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Ireland's new energy and energy storage



Overview

What's going on with energy storage in Ireland?

An artist's impression of the planned Ballynahone Energy Storage plant in Donegal. The proposed concept will be the first battery storage project of its kind in Europe. Bobby Smith, head of Energy Storage Ireland, highlights a critical need for clear policy and infrastructure development to ensure Ireland meets its renewable energy goals.

What is the electricity storage policy framework for Ireland?

The Electricity Storage Policy Framework for Ireland This is a strategic initiative aimed at transforming Ireland's energy infrastructure. As the use of renewable energy sources increases, so too does the challenge of managing the intermittent nature of these energy sources and ensuring that a stable energy infrastructure is in place.

Will Ireland be a business-friendly market for energy storage?

The publication of the Electricity Storage Policy Framework sends a clear and positive signal to potential developers and funders that Ireland intends to be a business-friendly market for energy storage, writes Seanna Mulrean, Consultant and Head of Energy and Natural Resources at LK Shields.

What changes are needed to increase energy storage development in Ireland?

The focus group participants noted several key second stage policy areas that required changes in order to increase the amount of energy storage development in Ireland. These included legislative changes, adjustments to the planning approval process, the development of forecasting models, grid improvements and the introduction of targets.

Are there policy barriers to energy storage in Ireland?

This reflects the findings of (Haji Bashi et al., 2022) which indicate the existence of significant policy barriers in the development of energy storage in

Ireland and research which highlights gaps in public knowledge on the topic of energy storage (Zaunbrecher et al., 2016).

How much wind energy is wasted in Ireland?

According to Energy Storage Ireland, 14% of all wind energy generated in Ireland last year was wasted due to lack of storage. Ireland's energy storage could increase eightfold by 2035, according to a new report by Energy Storage Ireland.

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