



Energy Storage Research Service
Brochure & Research Highlights



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Our mission is to enable a better, faster energy transition for all

Founded in 2004 and based across the UK, France, Norway, the Netherlands and beyond, LCP Delta provide data-driven research, consultancy, technology products and training services to companies investing in and navigating the energy transition.

We are a diverse team from a variety of backgrounds including engineers, data analysts, environmentalists and more.

LCP Delta is a mission driven organisation - all of us want to make a difference to the energy transition and accelerate the path to a low carbon future.

The energy market is becoming increasingly complex. As consumers become more empowered and as energy systems around the world decarbonise, there is a need to understand both the generation and demand side to effectively navigate the rapid changes occurring.

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We provide support across the full energy value chain with bespoke research, insight, forecasts and advice tailored to them. Our consultancy offerings draws on expertise and data from across LCP Delta, from strategic market entry analysis through to detailed half-hourly revenue forecasting.



We support our clients in four ways



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Data integration and analysis is at the heart of the energy transition. However, sourcing and navigating complex, wide-ranging datasets is challenging. At LCP Delta, we combine and curate proprietary and public datasets to provide you with a single source of truth across the energy spectrum and make this data interactive using our cutting-edge technology.

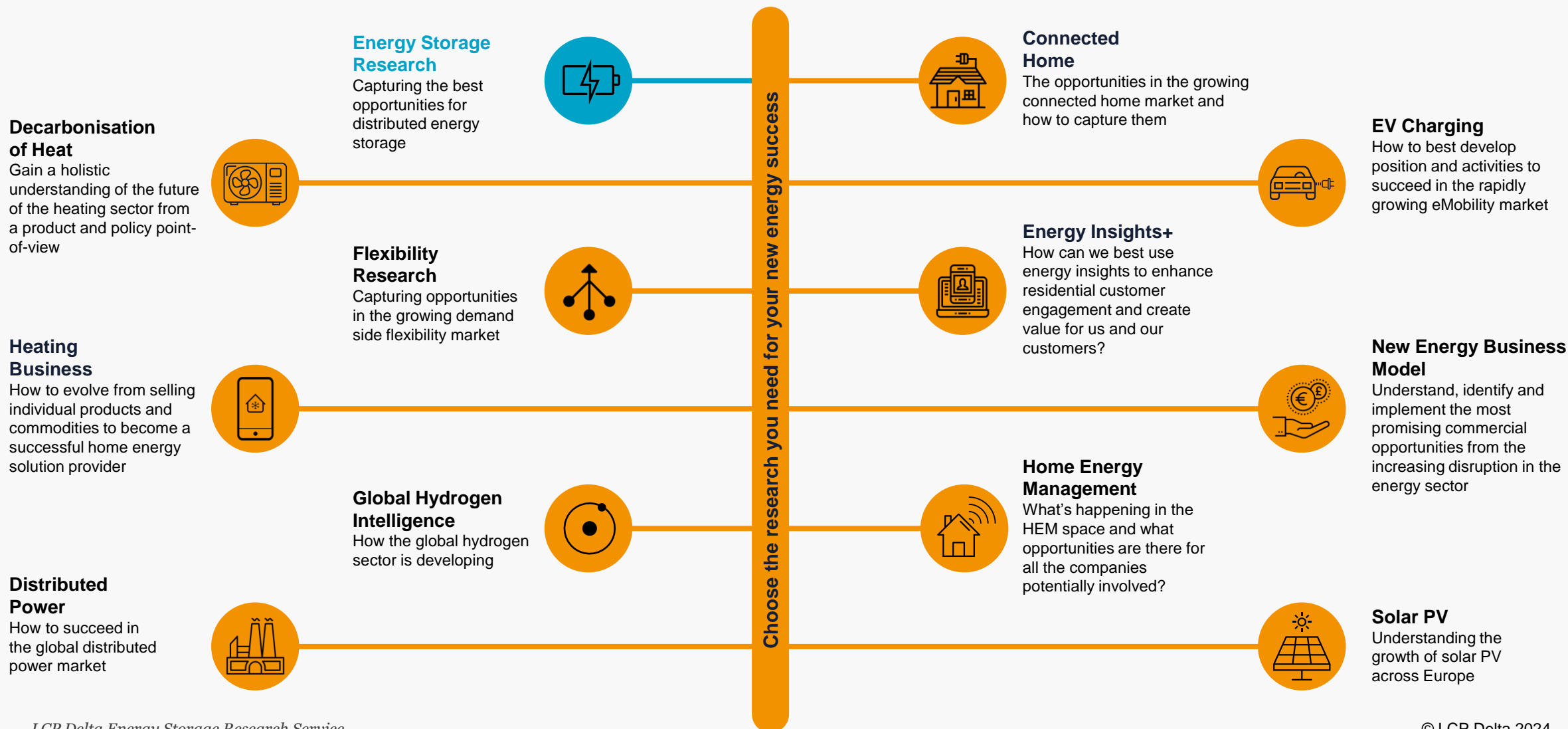
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What does the energy storage value chain look like and future development?

