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Overview

Greek utility PPC Group has officially broken ground on a hybrid solar and battery energy storage system (BESS) on the island of Astypalea, aiming to cover more than 80% of local electricity demand with clean energy and significantly reduce CO₂ emissions. Should Greece invest in energy storage facilities?

Currently there is a growing interest for investments in storage facilities in Greece. Licensed projects mostly consist of Li-ion battery energy storage systems (BESS), either stand-alone or integrated in PVs, as well as PHS facilities .

Will Greece install 900 MW of storage by 2030?

According to the Greek National Energy and Climate Plan (NECP), the nation aims to install 4.3 GW of storage by 2030. Thus far, 900 MW has been allocated via the Greek Regulatory Authority for Energy, Waste, and Water (RAAEY) tenders. Therefore, the remaining share would be delivered under the new plan but without any subsidy support.

How long should energy storage be in a Greek power system?

Considering the energy arbitrage and flexibility needs of the Greek power system, a mix of short (~2 MWh/MW) and longer (>6 MWh/MW) duration storages has been identified as optimal. In the short run, storage is primarily needed for balancing services and to a smaller degree for limited energy arbitrage.

How much power will Greece have by 2030?

The government now aims for 2.65 GW of battery projects on the transmission grid and a further 900 MW on the distribution grid. According to the Greek National Energy and Climate Plan (NECP), the nation aims to install 4.3 GW of storage by 2030.

How many storage plants are there in Greece?

Currently there are four (4) storage plants operating in Greece, two open-loop pumped-hydro storage (PHS) stations in the mainland (700 MW in total) and two small hybrid RES-storage stations in non-interconnected islands (just 3 MW).

Is electricity storage a prerequisite for decarbonization of the power sector?

Even though electricity storage is recognized as a prerequisite for the decarbonization of the power sector, the development of storage facilities is still facing legal/regulatory barriers and investment feasibility concerns.

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