

ENERGY STORAGE EUROPE 2018 reflects positive development in the industry

According to the current estimate of the German Energy Storage Association (Bundesverband Energiespeicher e. V. - BVES), the energy storage industry will grow by around 11 per cent in 2018 and will generate a turnover of approximately EUR 5.1 billion. Medium-sized companies are the main driving force behind this increase. The development of ENERGY STORAGE EUROPE reflects this industry trend: With a total of 170 exhibitors and about 4.500 visitors, also this year's energy storage trade fair and the two conferences ESE and IRES continued the positive development of the past years.

"No other trade fair in the world covers the entire spectrum of energy storage solutions. Every year, new players enter the still young market with innovative solutions - often with new technological approaches to energy storage", says Hans Werner Reinhard, Managing Director of Messe Düsseldorf.

"ENERGY STORAGE EUROPE 2018 once again demonstrated the solid growth of the industry across all storage technologies and various applications. ESE is the decisive international business platform for energy storage systems and its success confirms the growing industry figures predicted by BVES", says Urban Windelen, Executive Director BVES

Trade fair is becoming increasingly more international

Internationalisation as a further industry trend is also apparent in the visitor structure of Energy Storage Europe and IRES: This year, the organisers welcomed delegations from Mexico, Costa Rica, El Salvador and other Central American countries as well as from Greece, Norway, Poland, Portugal. All in all, participants from 61 countries attended the conferences as well as the trade fair.

ENERGY STORAGE EUROPE and IRES strengthen research and development

At this year's Energy Storage Europe Conference and the 12th International Renewable Energy Storage Conference (IRES), the discussion revolved around the considerable influence of regulatory



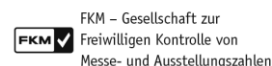
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frameworks on the development and introduction of storage technologies. Prof. Peter Droege, President of EUROSOLAR e. V., emphasised: "The decentralised energy turnaround is more urgently needed than ever. To this end, the introduction of a new energy market regulation with renewable energies and storage systems at its core is a key step. For this reason, we call on Brussels and the new government in Berlin to finally make the widespread market introduction of storage applications possible."

"The research environment and economic strength of North Rhine-Westphalia form the ideal growth medium for a technology trade fair such as ENERGY STORAGE EUROPE. Here it is evident how scientific expertise and entrepreneurial commitment can jointly advance the energy industry", commented Dr. Frank-Michael Baumann, Managing Director of EnergieAgentur.NRW, commenting on the mixture of science and business traditionally found in Düsseldorf.

Focus on sector coupling and system-useful stores

Further important topics at the conferences were flexible sector coupling and system-useful storage solutions that stabilise networks, for example. The IRES conference also focused on thermal energy storage and specific applications.

First study on the energy storage market published

According to BVES' current market estimate, the capacity of large-scale battery storage facilities for grid stabilisation installed in Germany alone will increase by more than 80 percent in 2018. Detailed figures on the sector's development can be found in the BVES study published last Tuesday.

About ENERGY STORAGE EUROPE 2018 | exhibition grounds Düsseldorf

ENERGY STORAGE EUROPE is the trade fair for the global energy storage industry and flexible sector coupling with the world's largest conference programme on energy storage solutions and their applications. The trade fair welcomed about 4.500 visitors from 61 countries in 2018. 170 exhibitors presented themselves. The

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conferences included the 7th Energy Storage Europe Conference (ESE) of Messe Düsseldorf and the 12th International Renewable Energy Storage Conference (IRES) of EUROSOLAR e.V.. The thematic focal points are economy and finances (ESE) as well as science and social policy (IRES).

Energy Storage Europe 2019 will take place in Düsseldorf from the 12th to 14th of March.

You will find more information at: www.energy-storage-online.de and www.energy-storage-online.com and www.energystorageconference.org

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