

How much will Romania spend on battery energy storage systems?

The Romanian government has allocated EUR 103.5 million (\$108.6 million) to support investments in battery energy storage systems and deliver at least 240 MW/480 MWh by 2025. The government of Romania is looking to support the deployment of commercial and industrial (C&I) battery energy storage systems (BESS) to the tune of EUR 103.5 million.

Which energy storage technologies will not play a major role in Romania?

Other storage technologies, particularly those based on mechanical or kinetic energy, such as compressed air storage (CAES) and flywheels, will likely not play a major role in the Romanian energy sector in the short to medium-term and can, at most, be limited to niche applications requiring long-term storage.

Does Romania need a strategy for energy storage?

Based on the EU context and planning a significant uptake of renewable energy sources in its electricity mix over the following decades, Romania must also develop a strategy for the deployment of energy storage technologies.

Does Romania have a battery industry?

Presently, the only operational projects in the country are two BESS systems operated by Portugal's EDPR, with a total capacity of around 1.5 MWh. However, Romania has big battery manufacturing ambitions and plans to have a 2 GW battery industry by the end of 2025.

What are some examples of energy security issues in Romania?

One example is Romania's NECP, which at first did not address storage technology. The updated version of 2020 was marginally improved in this respect, listing 'developing storage capacities' as an instrument to improve energy security, but lacking detail on the storage capacity to be developed until 2030.

Does Romania have a storage policy?

In response to EU Regulation 2019/943, which clarifies the role of storage and its ownership status, the Romanian authorities transposed in Law 155/2020 (amending Energy Law 123/2012) specific provisions related to new storage facilities and their management rules.

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The uptake of storage technologies, such as pumped hydropower, batteries of utility- and household-scale, electrolyzers, as well as thermal storage, will receive added support through the EU's commitment to promote energy system integration (European Commission 2020a).

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The project attempts to assess the current technical potential, regulatory framework, and estimated investment needs for commercially mature energy storage facilities in Romania, while also analysing the potential of different storage technologies, considering the domestic context.

Romania aims to have at least 2.5 GW of battery energy storage systems (BESS) in operation by next year and to surpass 5 GW of capacity by 2026 under a plan that is seen to help it cope with high energy prices.

TagEnergy to build France's largest battery, 240MW/480MWh TagEnergy will develop and manage the Cernay-lès-Reims project, which is scheduled for grid connection in late 2025. It will have a storage capacity nearly five times larger than France's current largest operational battery.

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Romania has launched a new subsidy scheme for behind-the-meter battery energy storage systems to the tune of EUR150 million (\$158 million). With the funding secured from the Modernization Fund, the Ministry of Energy launched the competitive bidding call on Tuesday.

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