

FINANCING TOOLBOX: MINIMISING RISK

The discussion centred around steps commercial lenders need to take to overcome these challenges and the changes needed for institutional investors to actively participate in renewable energy financing.

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The one-man show, and most definitely a crowd-pleaser. Nord/LB's Jakeman laid out the pitfalls and opportunities available in the turbulent market.

THE PPA SURGE

This year, so far, has been difficult for PPAs. Record low prices in the spot market and even negative prices for the first time. This does not bode well for merchant deals. Deals that are "as produced"

UNDER THE MICROSCOPE: SPAIN

The panel kicks off with an emphasis on the regulatory changes needed in Spain to attract renewables developers. There is an immediate need for a regulatory overhaul with the aim of establishing a framework to incentivise developers to pursue projects in the country.

OVERCOMING THE HEADWINDS: TENDERS ON THE HORIZON

The panel started with a discussion on floating offshore wind technology. There appears to be unanimous agreement that the cost of this newer technology is unlikely to go down drastically in the near future, in line with what some European developers hoped, and instead will rely heavily on public sector support to prove commercialisation.

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DEVELOPERS: BUILDING THE EUROPEAN PIPELINE

The key bottleneck for European renewables continues to be lengthy processing times. Developers are having to reconsider their position and weigh up the benefits of stepping back temporarily to allow the current pipeline to clear the permitting process before proposing new projects.

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CCUS IN EUROPE

CCUS is essential to decarbonise hard-to-abate sectors such as cement, steel and other chemical manufacturing. It is also an important tool to secure firming energy capacity while the renewables generation solves the intermittency conundrum.

BATTERY STORAGE: THE NEW HORIZON

A meaningful and sustainable transition to renewable generation cannot be achieved without battery storage to provide firming.

STEERING THROUGH RISK: MANAGING EUROPEAN RENEWABLES PORTFOLIOS

Renewables developers need to embrace risk and use it appropriately to maximise revenues on generation assets to make them commercially viable. Understanding merchant risk is particularly important for IPPs.

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