

### **Distributed Energy Storage Solution**

Telco infrastructure turned into virtual power plant

A sustainable future through digitalization

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- Why does the energy transition matters also for telcos?
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### How to tackle climate change?

## **1.5°C**

Under the 2015 Paris Agreement the world agreed to cut greenhouse gas emissions "to limit the temperature increase to 1.5°C above pre-industrial levels". The major component of that change is the energy transition from fossil fuels to renewable sources of energy such as wind and solar.



### 22% to 42.5%

EU 27 target for proportion of total energy generated by renewable energy in 2030 compared to actual figure for 2022 16, 20, 30**GW** 

GW of wind energy installed in EU 27 in 2022, per annum forecasts for 2023 to 2027, requirement for EU to meet target

### A huge distruption is under way...

From fossil fuels and large centralized production units ...

... Towards Zero Carbon and distributed, intelligently controlled, systems





EU Energy storage capacity forecasts from 2022 to 2030 and 2050.



### Reality where we are with energy – telco view

Energy consumption constitutes between

20-40 %

of network OPEX



5G can increase

+30%

energy consumption



Electricity market price volatility in last few years even +500 %

Due to increase in variable renewable production



The only way to avoid high prices:

#### OPTIMISE CONSUMPTION

or do not use electricity

TELCO'S COMMITMENT TO SUSTAINABILITY DEVELOPMENT



## Why this is relevant to telcos? Why telco infra is good for battery storages?

• Comparison of distributed batteries at telco mobile basestation sites vs centralized grid batteries





### **Elisa DES Solution**



DES solution reduces electricity costs and earns profit from electricity markets by controlling distributed battery systems in telco network



>50%





### **Elisa lithium battery project**





### Elisa DES & Case Finland

Elisa's mobile network in Finland is hosting the largest distributed virtual power plant in Europe

2100 sites

• 150 MWh

CO2 down by up to 20900t / year



#### Elisa's Distributed Energy Storage brings

- → **Savings** in electricity procurement
- → **Revenue** from electricity balancing services to electricity transmission system operators
- Supports renewables & decreases emissions
- → Improves telco & electricity grid resilience
- $\rightarrow$  Savings for everyone during peaks



## What we do in practise? Control of power equipment

**Default mode**: Battery not discharging nor charging, site consuming electricity from grid as usual

**Up regulation mode, grid needs more power**: Battery discharging, No electricity from the grid Rectifier/ Controller



Down regulation mode, excess electricity in grid: Battery charging plus electricity feed to radios from grid





### **Optimization and value stacking are the key**



### Monetization



### Volatility in last years in Finland & Germany — price difference between highest and lowest hour of the day





### **Finland case example**





# Monthly benefit 1 MW of capacity, comparison of different optimization





To continue with lead acid or increase battery capacity accelerated pace with lithium and earn money? Cash flow, yearly and cumulative





### Effect on network reliability



### DES effect during power shortage





### **Summary of benefits**

- Financial benefits
- Environmental impact
- Reliability of network





#### ENERGY INDUSTRY VIEWPOINT

### **ENERGY STORAGE AWARDS 2023**



• Evaluation criteria emphasized: "The key is to display project characteristics that are not only notable within the scope of the project, but also demonstrate potential for replicability at scale."





## Thank you!

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