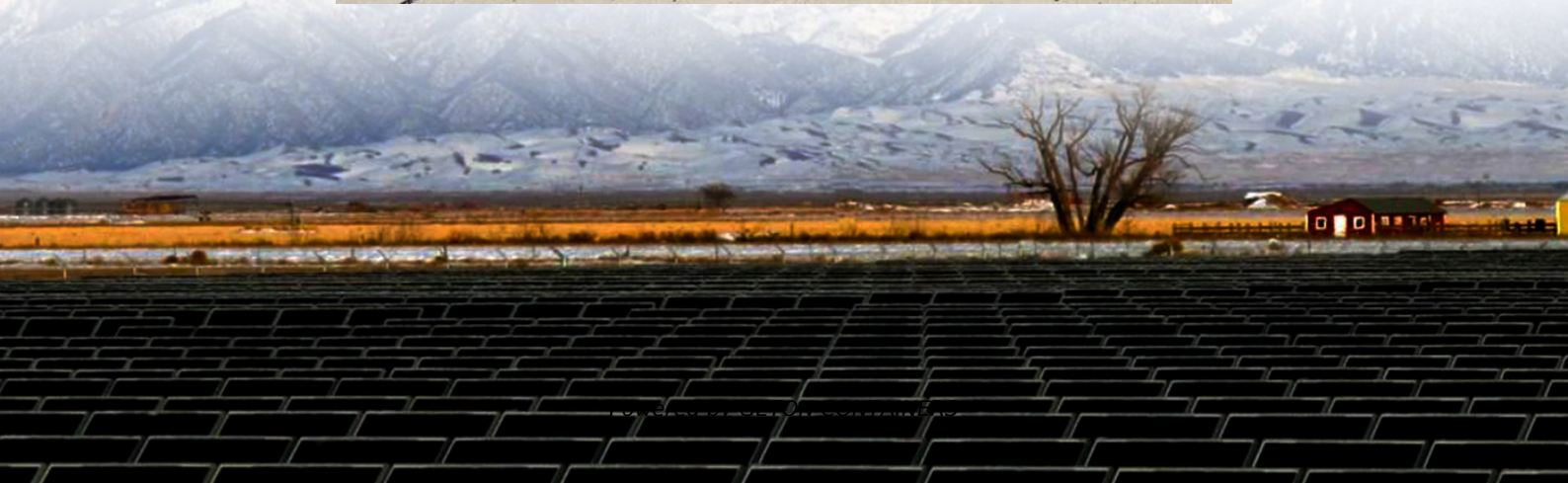


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## Overview

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How can European policymakers help the battery storage sector?

Recommendations How can European policymakers help the battery storage sector? Battery storage systems are essential for strengthening the EU's energy security and competitiveness by enhancing flexibility, providing ancillary services to secure the grid, maximising the use of renewable energy, and effectively dealing with energy price volatility.

How does energy storage work in the EU?

The main energy storage method in the EU is by far 'pumped storage hydropower', which works by pumping water into reservoirs when there is an electricity surplus in the grid - for example on a sunny or windy day - and releasing it when more energy is needed.

How big is the battery storage capacity in Europe?

The operating battery storage capacity reached 49.1 GWh at the end of 2024. Over the past 4 years, the enlargement of Europe's BESS fleet has intensified, achieving a CAGR of nearly 100%, whereas from 2018-2021, the average annual increase remained below 50%. Thanks to this upswing during the last 4 years, the battery storage capacity in Europe is.

Why are European households turning to solar & battery storage systems?

Number of European households turned to solar PV and battery storage systems. This shift also aligned with efforts to lower carbon emissions. However, demand for residential solar and storage quickly outpaced supply, hampered by a widespread shortage of qualified



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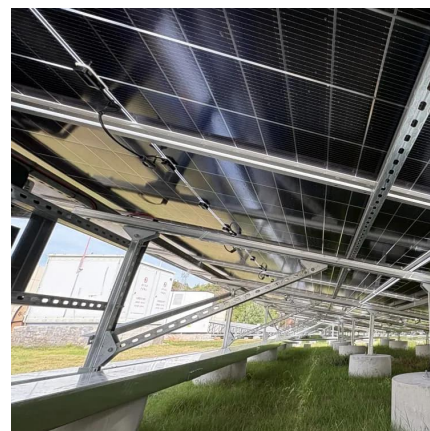
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