Which countries are most attractive markets, and which are emerging? What is driving this?

Which companies are leading the storage market for the different storage technologies?

When will other technologies beyond Li-ion get traction in the market? In what applications would that be and why?

What types of energy storage are being installed in Europe now and how will it evolve?

Who are the companies offering alternative forms of energy storage?

How are companies making money in the European energy storage market and how is it likely to evolve?

What are the business models for energy storage in European markets?

What can you learn from the successes of companies in leading European storage markets?

Clients we support



Govt, Regulators & System Operators



Energy retailers



Product manufacturers



Solution providers



Investors

Headline Report: European Market Monitor on Energy Storage 7.0

EMMES 7.0 is the most comprehensive dataset for battery projects in Europe and includes forecasts to 2030.

Scope

- The report covers 12 countries in detail, Belgium, Finland, France, Germany, GB, Norway, Netherlands, Ireland, Italy, Spain, Sweden and Switzerland. The accompanying database includes project information for 26 European countries.
- The focus of the report is electrochemical storage technologies (Lithium, non-Lithium and Flow batteries).
- The storage market is segmented into:
 - Behind-the-meter
 - Residential
 - Commercial & Industrial
 - Front-of-meter
 - Each segment includes both co-located and standalone projects.

STOREtrack database

- In addition to this report, we have also created an interactive database where users can select and manipulate the data. <https://storetrack.lcpdelta.com/>
- While the report is focused on electrical storage, the database holds project information for multiple other storage technologies (e.g. pumped hydro, CAES, gravity, large-scale thermal etc).
- Energy Storage Research Service subscribers gain access to the “Overview” and “Market trends” pages of the database as part of their subscription.



Understanding the market landscape and competitors

Company Profile Example

Detailed case studies looking at:

- Company overview
- USP
- Business Model
- Customer Proposition
- Value chain

Helps subscribers to:

- Learn from your competitors
- Compare and differentiate storage players
- Understand how to position yourself

Harmony Energy

A leading developer, owner and operator of BESS in Great Britain and the parent company of a storage-focused investment fund



Company Snapshot	
Market focus	Battery, Solar & Wind
Established	2010
Headquartered	London, UK
Targeted segment	FoM
Countries active in	UK, France, New Zealand
BESS Portfolio size (Oct 2022)	Built: 140MW In-construction/in planning: 500+MW
Website	Link

Selected Project References	
Pilswood Project: 98MW/196MWh BESS, financed by the HEIT	
Clay Tye (phase 1&2): 99MW/198MWh BESS, financed and owned in joint venture with FRV	
Jamesfield Battery: 49.5MW/99MWh BESS financed and owned in joint venture with TagEnergy	

Where is Harmony Energy active in the energy storage value chain?



Overview:

- **Harmony Energy** is one of the UK's leading developers, owners and operators of utility-scale battery energy storage.
- As of present, the company is operating 140MW of BESS in the UK, including Europe's largest energy storage system (in MWh), the Pilswood project with a capacity of 196MWh. In addition, over 500MW are currently in-construction or in-planning in the UK. The company is also looking to enter other European markets, especially France where a new subsidiary has been launched.
- Originally working through two joint-ventures with FRV and TagEnergy, Harmony Energy is moving towards being more independent in developing and operating its projects. In order to help raise equity for its projects, it thus launched in 2021 the **Harmony Energy Income Trust (HEIT)** (see next page for details).
- Harmony Energy was one of the first developers to focus on 2h duration BESS. In order to do so, the company established in 2016 a partnership with Tesla as supplier and EPC contractor of its 2-hour Megapack system. It also uses Tesla's Autobidder AI software to manage real-time trading and revenue optimisation.

