### Telecom infrastructure as Virtual Power Plant

A case study about investments and operational learnings from Elisa's Distributed Energy Storage (DES)

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Climate change requires our actions, fast. What is the environment we leave for generations to come

How our industry can be part of the solution?



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### Renewable energy needs help with flexibility – Distributed Energy Storage is a solution

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

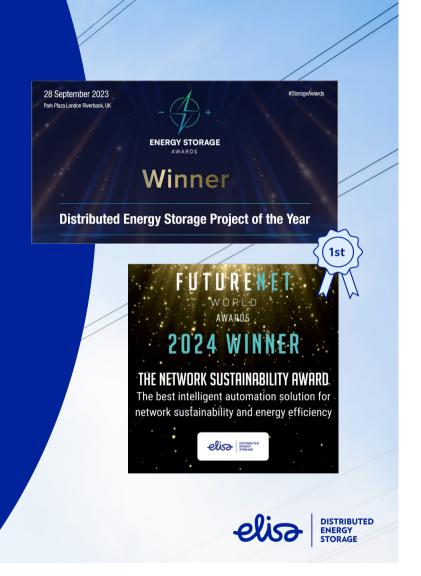
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**Electricity** market

### **Case Elisa Finland**

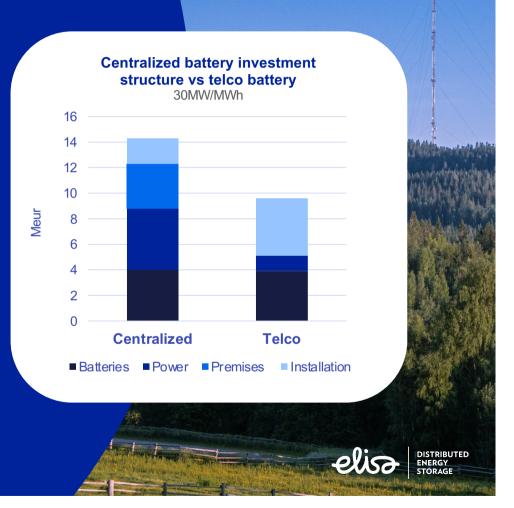
- Investment for 150 MWh distributed energy storage at Elisa Finland network, 2000+ mobile base station sites
- Additional battery capacity utilized for energy market (2-3x capacity to original, also improving network resiliency)
- Participation to grid balancing market & energy procurement optimization = new revenue + cost savings
- Up to **21,900t CO2** marginal emission reduction annually
- Continuous operations since 2022

Our software and services are available for other MNOs/Towercos

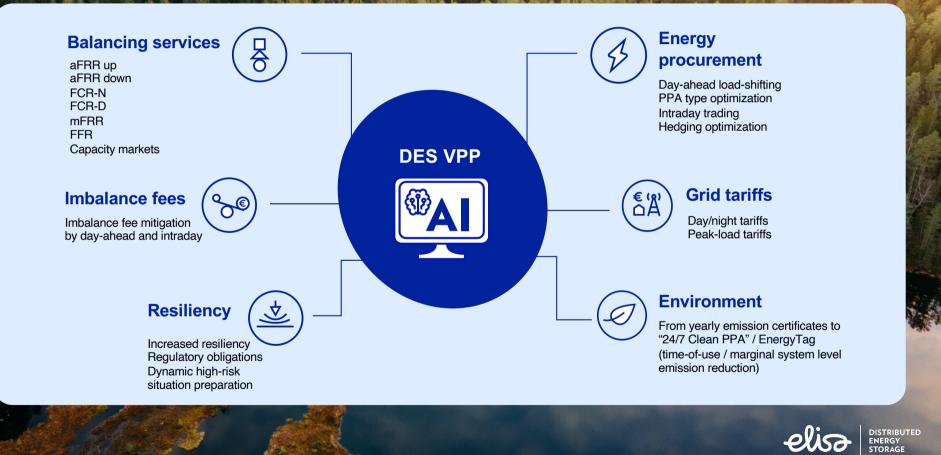


# Billions of investments are going to grid-scale batteries

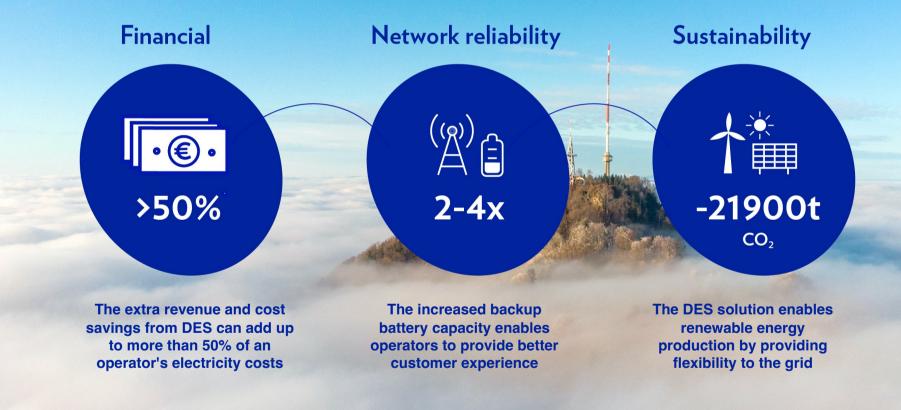
- Centralized battery investments are booming to 250 billion euros annually by 2025
- Telco infra provides decentralized alternative
- From lead acid to lithium batteries
  - Twice the lifetime (10+ years)
  - Cycles 3000 10 000
  - Superlight installation



### Value elements of DES VPP



### **Summary - DES benefits**



Happy to help make DES happen also in other telco infrastructure!

## Thank you!

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