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# Albania Hydropower Energy Storage Project



## Overview

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Statkraft intends to expand its hydropower cascade on the Devoll river in southern Albania with pumped storage system Moglica. The capacity is estimated at 800 MW to 1.6 GW. What is the potential capacity of a pumped hydroelectric plant in Albania?

The Albanian government and Statkraft, which also operates wind, solar and gas-fired power plants, signed an agreement for the expansion of the concession with a pumped storage hydroelectric plant. Preliminary studies showed a potential capacity of 800 MW to 1.6 MW.

What is the capacity of a pumped storage station in Albania?

The capacity is estimated at 800 MW to 1.6 GW. The facility would be connected to the reservoir of the existing Moglica hydropower plant. Norway-based Statkraft, a major investor in hydropower in Albania, agreed with the country's government to launch a project for a pumped storage station, Monitor reported.

What are Albania's biggest hydropower plants?

In comparison, Albania's biggest three hydropower plants are on the Drin river. Together with privately owned Ashta 1 and 2, the last ones in the cascade, they have 1.4 GW in total capacity. A project is underway to build the Skavica hydropower plant upstream from the existing facilities. The planned capacity is 210 MW.

When will a new hydropower plant be completed in Albania?

The feasibility study is scheduled to be completed next year. If the outcome is positive, the plan is to complete the new facility in 2030. In comparison, Albania's biggest three hydropower plants are on the Drin river. Together with privately owned Ashta 1 and 2, the last ones in the cascade, they have 1.4 GW in total capacity.

Why does Albania need hydropower?

Albania, with a population of around 2.85 million, is almost entirely dependent on hydropower for its electricity supply. This gives it an advantage in decarbonising its electricity sector but also makes it highly vulnerable to the changing climate.

Could a pumped storage station be connected to a Moglica hydropower plant?

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