Insight on hot industry topics

- > **Gigafactories and the European supply chain**
- > **C&I storage value propositions**
- > **Storage in resource adequacy mechanisms (capacity markets)**
- > **French capacity market mechanism**
- > **Financing of FoM battery projects**
- > **Country reports**

Example Country Report: Greece

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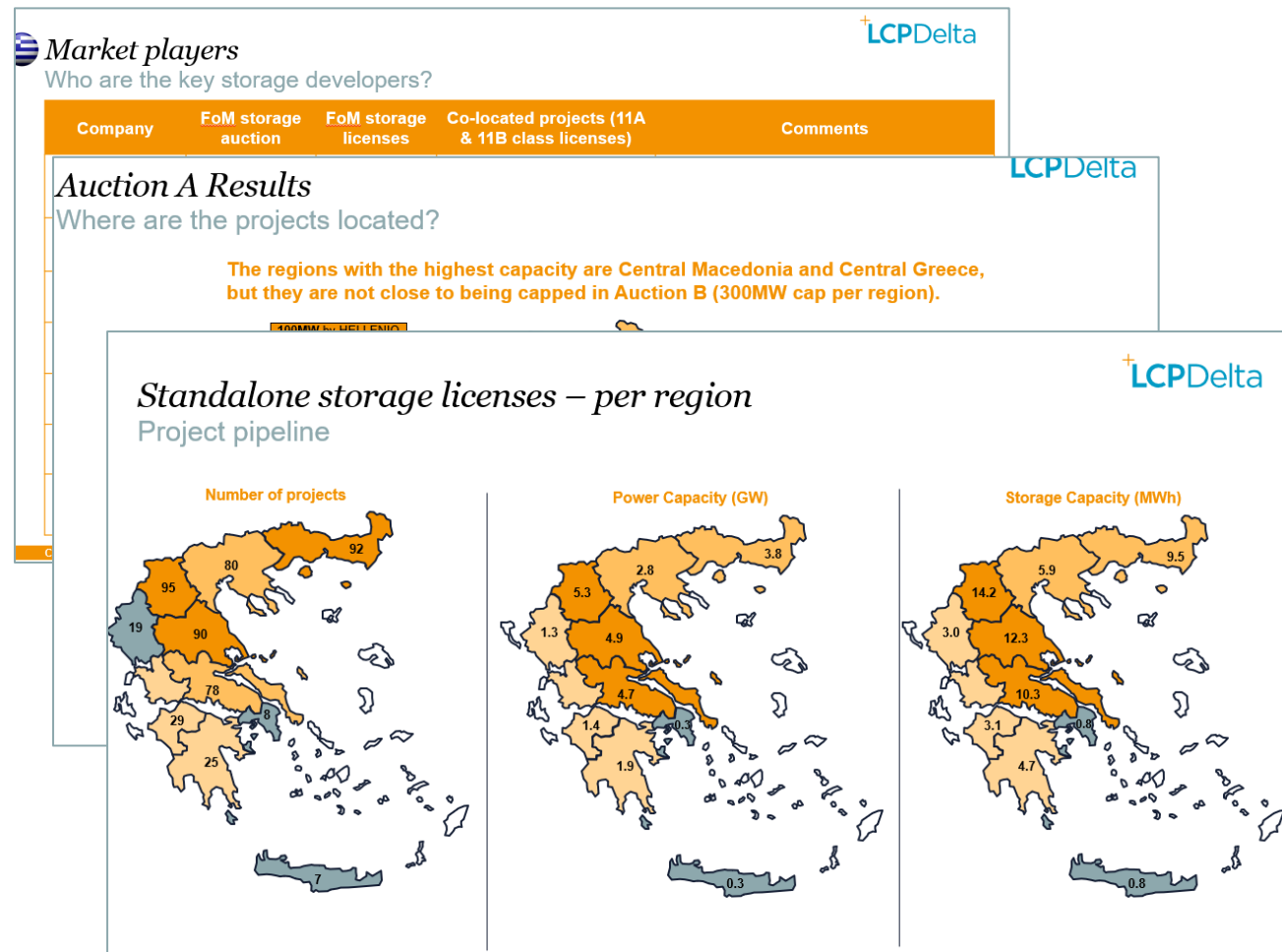
Synopsis

Greece is becoming one of the most interesting European markets for energy storage. 2023 has been a pivotal year as:

- A storage auction will fund 1,000 MW of Front of the Meter battery storage by 2025
- A new residential solar scheme will drive several thousands of residential battery storage systems.

