



BATTERY ENERGY STORAGE SYSTEMS (BESS)

SAFETY CONSIDERATIONS IN INTERNATIONAL GUIDELINES

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STATUS OF THE BESS INTERNATIONAL GUIDELINES

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OVERVIEW OF GUIDELINES FROM DENMARK, BELGIUM, SWEDEN, UK,
USA AND OTHER SELECTED COUNTRIES

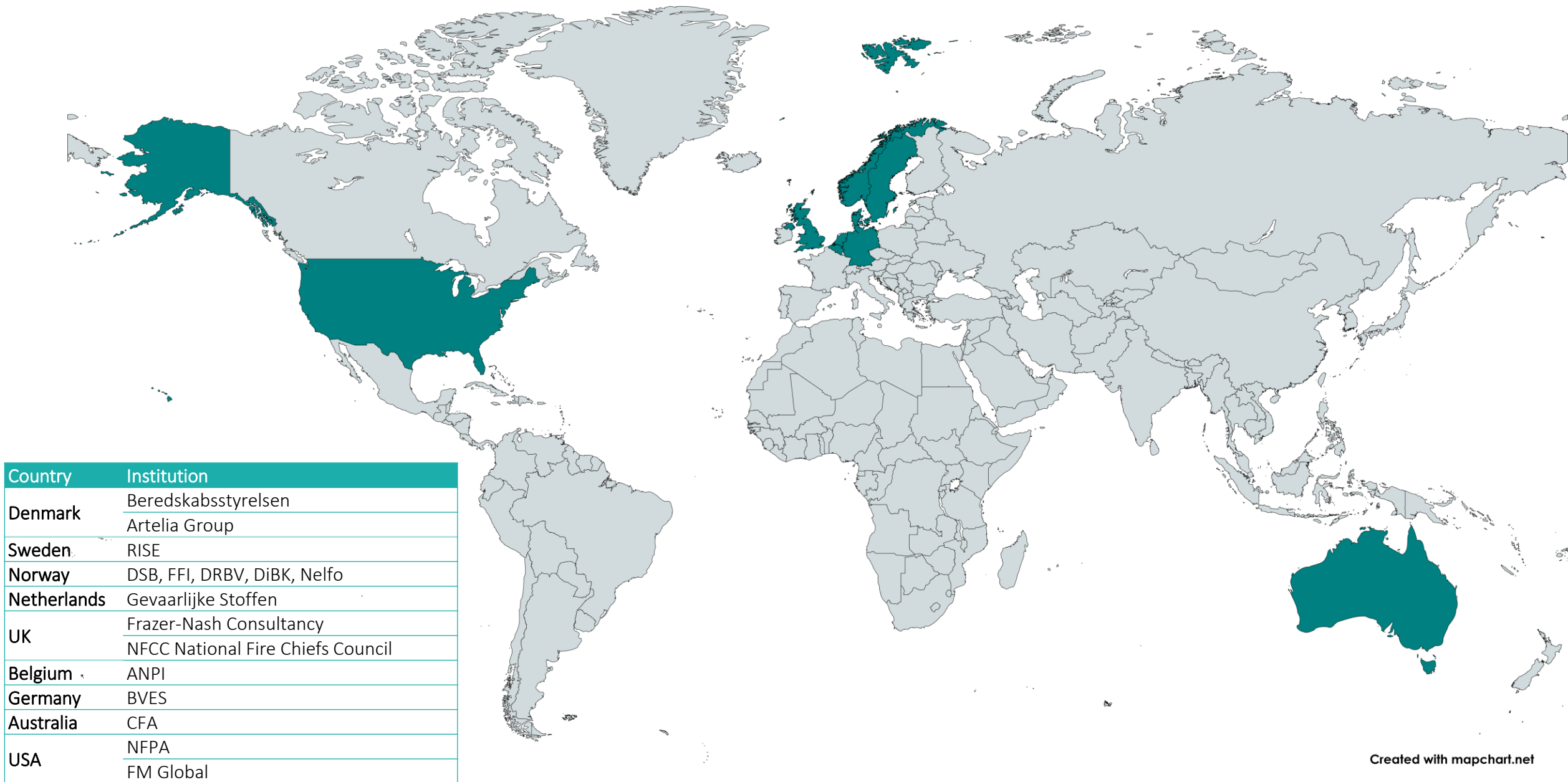
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OVERVIEWED GUIDELINES



METHODOLOGY

Group of interest	Parameters/aspects
Documentation aspects	Involved parties, liability and documentation circulation
Hazard mitigation	Risk analysis and management Thermal runaway control Mechanical impact risk management Fire and explosion testing
Passive fire protection	Compartmentation Separation distances Fire barriers
Active fire and explosion protection	Detection Explosion prevention Suppression
Firefighting and water disposal	Emergency response Extinguishing water management
Lifecycle procedures	Commissioning Operation and training Regular inspections and maintenance Decommissioning procedures and disposal
Repurposing and refurbishing	Repurposed and refurbished batteries

SUMMARY

Group of interest	Parameters/aspects	DK1	DK2	SE1	NO1	NL1	UK1	UK2	BE1	DE1	AU1	USA1	USA2
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Hazard mitigation	Risk analysis and management												
	Thermal runaway control												
	Mechanical impact risk management												
	Fire and explosion testing												
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	Indoor installations												
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DETECTION

Regulation	Recommendation regarding detection
DK1	CO, NO ₂ and HCl
DK2	Optical smoke detector (high/low) CO, NO ₂ and HCl Thresholds given
SE1	smoke detection, gas detection (H ₂ , CO and/or CO ₂), and temperature. 25% LEL triggering ventilation
NO1	Smoke detection with CO sensor
UK1	BMS H ₂ , CO and VOC. Connect and trigger ventilation
BE1	No details
DE1	No details
AU1	BMS Detecting all: smoke, heat and toxic gas high/low No details
USA1	Smoke or radiating heat Smoke detection NFPA 72 Gas detection (H ₂ , CO and/or CO ₂) BMS
USA2	BMS Temperature and VOC

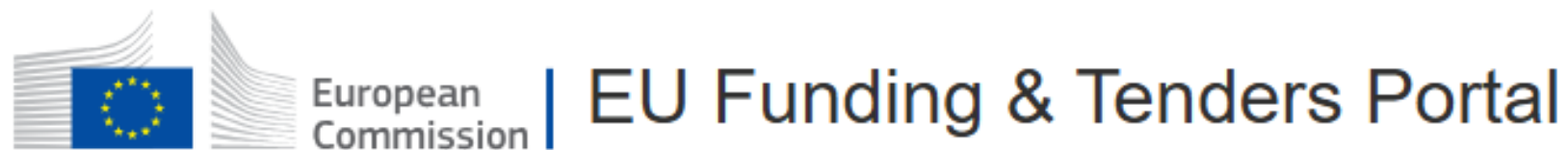


Guidelines are missing for several groups of interest!

Guidelines are not harmonized across countries!

The basis of the guidance is often not clear!

HIGH ON THE AGENDA



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CONCLUSIONS

We need more knowledge!

We need safe, harmonized and adaptive guidelines!

We need more collaboration among stakeholders!



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