for battery energy storage systems.. Technologies for battery storage are crucial to accelerating the transition from fossil fuels to ...

This latest move in energy storage for Nuveen Infrastructure comes after their entry into the market in 2023 with the announcement of the construction of a 30 MW BESS project in Finland. This project will use Alfen's top of the line The Battery Elements battery storage system built in a modular design, and capable of storing 41 MWh of energy.

With three different technology providers on the panel, it made sense to unpick the topic of technologies for the auction too. The MACSE auction has stipulated that 90% of the funding will go to either lithium-ion battery energy storage system (BESS) or pumped hydro energy storage (PHES), with 10% allocated for "other technologies".

The developer for all projects will be an undisclosed Italian developer specialising in battery storage systems. The project will use Alfen's The Battery Elements battery storage system built in a modular design, capable of storing 41MWh of energy. Construction on the first projects in the portfolio is planned to begin in Q4 2026.

Italian startup Energy Dome has now begun to commercialize the world's first CO2 Battery, which was launched earlier this month in Sardinia, Italy. The battery uses carbon ...

Octopus Energy and Nexta Capital Partners have announced the creation of a joint venture in the Italian energy storage market. The JV is set to develop up to 1.5GW of commercial scale battery storage systems across multiple projects, mainly in the south of the country. This will help Italy meet its decarbonisation goals,

with the aim of having 65% of the ...

Energy Dome, an Italian energy storage technology company founded in 2019, announced the close of its \$11M Series A fundraise. The company will use the proceeds to complete the construction of its CO2 Battery demonstration project in Sardinia, Italy, and to accelerate the growth of the business.

Overall, the fundamentals of the Italian energy storage market are robust enough to support the projection of Italy becoming Europe's third-largest energy storage market by 2030 when the share of renewables in the country's energy mix reaches 65% (Energy Storage News, 2023).

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Italy's transmission system operator Terna has awarded five-year contracts for battery energy storage systems (BESS) to provide Fast Reserve grid services in an oversubscribed pilot auction. After Terna rolled out its plans for the pilot towards the beginning of this year, the Italian regulator approved the auction and the first one was held ...

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