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Why battery optimisation needs specialists?

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Synopsis

Optimisers are key actors of the storage value chain, making the link between storage assets and the value streams that they can generate revenues from. This is especially the case for Front-of-Meter Battery Energy Storage Systems (BESS) which need to actively chase revenues to be financially profitable.

This report aims at better understanding :

- What are the different functions needed to trade the flexibility of FoM BESS in value streams
- Which of these functions optimisers cover
- Which companies are active in the optimiser space in Europe

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What is an optimiser?

Optimisers are essential for Front-of-Meter Battery Storage Assets

Optimisers both determine the best use of the asset to maximise revenues and act as the interface between the asset and revenue streams.

Why does battery optimisation need specialists?

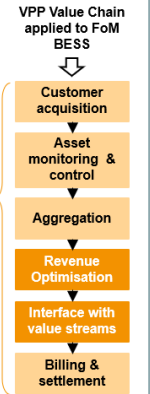
- Front-of-Meter (FoM) battery energy storage systems (BESS) need to actively chase revenues to be financially profitable. A critical stage of the Storage Value Chain is to make the link between storage assets and revenue opportunities.
- As markets mature, revenue-making strategies for FoM BESS are becoming more complex and increasingly rely on revenue stacking. As a result, companies specialised in supporting the access of storage assets to revenue streams are needed more than ever: this is the role of optimisers.



What is an optimiser?

- There are six functions needed to trade the flexibility of assets, including of FoM BESS in value streams. For the purpose of this report, we define an optimiser as a company that supports both revenue optimisation and the interface with value streams.
- The key difference between optimisers relates to the level of control they have over the asset, to the revenue streams they have access to, and to how successful they are in generating revenues for the asset optimised.

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What types of companies optimise batteries?

Types of companies

A variety of companies offer optimisation services. Battery optimisation is not often companies' historical business activity, but a newer addition to companies' service offering.

- There are only few companies whose core business activity is the offering of FoM Storage optimisation services. Rather, companies that were historically operating in other spaces have extended their offer of products and services to enter the optimiser space.
- We can identify types of companies, based on their historical capabilities:

Renewable Asset Developers	Companies that are specialised in the development of assets, and have started offering optimisation services, for their own assets and/or for other third-parties.
Technology Providers	Providers of hardware solutions that have expanded their product offerings to autobidding technologies.
Flexibility Aggregators	Companies specialised in the aggregation and trading of flexible assets.
Energy Retailers & Power Producers	Larger companies who have a history of owning generation assets and have expanded their capabilities to battery optimisation.
Trading Companies	Traders in the wholesale energy market who have leveraged their trading expertise to offer battery optimisation services.
Specialised Optimisers	The few companies which have been created specifically to optimise assets and whose historical core business activity is asset optimisation.

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Storage technologies report

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Synopsis

As the grid decarbonises, the inability to schedule renewable generation raises concerns for the security and stability of the power system. Energy storage has the potential to mitigate such issues with the current landscape dominated by Pumped Hydro and Lithium-ion battery systems. This report investigates alternative storage technologies which can output electricity.

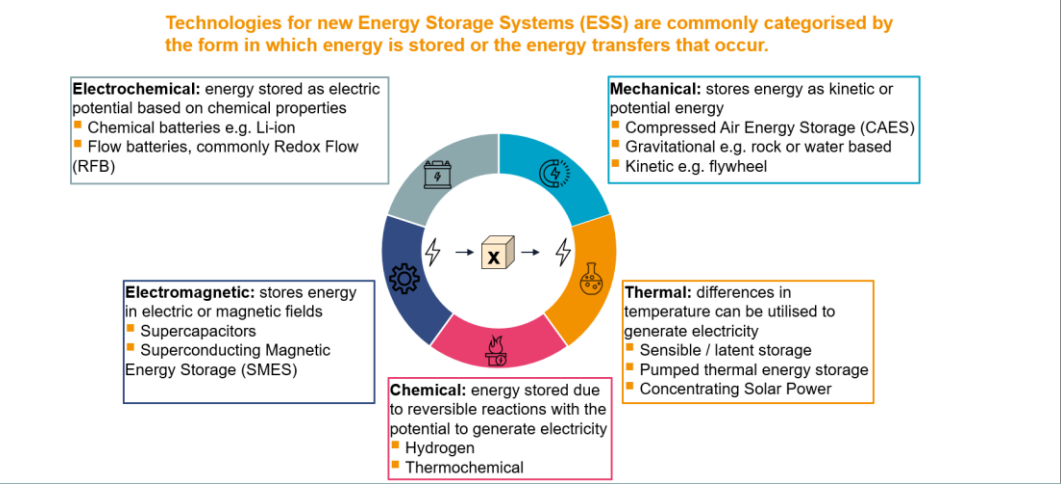
Storage technologies are commonly categorised into: Mechanical, Thermal, Electromagnetic, Electrochemical and Chemical systems. Companies are racing to develop and commercialise these technologies, targeting a range of applications and scales. Competitiveness in the future energy system will be judged on certain key technological, economic and commercial metrics.

