

# Budapest energy storage power station settlement rules



## Overview

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This in-depth white paper from Solarplaza unpacks Hungary's rapid energy storage evolution, from the country's first national BESS auction and new co-location rules to a restructured grid access regime and booming battery manufacturing sector. The Hungarian Electricity Act was amended in early 2025 to include regulations concerning the shared use of producer lines and grid connection points by multiple power plants or BESS systems, each with a nominal capacity of at least 0.5 MW and owned by different entities. Hungary has 40MWh of grid-scale BESS online today but that will jump 3,400% to around 1,300MWh over the next few years thanks to opex and capex support. This country-specific Q&A provides an overview of renewable energy laws and regulations applicable in Hungary. Does your jurisdiction have an established renewable energy industry?

What are the main types and sizes of current and planned renewable energy projects?

What are the current production. After a decade-long de facto freeze on wind power development, the rules were liberalised from 1 January 2024 (setback distance cut from 12 km to 700 m; mandatory capacity tender repealed), paving the way for new projects, although grid and siting constraints remain. Targets and Objectives. Hungary is betting big on batteries — and the market is moving fast. This necessity persists despite the gross amount of solar power capacity reaching 7.

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### Hungary: 'advanced' subsidy scheme to drive BESS market

Hungary's subsidy scheme for energy storage will drive huge growth in battery energy storage system (BESS) deployments over the next few years.

### Gov't to Offer New Subsidies for Energy Storage - Minister

The minister said combined cycle gas turbine power plants will help reduce import exposures and greatly contribute to strengthening energy sovereignty and supply security. With ...



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Energy communities: Hungary has transposed EU rules on citizen energy communities, allowing collective generation/consumption at local level (still at the pilot stage).

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Before the actual construction of the power plant, the developer has to secure the land on which the power plant will be built and apply for capacity to access the transmission grid.



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The European Commission has approved a EUR1.1 billion (approximately HUF 436 billion) Hungarian scheme to support electricity storage facilities to foster the transition to a net-zero economy.

## Attention, Real Estate Developers and Energy Professionals

Below we provide an overview of the main changes in Hungary that may facilitate local power generation, storage, and procurement from electricity sources other than power traders.



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These legal and strategic developments collectively reflect Hungary's intent to modernize its energy system, strengthen climate resilience, and comply with EU climate and energy directives, ...

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## Charging ahead: Hungary's newly introduced rules fuel co

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Historically, Hungary's regulatory framework did not provide clear guidelines for the integration of co-located BESS projects. This lack of specific regulation created uncertainty for investors and ...

### GRADE A BATTERY

LiFePO4 battery will not burn when overcharged, over discharged, overcurrent or short circuited and can withstand high temperatures without decomposition.



## Beyond solar: Hungary's bold bet on BESS

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## Hungary to open doors for new power plant projects as new capacity

Detailed rules on the financial guarantee, including the method for determining its minimum amount and the conditions for its fulfilment and release, will be specified in the tender notice.



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