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Equans is contributing to Belgium's energy transition by building one of the country's largest battery farms, with a capacity of 2 x 100 MW and 800 MWh of storage. Find out how Equans, in partnership with ENGIE, is playing a key role in transforming the former Vilvoorde gas power plant into a pillar of renewable energy.

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Sweco has leading-edge expertise in energy systems and electricity grids, and delivers consulting services within transmission and distribution, wind and solar power, and hydrogen and energy storage.

The project will be developed by ENGIE, and the system will be one of the largest ever installed in Europe with a power capacity of 200MW/800MWh. It is Sungrow's first BESS project in Belgium. It is scheduled for grid connection in 2025.

Frequency and voltage control and stability are important topics of the power and energy systems research at the Electrical Energy Laboratory (EELAB). Flexibility is a focal area in the current research.

ENGIE has commenced construction on one of Europe's largest Battery Energy Storage Systems (BESS) at its Vilvoorde site in Belgium. This significant project, launched on July 5, follows the acquisition of a construction permit in July 2023 and selection for capacity remuneration in October 2023.

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Nevertheless, Belgium does export (and transmit) power. Its major clients are France and the UK which both have nuclear energy in their capacity mix. Belgium primarily imports from the Netherlands, fol-lowed by Germany. Curtailment is low in both scenarios and generation adequacy can be assured, even during rather harsh



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