This report focuses on the technical performance of developing systems without a quantitative comparison of project costs.

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Developing storage technologies Overview



European battery manufacturing (series of reports)

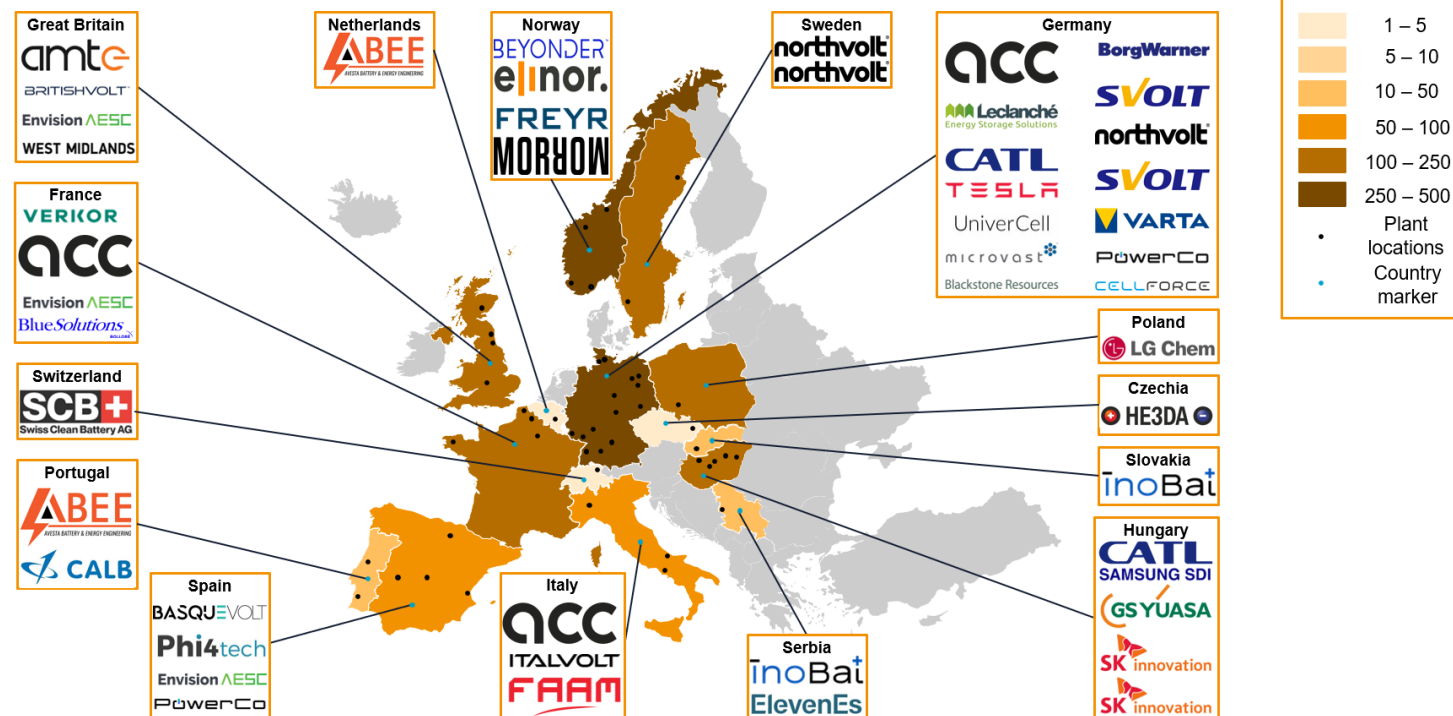
Published in May, June and August 2023

Synopsis

These 3 reports discuss the current status of European battery manufacturing. We track the current status of Gigafactories projects in Europe and analyse data in order to answer the following questions:

- Which companies are investing in battery manufacturing in Europe and where?
- What are the current market drivers and barriers?
- What has been the impact from the announcement of the IRA in the USA?
- What are the public funding mechanisms currently available in Europe?
- How is market development affected by raw material availability?

