



Programme

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#ESEC2026

Day 1: Policy



Tuesday, 6 October

09:30 – 12:30 Morning Sessions

Welcome and Opening Speech

Keynote Speech

Why 2026 Was Historic for Energy Storage

Unlocking EU Industrial Electrification Through Energy Storage

The electrification action plan, state of electrification in European industry

Powering Europe's AI Boom: Data Centres, and Storage

Data centre energy efficiency rules, and how they can be sustainably integrated into the energy system

14:00 – 17:30 Afternoon Sessions

Europe's New Energy Security Doctrine: Where Does Energy Storage Fit?

The EU energy security package

Are the Flexibility Needs Assessment Working?

The Flexibility Needs Assessments and how FNAs results are producing actionable market signals

The End of Double Charging? Updates on Energy Taxation and Grid Legislation

New grid fees structure and taxation legislation

The New Permitting Regime: Will Storage Get to Grid Faster?

Evaluate whether the new Grids Package and permitting reforms will materially accelerate project delivery

18:30 – 20:30

Networking Cocktail at La Bellone

Day 2: Market

Wednesday, 7 October

09:30 – 13:15 Morning Sessions

Welcome and Opening Speech

Keynote Speech

The Role of Energy Storage in Europe's Defence Readiness

Made-in-Europe: More Secure or More Expensive?

Made-in-Europe requirements, whether a broader approach covering the full BESS value chain is needed

A Conversation on Cybersecurity

Cybersecurity needs for critical infrastructure and electronic components

AI, Automation and Predictive Dispatch: The Next Operating Model for Storage

Where digital optimisation is already creating measurable value

Are Capacity Markets Helping Storage, or Holding it Back?

Effectiveness of capacity markets in Europe, and whether they are actually helping energy storage

14:45 – 18:00 Afternoon Sessions

Flexible Connection Agreements: Are They Killing the Business Case for Storage?

Business case implications of Flexible Connection Agreements on energy storage

Multi-Optimiser and Other Trading Models: New Paths to Storage Bankability?

How multi-optimiser approaches could diversify revenues, reduce merchant exposure, and affect battery degradation

New System Services: From the Iberian Blackout Aftermath to New Solutions

What new system services are emerging

The New PPA Bank and the Reshaping of Storage Finance

How merchant risks are evaluated, what are financing access issues, and how commercial expectations are evolving

19:00 – 22:00

Conference Dinner at Belga Queen Restaurant

Day 3: Benelux

Thursday, 8 October

09:30 – 12:30 Morning Sessions

Welcome and Opening Speech

Benelux Policy Outlook: What's at Stake and What Comes Next for Energy Storage?

Country-by-country policy update, highlighting the key political priorities, regulatory developments, and market reforms affecting the energy storage sector

Benelux Energy Storage Market: State of Play and the Road Ahead

An overview of the Benelux energy storage landscape, examining how market dynamics, revenue opportunities, regulation, and BESS deployment evolved over the past year.

13:30 – 16:45 Afternoon Sessions

How to Solve Congestion?

How to create a more efficient and investable framework for congestion management? What market signals are required to support battery deployment?

Financing Energy Storage at Scale: Turning Benelux Ambitions into Reality

The financing, market, and regulatory conditions needed to accelerate investment in storage assets across the EU.

Closing Remarks