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# Austria storage technologies



## Overview

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A distinction in energy storage is made between the storage principle as well as short-term and long-term storage. Electrical energy can be stored mechanically (e.g. pumped storage, compressed air storage), electrochemically (classic battery), chemically (e.g. conversion of electricity into hydrogen/methane).

The Climate and Energy Fund launched the “Storage System Initiative” as early as 2015, aimed at collecting substantial information on storage.

> Direct and indirect use of electricity and heat accumulators by energy suppliers in order to optimise the overall system > Use of battery storage systems for peak load reduction in industries >.

Does Austria have a market for energy storage technologies?

A study 1 carried out by the University of Applied Sciences Technikum Wien, AEE INTEC, BEST and ENFOS presents the market development of energy storage technologies in Austria for the first time.

How many tank water storage systems are there in Austria?

A total of 840 tank water storage systems in primary and secondary networks with a total storage volume of 191,150 m<sup>3</sup> were surveyed in Austria. The five largest individual tank water storage systems have volumes of 50,000 m<sup>3</sup> (Theiss), 34,500 m<sup>3</sup> (Linz), 30,000 m<sup>3</sup> (Salzburg), 20,000 m<sup>3</sup> (Timelkam) and twice 5,500 m<sup>3</sup> (Vienna).

How will rag Austria develop a hydrogen storage facility in 2025?

Under the leadership of RAG Austria AG, safe, seasonal and large-volume storage of renewable energy sources in the form of hydrogen in underground gas storage facilities will be developed by 2025 in cooperation with numerous corporate and research partners<sup>1</sup>.

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### [RAG Austria AG](#)

Large-volume storage of hydrogen enables energy transition while maintaining security of supply. With "Underground Sun Storage", the world's first hydrogen storage facility in an underground porous reservoir, RAG Austria AG - Renewables and Gas - and its project partners are setting new international standards.

### [Journal of Renewable Energy](#)

Energy storage technologies can also be used in microgrids for a variety of purposes, including supplying backup power along with balancing energy supply and demand . Various methods of energy storage, such as batteries, flywheels, supercapacitors, and pumped hydro energy storage, are the ultimate focus of this study.



### [Energy storage systems in Austria](#)

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### [Underground Sun Storage 2030](#)

Two years after the launch of the "Underground Sun Storage 2030" project led by RAG Austria (see eia issue 5/2021) and following commissioning in April 2023, the project is now

undertaking the seasonal storage of 100 % green hydrogen in an underground natural-gas storage facility under real-life conditions for the first time.



## News

The UEST team accompanied a Bangladesh delegation to Europe's second-largest gas storage: RAG's gas storage facility in Haidach, Austria. Read More 29 October. The Underground Energy Storage Technologies (UEST) consortium is pleased to announce that ILF Consulting Engineers Austria GmbH, a division of the ILF Group, has become a new

## ILF Consulting Engineers Austria Joins UEST consortium

The Underground Energy Storage Technologies (UEST) consortium is pleased to announce that ILF Consulting Engineers Austria GmbH, a division of the ILF Group, has become a new business partner as of January 2023.



## Underground Energy Storage Technologies GmbH

The UEST consortium, a strategic partnership of the HOT Energy Group, RED Drilling & Services, the ILF Group, and Chemieanlagenbau Chemnitz (CAC) is a centre of excellence for underground storage technologies.

## Climate-neutral hydrogen production

In addition, research and technology development along the entire hydrogen value chain are intended to help strengthen Austria as a technology hub and business location. The WIVA P& G research association is encouraging innovative developments in application, grid and storage technologies for hydrogen and renewable gases, coordinating the



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## Frontiers , Prospective techno-economic and life cycle ...

In CO2 storage, technologies like CO2-EOR and saline formations are commercially implemented (TRL 9), while depleted oil and gas fields, and enhanced gas recovery (EGR) methods are undergoing demonstration (TRL 6-8). 2022) and Austria (Kettner et al., 2024) have also initiated the construction of localized, high-resolution national



## Energy storage systems



Innovative storage technologies and new fields of application for the use of energy storage systems are being researched and demonstrated in practical operations as part of national and international research and development activities. The publication series energy innovation austria provides insight into the Austrian energy research and

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## Innovative Energy Storage Technologies in Austria: Market ...

Market participants innovative storage technologies in Austria Number of companies

and research institutions researching or offering innovative storage technologies for the Austrian market. Source: BEST. bmk.gv.at section PV storage-Systems Kurt Leonhartsberger, MSc. ( kurt.leonhartsberger@technikum-wien.at )



## Physically 100 % renewable electricity supply through hybrid

Cascaded energy management, where the storage technology with higher cyclical efficiency is charged and discharged first. The assumed pumped hydro storage capacity is based on the existing pumped hydro storage capacities in Austria but considering that a part of the capacity will be reserved for the storage demand of neighbouring countries.

## HyCentA , Hydrogen Research Center Austria

HyCentA, Hydrogen Research Centre Austria, founded in 2005, is an independent research centre in Graz, Austria, based at the Graz University of Technology. WIVA P& G is an association for the promotion of research and development in the fields of application, grid and storage technologies of hydrogen and renewable gases as well as measures



## [Energy Storage](#)

The Energy Storage Technology Programme (ES TCP) of the International Energy Agency (IEA), in which Austrian experts are actively involved,



aims to promote international networking. The technology programme supports the research, development, implementation and integration of new energy storage technologies.

### Climate neutral steel by 2050

Together with partners from industry and science, voestalpine is researching into the seasonal, underground storage of large volumes of green hydrogen as part of the Underground Sun Storage 2030 project led by RAG Austria. During the summer months, electrolysis is used to convert solar energy into pure hydrogen in a climate neutral process



### **Challenges and opportunities of energy storage technology in ...**

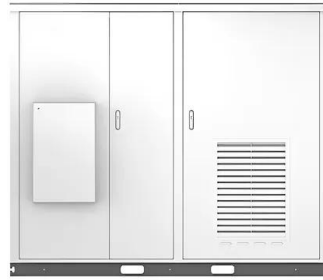
The development and application of energy storage technologies can hasten the switch to a low-carbon energy system and lay the foundation for a large-scale adoption of renewable energy sources. The significance of energy storage technology is becoming more and more clear with the rise in global energy consumption [12].

### **Scenarios on future electricity storage requirements in the ...**

Storage technologies employed include battery storage (short-duration), PHS and SH (medium-duration) and hydrogen storage (seasonal).

Further details, including assumed efficiencies and storage capacities the current natural gas storage capacities in Austria amount to approximately 94 TWh NG, equivalent to approximately 25 TWh H2 [71

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