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## **Bulgaria power storage capacity**

Can battery-based energy storage improve peaking capacity in Bulgaria?

storage can also ofer greater flexibility and eficiency in managing the grid. Furthermore, and although hydropower storage already makes up a significant source of peaking capacity in Bulgaria, battery-based energy storage can address peaking needs during times of droughts, meet requirements for more distributed peaking po

Why do we need energy storage solutions in Bulgaria?

ablish a reliable energy system with greater share of intermittent generation. In the context of Bulgaria's energy landscape, energy storage solutions present a diverse array of benefits to various stakeholders stemming fro its unique ability to time-shift energy and rapidly respond when called upon. The applic

How much energy does Bulgaria produce?

Currently, the installed power generation capacity in Bulgaria is 13.247 MW, and the available capacity is 10,771 MW. To support its energy needs, Bulgaria imports natural gas, oil and oil products, and solid fuels (anthracite and black coal, coal coke). The main local energy source in Bulgaria is lignite coal.

How big is Bulgaria's photovoltaic capacity?

In the last three years, Bulgaria's photovoltaic installed capacity practically doubled, to 2.2 GW, with another 700 MW expected to become operational in 2023. With this pace, Bulgaria will surpass its 2030 National Energy and Climate Plan target for photovoltaic installations nearly seven years early.

Why is the energy sector important in Bulgaria?

Bulgaria's power sector is diverse and well developed, with universal access to the grid and numerous cross-border connections in neighboring countries. A key driver of the Bulgarian economy, the energy sector is strongly affected by geopolitical, economic, and regulatory pressures.

Does Bulgaria have a nuclear power market?

The Bulgarian electricity market is in transition, but nuclear power is expected to retain its large share of generation capacities. The government intends to decrease its coal power capacity to gradually replace it with renewable power capacity.

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The facility of 25 MW in operating power and 55 MWh in capacity in the town of Razlog in southwest Bulgaria is colocated with a 33 MW photovoltaic plant. Solaris Holding has inaugurated a 32 MW solar power plant with an energy storage unit of 61 MWh in September. The facility is on a former industrial waste site in Pernik.

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