

# Utility scale ESS cost breakdown in Germany 2026

What are base year costs for utility-scale battery energy storage systems?

Base year costs for utility-scale battery energy storage systems (BESSs) are based on a bottom-up cost model using the data and methodology for utility-scale BESS in (Ramasamy et al., 2023). The bottom-up BESS model accounts for major components, including the LIB pack, the inverter, and the balance of system (BOS) needed for the installation.

What changes have been made to Bess projects in Germany?

The German legal framework for BESS projects is currently also in a process of changes: The German parliament adopted a comprehensive energy reform package on 31 January 2025, which includes relevant changes for BESS projects with the aim to further support the growth of storage capacities in Germany.

When will Bess energy reform come into force in Germany?

On January 31 2025, the German Parliament adopted a comprehensive energy reform package which includes, inter alia, the following changes for BESS projects which are expected to enter into force in March 2025:

What factors affect the cost of a Bess system?

Several factors can influence the cost of a BESS, including: Larger systems cost more, but they often provide better value per kWh due to economies of scale. For instance, utility-scale projects benefit from bulk purchasing and reduced per-unit costs compared to residential installations. Costs can vary depending on where the system is installed.

Will TotalEnergies invest EUR160 million in German Bess?

TotalEnergies today announced it will invest EUR160 million in six German BESS with a total energy capacity of 221 MW, developed by the Kyon Energy business it acquired last year.

In this way, the cost projections capture the rapid projected decline in battery costs and account for component costs decreasing at different rates in the future. Figure 3 shows the resulting utility-scale BESS future cost projections for the ...



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