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Overview

Latvia’s transmission system operator Augstsprieguma tīkls (AST) has commissioned two utility-scale battery energy storage systems (BESS) in Rēzekne and Tume, describing the milestone as the final step in synchronizing the Baltic power grids with continental Europe.Where is the first battery energy storage system in Latvia?

On November 1 Latvia’s largest wind energy producer Utilitas Wind opened the first utility-scale battery energy storage battery system in Latvia with a total power of 10 MW and capacity of 20 MWh in Targale, Ventspils region.

Why are energy storage systems important in Latvia?

Energy storage systems are an essential element of Latvia’s path towards a sustainable and energy-independent future. The importance of these technologies is being recognized and invested in by a growing number of companies and public institutions.

Who is responsible for the energy transition in Latvia?

Local authorities are responsible for municipal energy supply and renewable energy projects, with Latvia’s energy transition guided by the National Energy and Climate Plan and the Energy Strategy 2050.

What is the main source of renewable electricity in Latvia?

Hydroelectric power is the main source of renewable electricity in Latvia, followed by solar, wind and biomass cogeneration plants. In 2024, solar power in Latvia grew over 3.1 times to 6.7% of total electricity, becoming the third-largest source, while wind reached a record 38 GWh and hydropower, despite a 16% drop, still provided 54%.

Will Latvenergo become Baltic leader in battery energy storage systems?

Energy company Latvenergo said February 18 it is investing heavily in battery systems with the stated intention of becoming the the Baltic market leader in

battery energy storage systems (BESS).

What is Latvia's Energy Strategy 2050?

Latvia’s Energy Strategy 2050 outlines major changes in renewable energy production and storage, with significant investments planned in wind, solar, biomass, and biogas, as well as in energy storage technologies like batteries and subsurface systems to ensure supply stability .

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