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## **AccelerateEU Sends a Clear Signal – Europe’s Future Competitiveness Depends on Energy Storage**

### Statement on European Commission’s Communication on Affordable and Secure Energy through Accelerated Action

**22 April 2026:** Over €24 billion bill on fossil fuel imports already. Around €500 million every single day! That is the cost Europe has paid in only a few weeks due to continued dependence on imported fossil fuels, as it was highlighted by EU Commissioner for energy Dan Jørgensen today, while presenting the European Commission’s new Communication AccelerateEU – Affordable and Secure Energy through Accelerated Action.

This is why the **European Commission’s Communication AccelerateEU matters – it sends a strong system-wide policy signal: the EU increasingly recognises that affordability, security, competitiveness and decarbonisation are impossible without flexibility. And flexibility depends on storage.**

For the storage sector, this is key: **energy storage is being recognised not only as a decarbonisation enabler but a strategic competitiveness asset in the EU policy framework.**

The recognition that energy storage is no longer a side topic to renewables but a strategic infrastructure is a **far more powerful investment signal** than a narrow renewables policy.

As Commissioner Dan Jørgensen stressed, Europe now needs stronger investment **into high-impact energy projects**. Storage should be firmly among them.

Why? Because storage can:

- lower peak electricity prices
- integrate more solar and wind
- strengthen resilience during crises
- reduce congestion and curtailment
- support industrial competitiveness
- cut fossil fuel imports faster.

In short: **no affordable, resilient energy system without storage.**

Now the EU should move next on:

- Introducing faster permitting for storage projects for more rapid deployment;
- Guiding member states to adopt grid connection procedures which prioritise assets that alleviate congestion;
- Ensuring fair implementation of Electricity Market Design rules that reward flexibility and stacked revenues, allowing participation in frequency and non-frequency markets;
- Ensuring clear recognition in Electricity Market Design of storage as a standalone asset class;

- Target EU and national investment frameworks to support high-CAPEX storage projects;
- Measures to strengthen EU manufacturing and supply chains for batteries for stationary storage and long-duration energy storage technologies;
- Adopt a legal proposal on network tariffs and taxation which reflects storage's cost- and benefit to the electricity grid.
- Define sub-targets for multi-day and seasonal storage within the 200 GW 2030 goal to ensure a diverse flexibility mix.
- Mandate long-term flexibility assessments in National Energy and Climate Plans (NECPs) to identify gaps in multi-day energy resilience.

AccelerateEU's signal is loud and clear. Now is the moment to accelerate deployment at scale by investing massively in solutions that can be built and deployed in Europe. The storage industry is ready to deliver. However, EU policymaking must follow with equal ambition through existing and forthcoming legislative processes, as well as targeted new EU financial instruments. Implementation must also become faster and more coherent across Europe in order to truly accelerate the transition.

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