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Overview

Could energy storage transform Ireland's energy system?

If this pipeline was built out, the report states that Ireland could capture all of that wasted energy, further reducing our reliance on fossil fuels, and driving down energy costs for consumers. "Energy storage solutions can transform our electricity system for the better," said Bobby Smith, head of Energy Storage Ireland.

When will long duration energy storage be available in Ireland?

The Irish Electricity Storage Policy Framework, published after this data was collected, indicates that an immediate route to market for 500 MW of long duration energy storage is currently being developed, with further studies planned to support long duration storage from 2030 to 2040 (Government Of Ireland 2024a).

Does Ireland need more energy storage?

This study documents industry perspectives from Ireland, a country which requires a significant increase in the development of energy storage due to security of supply concerns, its isolation from Europe's central transmission network and its reliance on wind energy as a primary intermittent renewable energy resource.

Which energy storage companies are working in Ireland?

Statkraft delivered the first energy storage project in Ireland with Fluence in 2020, at its Kilathmoy wind farm and the company has continued to have a strong presence in the Irish energy storage field since then. The company is also lining up another milestone project soon, with the country's first four-hour duration energy storage system.

Is Ireland going in the right direction for energy storage?

"Ireland is going in the right direction as regards energy storage — we're

good, but we could be a whole lot better,” he explains. “Essentially, we have around 1 gigawatt on the island of Ireland today, and that has been quite a good success story in terms of building out batteries and what they can do in benefits to the electricity grid.

How much wind energy is wasted in Ireland?

According to Energy Storage Ireland, 14% of all wind energy generated in Ireland last year was wasted due to lack of storage. Ireland's energy storage could increase eightfold by 2035, according to a new report by Energy Storage Ireland.

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