



## EASE Calls for Coordinated Approach to Defining Grid Tariffs for Energy Storage

EASE, the European Association for Storage of Energy, has published its position paper “Energy Storage Deployment Hampered by Grid Charges”, which highlights the significant differences in grid charges across countries to which large-scale pumped hydro storage (PHS) power plants are exposed today. It illustrates the impact of the fragmented regulatory framework on the energy storage business case and shows how this hampers the creation of an internal energy market in Europe<sup>1</sup>.

In its paper, **EASE calls for a coordinated approach to defining grid tariffs for storage that recognises its alleviative effects on grid constraints and grid extension costs, while contributing to reduced curtailment of CO<sub>2</sub> free electricity generation.**

EASE’s recommendations are in line with the “Clean Energy for All Europeans” Package<sup>2</sup> published by the Commission in November 2016. They endorse the Commission’s viewpoint that storage often alleviates the grid<sup>3</sup> and is a complement to grid development<sup>4</sup>. Grid tariffs should therefore be based on the principle of cost causality. It follows that (pumped hydro) storage should be exempted from grid charges, or only have a relatively small contribution.

EASE looks forward to working with the EU institutions to ensure that needed discussions on this topic will take place, paving the way for a truly **level playing field between all generation, storage, and demand-side resources in Europe.**

*To read the full paper, please [click here](#).*

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*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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<sup>1</sup> European Commission: “[The future role and challenges of Energy Storage](#)”, DG ENER Working Paper, 2013, p. 12.

<sup>2</sup> European Commission: [Commission proposes new rules for consumer centred clean energy transition](#), 2016.

<sup>3</sup> Ibidem

<sup>4</sup> European Commission: “[Energy storage – the role of electricity](#)”, Commission Staff Working Document, 2017, p.3.