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Europe faces the challenge of financing its energy transition

Energyear Investments, RE & Storage 2026 will bring together more than 500 professionals in London on 1 and 2 December to explore investment opportunities in renewables and storage and the sector's outlook for 2027.

London, November 2026. Europe's energy transition requires increasing amounts of capital, but the challenge extends beyond attracting finance: it also involves ensuring that projects can be developed and connected to the grid. The European Commission estimates that the European Union's energy sector will require around €660 billion annually between 2026 and 2030, covering generation, energy efficiency and grid infrastructure.

Against this backdrop, the ability to turn decarbonisation targets into tangible investment opportunities will be one of the main topics of discussion at Energyear Investments, RE & Storage 2026, which will bring together executives, investors, developers and financial institutions at the Leonardo Royal Hotel London City on 1 and 2 December.

Investor interest in renewable assets is already reflected in the volume of financing mobilised by the sector. According to WindEurope, new European wind projects raised €45 billion in 2025 to finance 20.9 GW of new capacity to be installed over the coming years. However, committed investment alone does not guarantee that projects will be delivered.

Grid capacity constraints and permitting delays continue to affect development, placing infrastructure availability, regulatory certainty and connection timelines among the factors that will determine where future investment flows.

Private capital and projects that can attract financing

Mobilising private capital will depend largely on projects offering risk and return profiles that attract financing. The clean energy investment strategy presented by the European Commission in March 2026 aims precisely to connect investors with viable projects and reduce the risks associated with these investments.

In the United Kingdom, Clean Power 2030 estimates average investment requirements of around £40 billion annually between 2025 and 2030 in generation and transmission networks, placing financing and infrastructure development among the sector's main challenges.

In this context, project bankability, revenue visibility and exposure to electricity prices will be among the key themes of the event. The agenda will examine which technologies and assets will attract the interest of banks and investors in 2027, how mergers and acquisitions are evolving, and which strategies can improve the performance of operating renewable assets.

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An agenda focused on investment, markets and the transformation of Europe's energy sector

The agenda will open on 1 December with an inaugural address by Mete Coban, Deputy Mayor of London, followed by an analysis of where capital will flow in the European power market in 2027. The first day will focus on the United Kingdom's investment outlook and its Clean Power 2030 target, business models, manufacturing and supply chains, as well as opportunities in the Iberian Peninsula and the Italian market.

The programme will also address the conditions that make a renewable project attractive and bankable from the perspective of independent power producers (IPPs) and investors. Other discussions will examine renewable asset returns amid changing electricity prices, mergers and acquisitions (M&A), investment opportunities in Northern Europe, and strategies to maximise the value of operating asset portfolios.

The second day will broaden the discussion to new drivers of electricity demand, with a session dedicated to the growth of data centres and artificial intelligence and their implications for round-the-clock clean electricity supply. Discussions will also cover capital flows, debt and equity financing options, and the evolution of battery energy storage systems (BESS) as assets within Europe's energy business.

The agenda will also feature dedicated sessions on investment opportunities in Eastern and Central Europe, the financial viability of storage projects, and their revenue models, risks and returns. Grid access, land availability, permits, margins and market competitiveness will round out the main discussion topics.

With more than 70 speakers, over 30 partners and 21 panels planned, Energyear Investments, RE & Storage 2026 will bring together institutional, financial, technological and business perspectives to examine the conditions that will shape the development of European energy projects in 2027.

Confirmed organisations include EDP, Repsol, ContourGlobal, BW ESS, London City Hall, Atlántica, Galp, Nuveen Infrastructure, Foresight Group, Maxxen, Axial Structural Solutions, Jinkosolar, Low Carbon and Sonnedix, among others. One-to-one meetings, lunches and networking cocktails will facilitate connections between investors and companies to explore new opportunities and projects.

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