Batteries to increase system flexibility

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Helen is carbon neutral by 2030



Helen has made 1 billion euros investments in wind and solar, to own and operate over 1 GW capacity once all sites are built. Share of weather dependent electricity production ~60 %

Electricity consumption will double through electrified heating, hydrogen production and customer's electrification



How to build the inevident need of flexibility?

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SECTOR INTEGRATED, AUTOMATED OPTIMIZATION AND CONTROL

- Digital platform that bridges the energy infrastructure, energy markets and customers
- Optimizes the revenues for a battery investment and automates the market operations and controlling the assets



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Story of Lakiakangas 3 BESS

First customer of Helen market operation service and first asset which starts utilizing HelenFlex technology



April 2023 Building the foundation May 2023 Cabling works on going

June 2023 Installation and cold comissioning



Story of Lakiakangas 3 BESS Successful completion of SAT tests and acceptance of pre-qualification tests by Fingrid support the start of commercial reserve market operation in October









July 2023 Hot comissioning

August 2023 SAT tests

August 2023 Technical on-site training

September 2023 Commercial operation date



Helen is increasing own supply side flexibility with 5 MW / 10 MWh BESS investment

Will be connected to the electricity markets through HelenFlex technology during Spring 2025







HelenFlex helps to unlock the flexibility potential of batteries

Own technology development mitigates the investment risks of large BESS portfolio

Experience and agile digital tools enable to deliver winning market operation services to customers









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