

Guidelines for Low-Loss Operation of Power Storage Units in Portugal



Overview

The new Legal Framework for the National Electricity System approved by Decree-Law No 15/2022, established a general legal regime applicable to the licensing of these facilities, together with a few specific rules for storage. The European Green Deal launched in 2019 established the roadmap for reducing emissions in the EU by at least 55%. Energy storage is therefore essential if EU targets. Indeed, Alqueva's pumped hydro storage project is one of the largest in Western Europe with a combined capacity of over 520 MW, which had an increase in its capacity since 2012. A pilot project - Storage InovGrid - was launched by EDP and Siemens in January 2016, in which lithium-ion battery. With over 65 GW of solar PV expected to be installed across Spain and Portugal by 2030, and renewables already accounting for more than 60% of electricity generation in Portugal and over 50% in Spain, the urgency to scale flexible solutions is clear. To align with these objectives, Portugal developed the National Energy and Climate Plan 2030 (Plano Nacional de Energia e Clima - "PNEC 2030"), which is the main national policy.



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The batteries will allow Galp to store the solar energy produced in periods of high generation, and to deploy it during periods of high demand, maximizing the energy's value.

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