

## ContainerPower Energy Solutions

# The effectiveness of energy storage batteries for industry and commerce in Spain



## Overview

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In recent years there have emerged large-scale projects and a growing domestic industrial commitment—especially in the integration of batteries with photovoltaics—while the regulatory debate and institutional support keep much of the sector in suspense due to the lack of specific legislation that provides security and dynamism to investments. What is the market energy storage in Spain?

The market energy storage in Spain, particularly in relation to the BESS systems (Battery Energy Storage Systems), is undergoing a dynamic and accelerated evolution. This transformation is driven by the growing need to integrate renewable energy sources into the electricity grid, improve supply stability and optimize energy use.

What is Spain's battery storage market?

Spain's battery storage market is dominated by customer-sited systems. Utility-scale storage remains nascent. Currently, Spain's storage market is mainly composed of small-scale batteries co-located with solar PV. Spain's household electricity prices now stand at over EUR 0.30/kWh on average.

Can battery storage systems be retrofitted in Spain?

The first solution is battery storage systems that enable peak shift, i.e. feeding electricity into the grid at times when the wholesale price is higher, usually before and after sunset. Fortunately, the retrofitting of battery storage systems in Spain is unproblematic from a regulatory perspective.

Which wind farm has the first battery storage system in Spain?

The Elgea-Urkilla wind farm, located in Araba (Basque Country), has the first battery storage system in a wind farm in Spain. This type of storage system collects the energy produced by the wind and has an installed power of 5MW and 5 MWh of storage capacity. It is the first green hydrogen plant in Europe.

How does Spain support the development of energy storage?

To support this growth, Spain has implemented several policies and regulations that encourage the development of energy storage. The Energy Storage Strategy 2030, promoted by the Ministry for the Ecological Transition and the Demographic Challenge, is one of the key initiatives. This strategy aims to achieve a storage capacity of 20 GW by 2030.

What is a battery energy storage system?

Battery Energy Storage Systems (BESS) play a pivotal role in supporting the wider adoption and integration of renewable energies (RE) around the world. As a result, the battery technology market is booming with c.\$35B+ invested in 2023 - with 70% growth year on year. In Spain, the Energy Storage Strategy aims for 22 GW of energy storage by 2030.

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