

As Italy's energy mix is increasingly composed of variable renewable energy sources, electricity storage will be needed to integrate power generated by renewables into the national grid and make it available when sun and wind energy are not accessible.

Are battery energy storage systems needed in Italy?

Therefore, battery energy storage systems (BESS) are needed in Italy. The Italian market for BESS is growing rapidly and currently amounts to 2.3 GW but it almost exclusively consists of residential scale systems, associated with small scale solar plants, having a capacity of less than 20 kWh.

Is Italy a good market for large-scale energy storage?

Alongside the MACSE auction, they touched on grid, project development and opportunities for software and optimisation providers. Mahael Fedele, Partner, CEO of Sphera Energy, said that Italy has several unique characteristics that make it an exciting market for large-scale storage. "The country obviously needs energy storage.

How will Italy develop utility-scale electricity storage facilities?

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Can banks finance energy storage in Italy?

Paolo Sereni,COO and head of storage for developer Renera Energy,also agreed,pointing out that the Italian market has not seen any bank financing for energy storage,yet. "It will be interesting to see how the banks' experience in wind and solar translates into storage."





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The MACSE auction will provide 15-year contracts for energy storage projects whereby they will be paid annual premiums to cover operating costs in exchange for making their capacity available on the Dispatching Services Market (acronymised in Italian as MSD). It will be led by transmission system operator (TSO) Terna.



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