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Do battery energy storage systems have to pay building cost subsidies?

The German Federal Court of Justice (Bundesgerichtshof; "BGH") recently ruled that operators of battery energy storage systems ("BESS") must pay building cost subsidies (Baukostenzuschuss) in the same way as other grid users.

Will Germany subsidize electricity costs for energy-intensive industries?

Germany's economy ministry has put forward a contentious multibillion euro plan to subsidize electricity costs for the country's energy-intensive industries until 2030

Can a grid operator charge a construction cost subsidy for battery storage?

Against the decision of a grid operator to charge a construction cost subsidy for the connection of a battery storage system based on the capacity price model, a storage system operator recently took legal action.

Can DSOs charge building cost subsidies for BESS?

The BGH recently ruled that distribution system operators ("DSOs") are entitled to charge building cost subsidies for BESS in the same way as for other grid users. According to the BGH, this is in line with the prohibition of energy discrimination (Diskriminierungsverbot) under the Energy Industry Act (Energiewirtschaftsgesetz, "EnWG").

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Energy storage could save taxpayers in Germany some EUR3 billion (US\$3.3 billion) in subsidies for renewable energy assets by 2037, simply by increasing demand in the ...

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The government recently launched the consultation process for its proposed power plant security act which will put its power plant strategy from earlier this year into law.

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Germany will end renewable subsidies in 2025 if power prices are negative, aiming to make the power market flexible with more storage and gas-fired plants.

In order to achieve this goal, Federal Chancellor Olaf Scholz, Economic Affairs Minister Robert Habeck and Minister of Finance Christian Lindner have agreed on the central ...

This Dods Political Intelligence report, produced by our German-language monitoring team, provides a one-stop guide to the controversial industry energy subsidy plan and a range of ...

On 15 July 2025, the German Federal Court of Justice (Bundesgerichtshof - "BGH") made its awaited decision (case no. EnVR 1/24) on construction cost subsidies (Baukostenzusch#252;ssen) ...

There are concerns that grid operators will frequently demand higher construction cost subsidies for the grid connection of battery storage systems in the future than has been ...

Summary: Based on official data from Germany's Federal Ministry for Economic Affairs and Climate Action (BMWK), this guide details 2025 German energy storage policies, ...

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