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Towards a New Energy Market Design: the European Parliament supports energy storage

EASE welcomes the adoption of the ITRE Report “Towards a New Energy Market Design”¹, proposed by MEP Werner Langen (EPP, DE). It was approved today by the European Parliament in its plenary session in Strasbourg with 454 votes in favour and can be seen as a clear sign that energy storage should play a major role in this new framework.

The publication of the Report coincides with the European Commission’s inter-service consultation procedure on the New Energy Market Design legislation (Winter Package) and can be considered as a first indication on what stance the European Parliament will take when amending the Winter Package.

EASE has continuously advocated for the inclusion of a definition of energy storage in the legislative text, and is very glad to see the European Parliament taking up that recommendation and calling for a **definition of an electricity-system energy storage** device to be incorporated into the regulatory framework. Additionally, it recommends “a **separate category** for electricity storage systems”.

Many of the regulatory and technical barriers to energy storage are also addressed, for example **discriminatory practices in network codes** for energy storage (**fees and taxes** to be applied fairly, **avoiding double costs** (§29)), and the necessity of a **technology-neutral design** of the energy market. The creation of a **level playing field is also important, one where adequate price signals** reflect the scarcity of supplies, and where the creation of incentives to invest in **flexible energy storage solutions** exist. The European Parliament also underlines the importance of rewarding flexible solutions that promote a growing share of Renewable Energy Sources (RES) in Europe.

All in all, the Report considers energy storage to be an **indispensable asset** for the completion of the energy internal market.

EASE thanks MEP Werner Langen and his colleagues of the ITRE Committee for taking the initiative in drafting such Report, which should be a clear sign to the European Commission on how the energy market legislation should look and the role energy storage can take.

About EASE:

The European Association for Storage of Energy (EASE) is the voice of the energy storage community, actively promoting the use of energy storage in Europe and worldwide. It actively supports the deployment of energy storage as an indispensable instrument within the framework of the European energy and climate policy to deliver services to, and improve the flexibility of, the European energy system. EASE seeks to build a European platform for sharing and disseminating energy storage-related information and supports the transition towards a sustainable, flexible and stable energy system in Europe.

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