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BKW set to build a large-scale 300 MW battery plant in Germany

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Important flexibility for integrating renewable energy

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BKW is further expanding its flexibility capacities in the energy market: in the town of Waltrop, North Rhine-Westphalia (Germany), it is planning to build a large-scale battery plant with an output of 300 megawatts. The plant will be used to temporarily store electricity from renewable production, thereby bolstering the stability of the energy system in an increasingly volatile energy market. At the same time, BKW is stepping up its trading activities, with flexible storage systems becoming increasingly important.



Large-scale batteries contribute to stability in a volatile system. (Illustrative image)

As part of its ["Solutions 2030" strategy](#), BKW has set itself the goal of expanding its sustainable energy solutions for its customers. To do so, it is investing in energy storage and production facilities. With regard to large-scale batteries, BKW is aiming to establish its own battery park with a capacity of more than 500 MW by

2030. To achieve this strategic goal, BKW is investing in the planned Waltrop large-scale battery plant near Dortmund in North Rhine-Westphalia, Germany.

BKW's investment encompasses the development, construction and operation of a large-scale battery storage system with an output of 300 MW and a storage capacity of 600 MWh. The plant will be built on a former industrial site in the direct vicinity of the transmission system – an ideal location for high-performance storage applications. BKW's investment costs for the project amount to more than EUR 200 million. Construction is scheduled to begin in 2026, with commissioning planned for 2028.

Together with two other partners, BKW is also acquiring a stake in the special-purpose entity Trianel Batteriepark Waltrop GmbH & Co. KG, which provides the framework for the entire Waltrop large-scale battery park. In its initial development phase, the park will have a output of 900 MW and a storage capacity of 1,800 MWh. The project still has to be approved by the Bundeskartellamt, Germany's federal cartel office.

Robert Itschner, CEO of BKW: "With our project in Waltrop, we are taking a major step towards creating a more flexible and stable energy system in Europe. Large-scale batteries enable us to store renewable energy intelligently and take targeted action. BKW can use its extensive expertise along the entire energy transition value chain: from planning, building and operating the large-scale infrastructure through to marketing the energy for trading."

Flexibility in the form of large-scale battery storage systems plays an important role in integrating electricity produced from renewable sources into the energy system, thus strengthening the reliability of supply. The systems have another purpose, too: they offer BKW additional revenue potential via short-term electricity trading and control energy marketing. Through this, BKW aims to benefit from the growing demand for green and structured energy solutions.

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