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Overview

Global energy storage platform provider Powin LLC and Galp, Portugal's leading integrated energy company, have partnered to install a utility-scale battery energy storage system (BESS) at one of Galp's solar power plants near Alcoutim, a small village in the country's sunny southern region of the Algarve, where Galp operates several projects with a combined capacity of 144 MW. Can a solar photovoltaic system integrate energy storage in Portugal?

The configuration of a solar photovoltaic system integrating energy storage in Portugal is yet unclear in the technical, energetic and economic point of view. The energy management jointly with the battery operation have great influence in the system configuration's profitability value.

Why is Portugal launching a solar energy storage project?

This initiative aims to enhance the flexibility and stability of Portugal's power supply system amid its record-breaking solar electricity production. On July 31, the ministry announced the allocation of €99.75 million through a call for tenders to install energy storage projects totaling 500 MW.

What does Portugal's energy policy mean for the energy sector?

The Portuguese Ministry of Energy has allocated €100 million for grid flexibility and energy storage projects to be completed by the end of 2025. This initiative aims to enhance the flexibility and stability of Portugal's power supply system amid its record-breaking solar electricity production.

Can storage replace thermal generation in Portugal?

The pursuit of economic viability by storage facility owners will inherently lead to charging during low-cost hours and discharging during hours that are more economically attractive. Storage can replace thermal generation in constraint markets, easing the grid and supporting Portugal's 2040 phase-out target.

How many PV power installations are there in Portugal?

Four PV power installations are studied, namely 0.50 kWp, 0.75 kWp, 1.50 kWp and 3.45 kWp, either off-grid or grid-connected, for three different Portuguese locations – Évora, Porto and the Azores archipelago.

Where in Portugal will a solar power plant be installed?

The main supplier and distributor of electricity in Portugal, EDP, has presented plans to install the first PV plant (3.8 MW) coupled with lead-acid batteries storage, focused on self-consumption, in Castanheira do Ribatejo and Azambuja .

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