

# Spain s power generation side energy storage













### **Overview**

How will Spain increase its energy storage capacity?

Spain has launched an ambitious €700 million (around \$796 million) program to increase its energy storage capacity. This plan will add 2.5 to 3.5 gigawatts (GW) of storage. It includes pumped hydro, thermal energy storage, and battery systems.

What is energy storage in Spain?

It targets large-scale energy storage projects in Spain. It focuses on technologies like standalone battery energy storage systems (BESS), pumped hydro energy storage (PHES), and thermal energy storage. The program supports hybrid projects, which combine storage with renewable energy, such as solar or wind farms.

Why do we need battery energy storage systems in Spain?

Due to the large capacity of installed hydroelectric and thermal storage systems and the resilience of the Spanish power grid, the need for Battery Energy Storage Systems (BESS) in Spain has been relatively low. The lack of a clear regulatory framework for BESS has also hindered its development in Spain so far.

What will Spain's energy plan look like in 2030?

By 2030, Spain expects to install 22.5 GW of energy storage projects, including included battery energy storage, pumped hydropower and solar thermal plants. The plan also aims for 76 GW of solar power, 62 GW of wind power, which includes 3 GW of offshore wind, along with 1.4 GW of biomass projects.

How much energy storage will Spain have by 2030?

In its National Energy and Climate Plan (NECP), the Spanish government aims to have 22.5GW of energy storage by 2030 (see table 1). This amount of



storage capacity will be needed to integrate the growing capacity of intermittent generation.

Why should Spain invest in energy storage?

Investing in energy storage helps Spain meet its climate goals. This includes achieving carbon neutrality by 2050. Storing renewable energy instead of wasting it helps the country rely less on fossil fuels. This also cuts down greenhouse gas emissions. Pumped hydro, thermal storage, and battery systems are effective technologies.



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### Major Breakthrough in Spain's Energy Storage Policy: Energy Storage

This grants them legal support equivalent to power generation facilities in land acquisition and permitting processes, marking a major breakthrough in Spain's energy storage ...

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#### Top five energy storage projects in Spain

Global energy storage capacity was estimated to have reached 36,735MW by the end of 2022 and is forecasted to grow to 353,880MW by 2030. Spain had 88MW of capacity in ...

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## Spain hits 65.8 GW of solar projects with grid permits in March

The approved capacity includes 65.8 GW of PV arrays, 2.58 GW of hybrid clean energy projects, 8.95 GW of batteries, and 2.75 GW of pumped-hydro storage capacity. ...

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### Renewable energy projects in Spain: leading Europe's green ...

From massive solar farms in Extremadura to wind turbines in Galicia, Spain is proving that ambition, policy, and investment can drive rapid and sustainable energy ...







### Spain sets new 2030 energy storage target of 22.5 GW

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An underdeveloped power grid, not a rapid buildout of solar panels, was the mostly likely cause of the devastating blackout that hit Spain and Portugal April 28, even ...

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### Spain second country in world for standalone battery-based ...

Renewable generation is now joined by storage projects, and Spain occupies a prominent place as the country with the second largest projected capacity for stand-alone ...

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### Iberdrola switches on 210 GWh Spanish pumped hydro-battery ...

Iberdrola Spain has begun commissioning the 225 MW Valdecañas pumped hydro energy storage (PHES) plant and expects to begin work on another, 1.8 GW site, in Ourense, ...

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#### Iberia: Why are there no batteries in Spain?

Spain's battery energy storage market is at a critical point. Despite being a leader in renewable energy deployment in Europe, the country has only 18 MW of standalone batteries installed, ...

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### Iberian Peninsula Blackout: How the April 28, 2025 Outage ...

Overview of the Iberian Blackout On April 28, 2025, a massive power outage swept across the Iberian Peninsula, plunging most of Spain and all of Portugal into darkness. The ...

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### Spain increases energy storage target in NECP to 22.5GW by 2030

Spain's renewable energy targets included in the NECP have changed quickly, and this is not only apparent at the downstream level. The country aims to launch a ...

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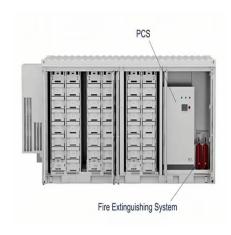


#### Spain GES2024

Without storage, as studies indicate, Spain's renewable energy curtailment rate could reach 5% during 2025-2035 (Montel, 2023). The Spanish power system's grid-scale storage is limited to ...

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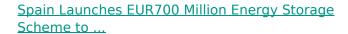




### Spain Targets 20GW of Energy Storage by 2030 As Part of New ...

Spain's government has approved an energy storage strategy that it says will put the country "at the forefront" of what is being done in Europe and help it move towards its 2050 ...

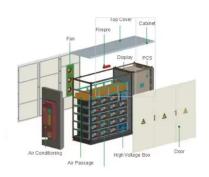
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The latest scheme is also expected to strengthen domestic industrial capacity to produce, assemble, and maintain storage technologies, following Spain's success in wind and ...

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### The capacity market in Spain: regulatory update and outlook for storage

Update from Carlos Redondo, Deputy Director General of Electric Energy, Ministry for the Ecological Transition and the Demographic Challenge The capacity market is a ...

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### Spain's EUR700 Million Plan to Boost Energy Storage and Renewable Power

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