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Battery Storage: The French Industry Establishes Its First Trade Association

The leading developers and operators of stationary battery storage in France have announced the creation of STOCKAGE ENERGIE FRANCE, the first professional organization dedicated to this sector. As France embarks on an ambitious electrification plan, the need for stationary storage is estimated at more than 6 GW of capacity to be connected to the high-voltage grid by 2030, representing 4 billion euros in private investment.

For more than ten years, batteries have been used in off-grid systems to stabilize the power grid. Every power grid must, in fact, be able to maintain a balance between energy production and consumption at all times. As France rolls out a massive plan to electrify various sectors, the power grid will need numerous batteries connected to the transmission network to ensure this balance between, on the one hand, all sources of generation—nuclear, wind, hydro, and solar—and, on the other hand, all energy consumers—both residential and industrial—whose needs are constantly evolving. Over the next two years, this industry will experience unprecedented growth in France. It is against this backdrop that industry stakeholders are establishing a representative body tailored to the specific characteristics of this new type of power plant: STOCKAGE ENERGIE FRANCE, the first professional association in France entirely dedicated to stationary battery storage.

An industry at a crossroads

The regulatory decisions currently under discussion will shape the sector's future for the next fifteen years. With grid balancing needs set to rise by 85% by 2035 and the window for grid operators to intervene cut in half, batteries are becoming an essential tool for ensuring security of supply.

The European Commission signed a tripartite agreement on June 26, 2026, to accelerate the deployment of energy storage and make the electricity system safer and more flexible. It states¹ that energy storage is the missing link in the energy transition and will play a key role in stabilizing energy prices. France already has several energy storage companies that have become global leaders. It is essential that their voices be heard in future decisions so that France can develop a world-class energy storage sector. As a sector in its own right, energy storage requires dedicated representation: targeted sector-specific expertise that complements existing organizations.

The association is built on three founding pillars:

- **Neutrality:** Neither an energy producer nor a consumer, energy storage provides services to the electric grid—including local and national flexibility—without any conflict of interest with other energy sectors.
- **Commitment:** Its members are driving concrete projects—whether under development or in operation—backed by significant long-term investments.
- **Representativeness:** Led by developers and operators in France with extensive national and international experience, the association will carry real weight in its dialogue with public authorities.

¹ First-ever EU tripartite agreement signed to boost energy storage

A roadmap with three priorities

1. Ensure that storage is recognized as a full-fledged type of power plant on the grid, alongside generation and consumption.
2. Guarantee a clear and non-discriminatory regulatory framework—a prerequisite for investment and the long-term viability of assets—to realize the benefits of storage for the electric system in France and Europe.
3. Create and improve services that add value to batteries, both on the grid and in the markets, in order to maximize their utility.

“Stationary battery storage is a new type of power plant, 100% financed by private capital, that provides the French power system with much-needed flexibility. It is time for its developers to speak with one voice.”

“France has a robust electricity mix; storage makes it agile. It absorbs excess generation, offsets consumption peaks, and thereby strengthens security of supply and grid stability.”

About STOCKAGE ENERGIE FRANCE

STOCKAGE ENERGIE FRANCE aims to bring together the leading developers and operators of stationary battery storage systems active in France. The association works to deploy and promote these solutions in order to contribute to the resilience, competitiveness, and decarbonization of the national energy system. The association, created on the initiative of Corsica Sole and Eclipse, has received support from numerous major players in the sector, including Neoen, Amarenco, TagEnergy, Acacia, Kallista Energy, and Q Energy...

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