2030 gigafactory capacity



What value propositions are offered to different C&I customers?

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Synopsis

Although small in comparison to the Front-of-Meter and Residential segments, the C&I segment has experienced significant growth in 2022, and interest from C&I customers is increasing. The C&I market segment is however complex as there is a wide variety of customers, with different drivers and electricity demand characteristics. The report aims to answer the following questions:

- What are the drivers for C&I customers?
- What are the main value propositions offered to C&I customers?
- How different is the popularity of these proposition in different countries ?

Why are C&I customers interested in storage?

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Battery storage business cases may differ depending on the customer's drive and the characteristics of its electricity demand.

C&I customers' investment in battery storage can be motivated by a combination of 3 drivers:

The customer's electricity demand largely depends on 3 types of characteristics:

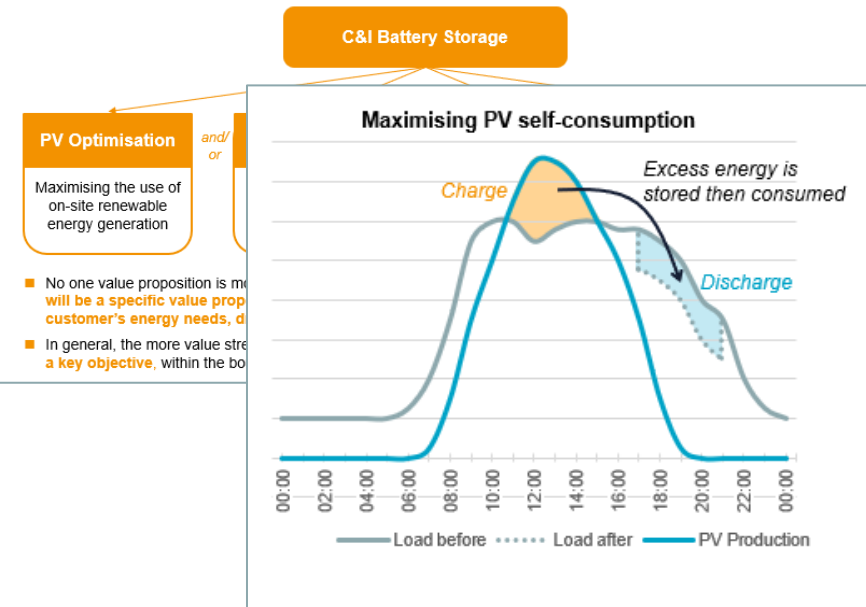
C&I Battery storage

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What are the different value propositions for C&I battery storage?

There are four key ways that batteries can generate value for C&I customers.

We have identified four main value propositions for C&I customers:



Storage in Resource Adequacy Mechanisms

Updated March 2022

Synopsis

This report focuses on battery storage in 12 European countries' Resource Adequacy Mechanisms (RAM). The report aims to:

- Outline the main structure of the Resource Adequacy Mechanisms in 12 countries (where they exist).
- Determine the volume (MW) of battery storage capacity awarded in each capacity auction and the percentage of battery storage awarded compared to the total volume of capacity awarded.
- Assess how easy it is for battery storage to access these RAMs and specific features of the mechanisms like compensation, lengths of contracts and derating factors.

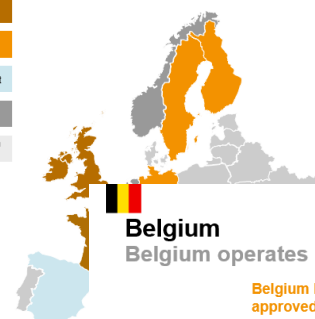
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Executive Summary 1/2

What are Resource Adequacy Mechanisms and why do we need them?



Belgium

Belgium operates a technology neutral capacity market

Belgium has a capacity market, the Capacity Remuneration Mechanism, which was approved in 2021.

