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## **REPowerEU Recognises the Role of Energy Storage, but the Lack of a Dedicated Storage Strategy is a Missed Opportunity**

**19 May 2022:** On the 18<sup>th</sup> of May 2022, the European Commission unveiled REPowerEU, a plan to reduce Russian fossil fuel dependency and fast forward the green transition.

In the plan, the European Commission recognises that energy storage plays a key role in ensuring security of supply and supporting renewables integration, reducing the need for polluting gas power plants.

**EASE welcomes the provisions that aim at boosting energy storage deployment**, e.g. through investments, better permitting, and coupling energy storage with building renovation.

**Yet, the absence of an energy storage strategy that would outline clear targets is unfortunate. Its announcement alone would have sent strong investment signals and accelerated technology deployment.**

EASE believes the European Commission can still develop and present such a strategy in the next months, building upon REPowerEU. The European Parliament's report on energy storage proposed the development of a strategy in 2020: such a report would provide a solid foundation for the strategy.

It is also a pity that the topic of curtailment is not fully covered. The EU wastes enormous quantities of renewable energy due to overproduction and system congestion: energy storage would be able to prevent such inefficiency and maximise EU power generation.

All in all, EASE believes that **the text contains some good provisions**. But EASE calculates that energy storage deployment needs to increase by at least 14-fold by 2030 to achieve decarbonisation targets and energy security: **the absence of an energy storage strategy is a missed opportunity that may jeopardise EU objectives**. EASE is confident that the European Commission will address the matter in the months to come, furthering their current work on energy storage.



### **About EASE**

The European Association for Storage of Energy (EASE) is the leading member-supported association representing organisations active across the entire energy storage value chain. EASE supports the deployment of energy storage to support the cost-effective transition to a resilient, climate-neutral, and secure energy system. EASE was established in 2011 and represents over 50 members including utilities, technology suppliers, research institutes, distribution system operators, and transmission system operators.

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