

Does Italy have a battery storage market?

This report is part of a series that analyses the battery storage market in select European countries. Italy has both a rapidly growing utility-scale market as well as a flourishing customer-sited battery storage market. Customer-sited storage adoption has been mainly driven by a combination of high electricity prices and generous tax incentives.

What are base year costs for utility-scale battery energy storage systems?

Base year costs for utility-scale battery energy storage systems (BESSs) are based on a bottom-up cost model using the data and methodology for utility-scale BESS in (Ramasamy et al., 2023). The bottom-up BESS model accounts for major components, including the LIB pack, the inverter, and the balance of system (BOS) needed for the installation.

How many GW of battery storage will Italy have by 2050?

The remaining 3-4 GW is expected to come from utility-scale systems. By 2050, Italy aims to achieve 30-40 GW of storage capacity. There are significant regional differences in the adoption of battery storage systems across the country.

Do battery costs scale with energy capacity?

However, not all components of the battery system cost scale directly with the energy capacity (i.e., kWh) of the system (Fu, Remo, and Margolis 2018). For example, the inverter costs scale according to the power capacity (i.e., kW) of the system, and some cost components such as the developer costs can scale with both power and energy.

Why are electricity prices so high in Italy?

Italy's high electricity market prices are largely driven by its heavy reliance on fossil gas for power generation. In Italy, the government and the Italian TSO (Terna) have developed several electricity market products where storage projects are able to compete and provide services to the power system.

How do you calculate grid-scale battery costs?

Grid-scale battery costs can be measured in \$/kW or \$/kWh terms. Thinking in kW terms is more helpful for modelling grid resiliency. A good rule of thumb is that grid-scale lithium ion batteries will have 4-hours of storage duration, as this minimizes per kW costs and maximizes the revenue potential from power price arbitrage.

Days of operation per year 365 365 Levelized Cost of Storage Rs/kWh 9.5 14.9 Construction time 3-4 years 8-10 years Land requirement ~2-5 Acres/MW (Assuming ~300 m net head) Battery ...

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Using the detailed NREL cost models for LIB, we develop base year costs for a 60-MW BESS with storage durations of 2, 4, 6, 8, and 10 hours, shown in terms of energy capacity (\$/kWh) and power capacity (\$/kW) in Figures 1 and 2, respectively.

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Battery storage projects between 5-15 kWh make up the bulk of Italy's battery storage market. In most cases, these systems are customer-sited and coupled with solar PV systems. By the end of 2022, there were only 10

larger-scale battery storage systems over 500 kWh connected to ...

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