Type of RAM?	Capacity market
Volume of battery storage awarded*	41 MW (1%)
Frequency of auction	See timeline below
Clearing Mechanism	Pay as bid
Minimum capacity requirement	1 MW
Independent aggregation allowed?	Yes
*latest auction	

Capacity Auctions:

- T-4: the main auction, secures 75% of the capacity needed for delivery in four years. In this auction, new or refurbishing capacity providers can secure 3, 8 or 15-year agreements. Existing capacity can secure a one year contract.
- T-1: a top-up auction, one year ahead of each delivery, which secures the remaining 15% of capacity.
- Secondary market: where capacity market providers will be able to trade their capacity (from the first half of 2023).

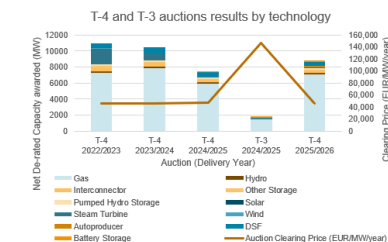
Details for participation

- Capacity holders cannot receive other variable subsidies during the delivery period.

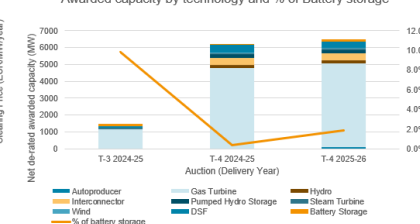
Auction results (T-4 and T-3)

In the latest T-4 auction, battery storage secured 2% of total capacity

October 2021: First T-4 auction for de 2025-26



Awarded capacity by technology and % of Battery storage



- On the left, the graph shows the prequalified net de-rated capacity that enters the auction. On the right, the graph shows the awarded capacity.
- The average prequalified battery storage capacity for the last three T-4 and T-3 auctions is 466 MW. For the latest T-4 2025-26 auction, 120 MW of capacity was awarded to battery storage, compared to the 244 MW of prequalified capacity that entered the auction.
- The clearing price skyrocketed to EUR146,920/MW/year in the T-3 2024/25 auction that took place in January 2022, likely following the high wholesale prices.
- In the latest T-4 2025-26 auction, two thirds of the projects awarded to storage were one year long, the rest were 10 years long. In the T-3 2024-25 auction, 50% of contracts awarded to storage were one-year length contracts and the other 50% were 10 years long.

How are grid-scale battery projects financed?

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Synopsis

This report looks at the financing space for Front of Meter energy storage projects and discusses the financing models that currently exist in the storage market, the main providers of energy storage investments, and the relationship with project development and bankability.

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The transition of financing in the GB market

Gearing levels have dropped in recent years, but will likely rise again as the need for capital increases and more debt providers enter the market



How to increase chances of receiving finance

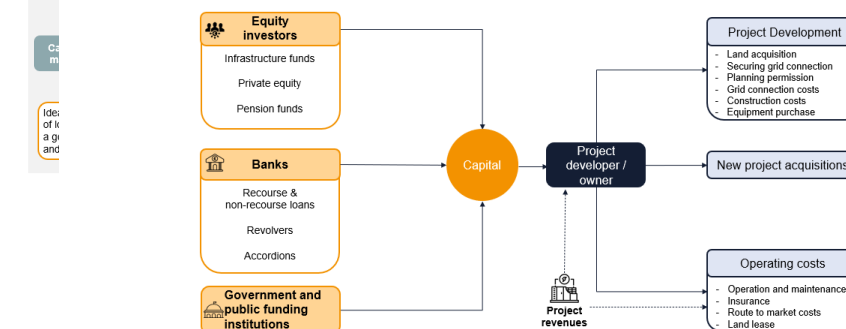
Currently, projects that tap-in to a variety of revenue streams or have better long-term security via revenue floors have a better chance of receiving finance

In advanced markets, financiers now need to see diverse revenue streams

Revenue floors (see below for how they work) can ease access to debt-financing

Funding landscape

What does the flow of capital look like?



How do you build a big battery?

