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## Belgium utility scale battery storage cost

Across the globe, the overall market for battery energy storage systems (BESS) could reach between \$120 billion and \$150 billion by 2030, more than double its size today, according to McKinsey. And utility-scale BESS, which are typically more than 10MWh, is expected to grow annually by around 29 percent for the rest of this decade.

New-build battery storage projects from three developers totalling 357MW were among resources awarded contracts in Belgium's latest capacity market auction. Belgian grid operator Elia announced the results of its Capacity Remuneration Mechanism (CRM) auction just before the end of October.

Figure 6: Estimated Levelized Capital Costs of Battery Storage Lithium-Ion Lithium-ion is the dominant storage technology because of its moderate cost, high efficiency, and long lifetime. These characteristics make lithium-ion batteries well suited for the frequency regulation market.

Base year costs for utility-scale battery energy storage systems (BESSs) are based on a bottom-up cost model using the data and methodology for utility-scale BESS in (Ramasamy et al., 2023). The bottom-up BESS model accounts for major components, including the LIB pack, the inverter, and the balance of system (BOS) needed for the installation.

By developing utility-scale energy storage at strategic locations, energy prices will become more stable, and we will become less dependent on the import of (fossil) energy. While this project will be the largest battery in Europe, much more storage capacity will be needed in the coming years.

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The study delves into the specifics of the residential, C& I and utility-scale battery segments across the leading European markets, describing how regulatory frameworks and market conditions influence the uptake of this technology. The report presents a set of policy recommendations aimed at strengthening the business case battery storage.

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costs are expected to reach close to 100 \$/kWh by 2023. The decrease is due to growing order sizes and battery electric vehicle sales growth, which has resulted in economies of scale for battery suppliers, as well as the lower cost of cathode materials since 2018, which has improved profit margins for developers.



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