



Faroe Islands energy storage upgrade

Will Hitachi energy supply a battery energy storage system in the Faroe Islands?

Image: SEV. Hitachi Energy has been selected to supply a large-scale battery energy storage system (BESS) for a wind farm in the Faroe Islands, as the remote archipelago targets a goal of 100% renewable energy. The North Atlantic islands, between Norway and Iceland and north of Scotland, are home to about 50,000 people.

Are there renewables in the Faroe Islands?

"In the Faroe Islands, we are blessed with renewables: we have wind, hydro and some sun in the summer; we also have tidal and wave power where we can see great potential," says Nielsen. Since announcing its green vision in 2014, SEV has already done a lot to increase the share of renewables in its energy mix.

Can the Faroe Islands be a smart microgrid?

"The energy system in the Faroe Islands is an impressive example of how all available energy resources can be integrated into a smart and innovative microgrid," says Vehkakoski.

Will the Faroe Islands use more green energy in 2025?

Even more conservative scenarios predict that the Faroe Islands' current electricity consumption of approximately 350,000 MWh per year will increase to approximately 450,000 MWh in 2025. "The current discussion recommends using more green energy and especially the potential for wind energy is quite high," says one of the islanders.

What is the main industry in the Faroe Islands?

Fishing is, and has been for many decades, the main industry in the Faroe Islands with its products, including farmed salmon, representing more than 95% of total exports, and around 20% of Faroese GDP. "Producing fish meal and oil requires quite a lot of energy."

Is the Faroes going green?

Nielsen is Head of R&D at Elfelagi; SEV, the publicly-owned, primary power-producer on the islands, and he has a clear vision: "Our future energy supply in the Faroes is green. We have set a goal of becoming 100% green by 2030 in terms of on-shore electricity."

The Faroe Islands have made a significant leap in their renewable energy journey, thanks to the integration of a battery energy storage system (BESS) from Hitachi Energy. During 2022 and 2023, the BESS has increased the share of renewable energy, primarily wind and hydro, in the islands' energy mix to 50% in 2023.

The Faroe Islands has one of the world's most ambitious energy transition schemes, aiming for 100% renewables by 2030. Minesto's suggested roadmap includes tidal energy buildout in seven site locations in Faroe Island waters, reaching a total of 200 MW equivalent to about 40% of future energy demand.



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Hitachi Energy has installed a 6.25MW/7.5MWh battery energy storage system (BESS) in the Faroe Islands for utility SEV, with substantial benefits to a connected wind farm. The energy solutions arm of the large Japanese conglomerate announced the completion of the 1.2-hour project, the largest in the North Atlantic archipelago, last week (1 ...

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To meet this challenge, the Faroese utility installed the Hitachi Energy e-mesh™ PowerStore™ battery energy storage system (BESS), a 6.25 MW / 7.45 MWh battery that provides full backup for the Porkeri Wind Farm on the archipelago's southernmost island, Suðuroy. The Hitachi Energy BESS installation is the largest of its kind on the Faroe ...



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NIB signs a 15-year loan deal with Faroe Islandic power company SEV to finance the construction of a pumped hydroelectric energy storage system to allow for new renewable energy capacity on the Faroe Islands. The investment contributes to the Faroe Islands' target of achieving 100% fossil free energy generation and onshore consumption by 2030.

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