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Synopsis

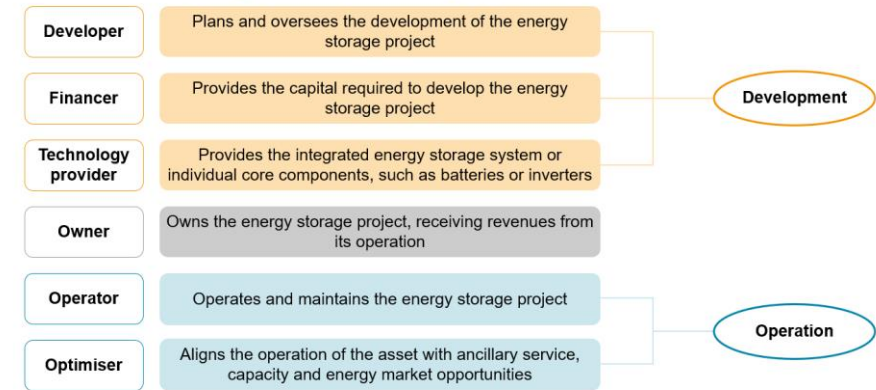
This report describes a framework used to classify and further segment the different roles companies play in large-scale energy storage project. In summary, there are 6 main roles in the project's development and operation phases: developers, financiers, tech providers, owners, operators and optimisers. The framework established in this report will be used as the reference point for future deliverables that will look into these roles into further detail.

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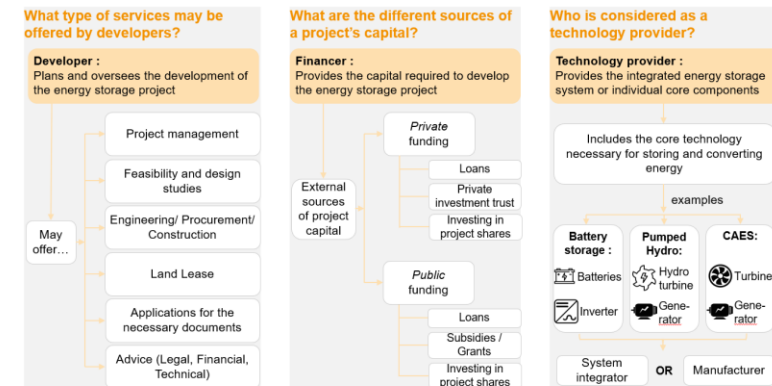
What are the different roles?

The different roles involved in grid-scale storage projects can be broadly summarised into 6 categories, each with a unique set of characteristics.



How can the roles be segmented?

Development stage of the project



Existing and upcoming reports

Release date	Report title	Description
	Country Reports	Reports that look in-depth at the storage market in particular countries. Includes data and forecasts for deployment, policy and landscape analysis and key developer analysis. Currently available for : Belgium, Greece, Poland, Spain with more to come
Q4 2023	Why battery optimisation needs specialists?	A report that looks into the optimiser space, explaining what these companies do, their importance in the market and highlighting some key players that are currently active with this role
Q4 2023	Storage technologies report	A comparative analysis across alternative storage technologies
Q2 2023	Energy Storage for C&I customers	A report that will look at the main value propositions with which batteries are being sold to C&I customers
Q2 2023	Will the EU Green Deal Industrial Plan be enough to respond to the Inflation Reduction Act?	This report will discuss the development of electrochemical energy storage in Europe and the USA, following the announcements of the Inflation Reduction Act in the USA in August 2022 and EU Green Deal Industrial Plan in 2023.
Q1 2023	European market monitor 7.0	The 7th edition of the European Market Monitor on Energy Storage (EMMES), with updated project data based on StoreTrack database, and a forecast towards 2030.
Q2 2023	European battery manufacturing: European Gigafactory landscape	This report looks at the development of manufacturing facilities with an annual capacity of more than 1 GWh per year in Europe. The analysis included in the report shows the projected manufacturing capacity in Europe, regional and national trends and discusses the main drivers and barriers faced by developers of these facilities.
Q1 2023	How much battery storage is being procured in resource adequacy mechanisms?	This report outlines the main structure of the Resource Adequacy Mechanisms in 12 countries (where they exist) and determines the volume (MW) of battery storage capacity awarded in each capacity auction and the percentage of battery storage awarded compared to the total volume of capacity awarded.
Q4 2022	How are grid-scale battery projects financed?	This report looks at the financing space for Front of Meter energy storage projects and discusses the financing models that currently exist in the storage market, the main providers of energy storage investments, and the relationship with project development and bankability.
Q3 2022	How do you build a big battery?	A report establishing a framework to classify and further segment the different roles that companies play in a large-scale energy storage project

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