

# Swiss battery energy storage system

Is Switzerland able to store energy?

The global challenge is not only to produce more energy from renewable sources, but also to be able to store it. With its hydroelectric power plants in the Alps and innovative projects, Switzerland is contributing to the search for solutions for the efficient, long-term storage of electricity.

Why is Switzerland taking part in battery 2030?

Switzerland is taking part in the European research initiative Battery 2030, which aims to improve the longevity and energy density of conventional lithium-ion batteries so that fewer rare metals are used. Stationary systems that can stockpile renewable energy are also set for massive expansion in the coming decades.

Which energy storage projects have been commissioned in Switzerland?

Axpo commissioned its BESS in February this year while utility Thurplus commissioned a 3MW system in September last year. But Switzerland was the location for one of the largest energy storage projects commissioned in recent years, a 20GWh pumped hydro energy storage (PHES) unit which started operations in June 2022 in the Canton of Valais.

Will Switzerland become Europe's 'electricity battery'?

As the Alpine glaciers slowly melt away, Switzerland will have the opportunity to build new dams and artificial lakes in the mountains. This will increase energy storage capacity in the Alps, strengthening Switzerland's role as Europe's "electricity battery".

What is a battery energy storage system (BESS)?

Its usage, for instance, ranges from load management, power back-up, frequency control as well as renewable energy integration. Evolving technology for battery energy storage systems (BESS) raises the need for greater understanding of the associated risks.

How does Switzerland contribute to the future of electricity storage?

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Tehachapi Energy Storage Project, Tehachapi, California. A battery energy storage system (BESS), battery storage power station or battery energy grid storage (BEGS) or battery grid storage is a type of energy storage technology ...

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