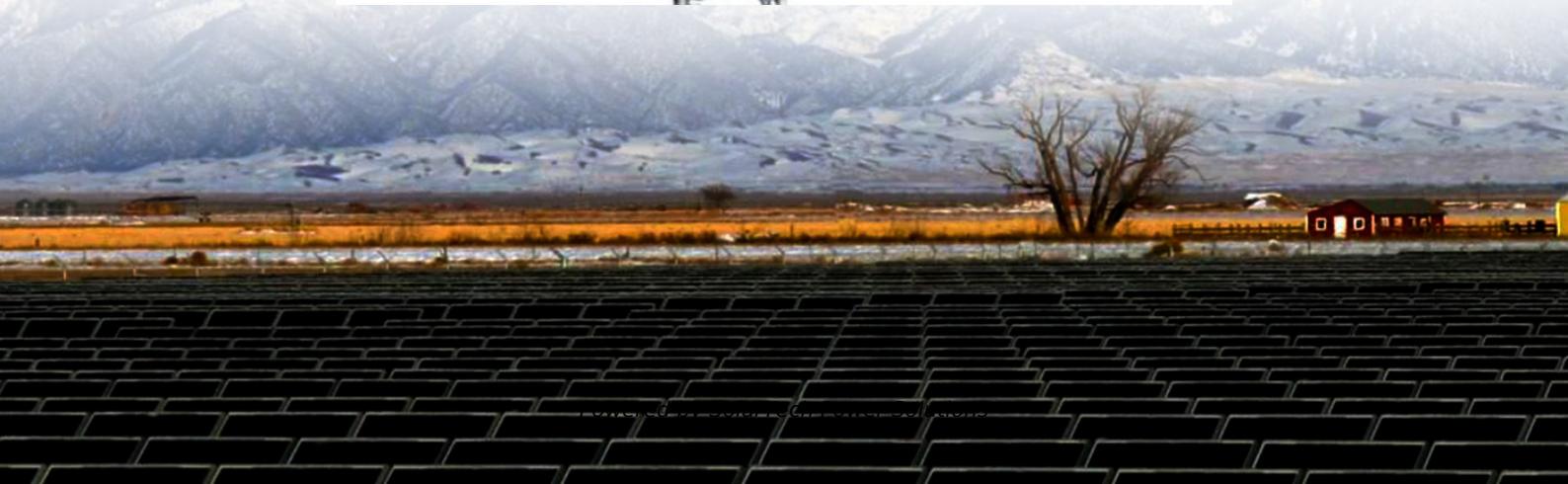


# **What does household energy storage in Southern Europe include**



## Overview

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How does energy storage work in the EU?

The main energy storage method in the EU is by far 'pumped storage hydropower', which works by pumping water into reservoirs when there is an electricity surplus in the grid - for example on a sunny or windy day - and releasing it when more energy is needed.

Which country installs the most energy storage systems in Europe?

Germany leads residential storage installations in Europe. In 2023, the country installed 555,000 units of residential energy storage systems. This marked a remarkable 166% year-on-year growth. These installations constituted 52.6% of new installations across Europe. In Germany, homes with a PV-battery system are on average 70% self-sufficient.

What is the European energy storage inventory?

In March 2025, the Commission launched the European Energy Storage Inventory, a real-time dashboard that displays energy storage levels across different European countries. It is the first European-level tool of its kind and offers energy storage data across a full range of technologies.

How do European countries promote the adoption of residential batteries?

Several European countries provide incentives and subsidies aimed at promoting the adoption of residential batteries. These incentives encompass tax refunds and grants. In Germany, homeowners can receive financial assistance for energy storage systems. The program covers 25% of the total investment cost.

Why should the EU invest in batteries?

It contributes to the EU's circular economy and zero pollution ambitions and strengthens our strategic autonomy on batteries. Beyond batteries and pumped storage hydropower, the EU ranks second, after the U.S., in the

number of companies developing novel energy storage technologies and leads in liquid air energy storage.

How has technology impacted the energy storage sector?

Technological developments and market uptake have already had a positive impact on the storage sector: the costs of battery storage are down by 93% since 2010, according to the International Renewable Energy Agency (IRENA). Pumped storage hydropower is the largest energy storage technology globally.

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