

# Hungary solar panels with battery backup

Nearly 1,000 households have completed investments supported by subsidies for solar panel and battery storage, the Energy Ministry said on Tuesday, according to a report by state news wire MTI. The HUF 105.8 bln of subsidies available in the scheme are expected to support investments at over 20,000 homes.

The government is raising the original HUF 75.8 billion allocation for a subsidy scheme supporting the installation of home solar panels and battery storage with an additional HUF 30 bln, State Secretary for Energy Affairs and Climate Policy Attila Steiner said yesterday, according to hirado.hu.

Energy Affairs Minister Csaba Lantos announced the publication of a tender for HUF 75 billion in subsidies for home solar panels and battery storage on Monday, according to a report by state news wire MTI.

The scheme could support solar panel and battery storage investments at over 25,000 homes. Under the scheme, households may apply for up to HUF 5m in support, covering two-thirds of investment cost. More than 280,000 homes in Hungary have solar panels.

The Hungarian government has officially announced the commencement of operations at the country's largest solar photovoltaic (PV) park. This 233-MW facility, located in Mezocsat, a municipality in the northern Borsod-Abaúj-Zemplén county, was constructed by local developer PolSolar Kft.

The Hungarian government will invite bids for grants worth a combined 75 billion forints (EUR 193.5m) early next year aimed at helping households install solar panels and batteries. Energy Minister Csaba Lantos said his ministry aimed to encourage households to use solar panels which could cover their own electricity consumption.

More than 21,000 households applied for subsidies for home solar panels and battery storage in the first week of the 75 billion forint (EUR 196.1m) scheme, Energy Minister Csaba Lantos said in an interview with news portal index.hu published on Saturday.

Hungary's first "city-owned smart grid project" will be powered by a 1.3MWp PV facility and supported by a 1.2MW lithium-ion battery energy storage system with a capacity of 2.4MWh.



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