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The Ministry of Energy revealed the results last week (2 November) for the EU-backed tender, which opened in August and will provide financial support to over 300 renewable and energy storage projects, covering up to 50% of construction costs.

The second call was for those over 200kW with no upper limit. In that call, 2,660MW of renewable projects won funding while 1,000MW of energy storage projects were successful, spread across 65 projects winning a total of 427.5 million (US\$238 million).

All in all, 3,095MW of renewables projects and 1,176MW of energy storage projects won in the tender. Projects will need to be operational by 31 March, 2026.

The funding comes from Bulgaria's portion of the EU-wide Recovery and Resilience facility, the bloc's scheme to help countries mitigate the negative economic effects of the Covid-19 pandemic.

The facility has also supported energy storage deployments in Romania, Finland and Greece, while the separate Temporary Crisis and Transition Framework ("TCTF") has supported projects in Poland, Hungary and Slovenia.

Just a few days after the Bulgarian ministry's announcement, Romania revealed the results of one of its support schemes.

Minister of Energy Sebastian Burduja yesterday (4 November) signed off some EUR30 million of support for five battery energy storage system (BESS) projects totalling 791.48MWh. They are:

However, the Ministry's announcement added that another 13 projects totalling 1,757MWh have been sent pre-contracting notices for a total support of EUR73.8 million, so the total capacity supported should grow to around 2.5GWh.

Just yesterday, Energy-Storage.news reported on a 2GWh BESS for which an environmental permit is being sought by its developer, independent power producer (IPP) Monsson.

The double helping of news from the region comes a month after Solar Media's Energy Storage Summit Central and Eastern Europe (CEE) 2024 in Warsaw, Poland, which looked at the major drivers, opportunities and regulatory and market challenges for storage in CEE.



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The Romanian ministry's announcement also included support for solar PV manufacturing, including EUR32.9 million for a 1.5GW solar panel factory in Barlad, Vaslui county, being built by SC Heliomit.

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