

## Poland benefits of energy storage

The energy storage projects we encounter on the Polish market are of great diversity, ranging from battery storage facilities with relatively small total installed capacities, through contracts focusing on the joint development of specific technologies (hydrogen, ammonia) for commercial use, to large energy storage facilities within pumped ...

The electricity storage support scheme aims to facilitate the reduction of fossil fuel use and the increased penetration of renewable energy on the Polish grid. Systems with 4MWh capacity or higher will be eligible, connected to either transmission or distribution networks at all voltage levels.

Every Pole who has photovoltaics on his or her roof will strive to install energy storage - just to reduce the number of micro-installation shutdowns and increase self-consumption of energy (instead of selling it). There are already over 1 million micro-PV installations connected to the grid installed on individual houses roofs.

The amendment aims to eliminate of barriers to develop energy storage systems and create the conditions for their expansion in Poland. The draft Act amending the Energy Law Act, which has been adopted by the Government, introduces comprehensive solutions for the operation and development of energy storage systems in Poland.

Poland, Europe's tenth-largest economy, is set to become a hotbed of energy storage project development as the share of renewable energy on its grid soars. The country built out a record 1.2 GW of onshore wind power in 2023, according to industry body WindEurope, bringing its total installed capacity to around 9.4 GW.

That is a massive increase from the 197 MW of capacity, spread across 99 projects, that LCP Delta's STOREtrack database lists for 2024. All these existing projects are front-of-meter schemes and 95 use lithium-ion battery technology.

The initiative is set to support the installation of at least 5.4GW of new electricity storage capacity.

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Approved under the State aid Temporary Crisis and Transition Framework (TCTF), the scheme aligns with the commission's objectives, as set out on 9 March 2023, and subsequently amended on 20 November 2023 and 2 May 2024.

The Polish government notified the commission of its intent to utilise the TCTF for this purpose.

The funding for the scheme will come from a combination of the Modernisation Fund and the Recovery and



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Resilience Facility, following the EC's positive assessment of Poland's Recovery and Resilience Plan and its formal adoption by the European Council.

The primary goal of the scheme is to minimise Poland's electricity system's dependence on fossil fuels and to enhance the integration of variable renewable energy sources into the national grid.

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