

BatteryPlat contribution to public consultation Renewable energy projects – permit-granting processes & power-purchase agreements

Demonstration and early deployment are indispensable parts of the power sector innovation chain. Further support mechanisms are needed in order to complement R&D support. It is very common that promoters of prototypes and pilot projects have trouble getting on time all the necessary permits to install prototypes that will have a limited life (just the time to test the hypothesis of the project). The regular permitting processes for conventional facilities are focused on requirements that demonstration equipment has trouble to meet due to the lack of standards for a technology that is not mature yet. Pilot and demonstration projects deserve specific and streamlined permitting processes. That would help startups to quickly test their solutions to the market and improve in their acceleration and competitive process. For startups “time is money”, so supporting them with streamlined permitting would be as effective and smart as providing them with financial support. So, it would be highly beneficial and innovative to have a common European “fast pass” permit to quickly deploy demo projects.