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Since its inception, the Greek Recovery and Resilience Plan (RRP) has included Measure 16926 ('Support of the installation of storage systems to enhance renewable energy sources (RES) penetration') which covers battery energy storage systems and the construction of a pumped hydro storage system in Amfilochia. The measure was revised due to objective circumstances, including the extended time needed for the electrification of the battery storage systems and supply bottlenecks affecting the timely delivery of equipment needed for the Amfilochia Pumped Hydro Storage facility.

The final milestone 16 of Measure 16926 will be assessed as part of the ninth and final payment request that Greece is expected to submit in September 2026. The milestone requires: (i) the installation of battery energy storage projects with a total capacity of 700 megawatts (MW); and (ii) the completion of the civil engineering works for the Amfilochia Pumped Hydro Storage Station.

The Commission has not carried out any analysis of the exact impact on electricity prices resulting from Greece's lack of grid scale battery storage capacity. However, a lack of flexibility can generally contribute to greater price volatility and higher system costs.

The factsheet¹ published by the Commission in March 2026 provides additional information on how the Recovery and Resilience Facility (RRF) is supporting Greece's transition away from polluting energy sources toward cleaner alternatives, such as wind and solar power.

¹ https://reforms-investments.ec.europa.eu/document/download/ca8dd927-d7fb-47a0-84db-adcf48530877_en?filename=Factsheet%20RRF%20Greece%20March%2026%20V5.pdf