

What is China's energy storage policy?

In 2017, China released its first national policy document on energy storage, which emphasized the need to develop cheaper, safer batteries capable of holding more energy, to further increase the country's ability to store the power it produces (see 'China's battery boost').

How big is China's energy storage capacity?

According to CNESA data, the capacity of independent energy storage stations planned or under construction in China in the first half of 2022 was 45.3GW, accounting for over 80% of all new energy storage projects planned or under construction.

Should China develop stronger energy-storage infrastructure?

The answer lies in developing stronger energy-storage infrastructure. Hong Li is an adviser on China's national planning committee for energy-storage development. Together with engineers and policymakers, the committee is working on a five-year research and development plan that will begin next year.

Why are China's energy storage stations so low?

However, the scale of new independent energy storage stations put into operation in China in the first three quarters of 2022 was approximately 345.5MW, which was significantly lower than planned or under construction stations. The main reason for this may be that investors lack motivation.

What is energy storage & how does it work?

As installations of wind turbines and solar panels increase -- especially in China -- energy storage is certain to grow rapidly. They are part of the arsenal of clean energy technologies that will enable a net zero emissions future. Without them, the world will never be able to move away from fossil fuels entirely. How does it work?

Should European companies reshoring the solar supply chain?

The massive subsidies for European firms and entry barriers erected against Chinese photovoltaics significantly lower the competitiveness risk for European manufacturers. In the medium term, reshoring the solar supply chain alleviates the risk of supply disruptions from geopolitical or economic shocks.

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