

Europe Energy Transition Awards 2024 – Criteria

Company

Best Energy Storage Investor

Storage has a pivotal role to play in the energy transition for the next decade. Is your deal accelerating its path to mainstream and facilitating grid stability?

Main criteria:

- Technology Innovation
- Financing Innovation
- Market Impact
- Size

Best EV Charging Investor

EV charging infrastructure is transforming the legacy of the automobile market and shaping the dynamics of transport as we know it. Submit the deal that is pushing the sector that step further into the future.

Main criteria:

- Size of deployment
- Financing innovation
- Market Impact

Best Hydrogen Investor

Recognising the pioneers in the burgeoning hydrogen economy, whether they've taken a game changing leap of faith in a new business model, or have fostered the growth of the sector with significant capital and guidance. Nominate who has made a mark on the sector.

Main criteria:

- Innovation
- Market Impact
- Capital raised/deployed
- Fundraising proficiency
- First mover effect

Best Floating Offshore Investor

Floating offshore is a rapidly growing technology. This category seeks to recognise the investor that has made the most strides in this space.

Main criteria:

- Technology innovation
- Financing innovation
- Market impact
- Size
- First mover advantage

Best Financial Adviser - Renewables

Recognising those who have gone above and beyond in helping navigate complex financial agreements, from structuring acquisitions to primary financing. This award is for those making a splash within traditional renewables in Europe.

Main criteria:

- Firm's pivotal role in deal/transaction
- Innovation
- Variety and adaptability
- Market impact

Best Financial Adviser - New Technologies

Recognising those financial advisers who have dared to enter the new world of the energy transition to help structure innovative projects within the emerging technologies space, including energy storage, floating wind, CCUS, and hydrogen.

Main criteria:

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- Variety and adaptability
- Market impact

Best Legal Adviser - Renewables

With multiple sectors, asset classes, counterparties, geographies and regulatory frameworks, good legal stewardship is crucial to the success of any venture. Submit the top three deals per nomination.

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Best Legal Adviser - New Technologies

Recognising those legal advisers who are establishing strong precedents within the energy transition's emerging technologies by creating legal frameworks helping to push boundaries across multiple sectors, asset classes, geographies, regulatory frameworks, and much more.

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- Firm's pivotal role in deal/transaction
- Innovation
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- Market impact

Best Technical Adviser – Renewables

This category aims to recognise the technical adviser who has played the most pivotal role in advising on the wider spectrum of traditional renewables deals throughout the judging period.

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- Firm's pivotal role in deal/transaction
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As new technologies gain ground in the investment horizon of industry players, technical advice becomes key to a successful strategy. This category aims to recognise the technical adviser who has played the most pivotal role in advising on the wider spectrum of new technologies deals throughout the judging period.

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- Market impact

Best Lender - Renewables

Recognising the leading debt providers in the traditional renewable space (including solar, wind, hydro), providing financial consistency and stability within the energy transition in Europe.

Main criteria:

- Innovative financing
- Variety and adaptability
- Lender's pivotal role in overall financing
- Market Impact

Best Lender - New Technologies

Debt providers are playing a crucial role in helping push the energy transition. This award recognises the lender making the most impact in emerging technologies including: energy storage, floating wind, CCUS, and hydrogen

Main criteria:

- Innovative financing
- Variety and adaptability
- Lender's pivotal role in overall financing
- Market Impact

Best Developer – Renewables

This category seeks to recognise the developer who has been most active and has made the strongest contribution to the rollout of traditional renewables projects in Europe throughout the judging period.

Main criteria:

- Volumes
- Market impact
- Market leadership
- Variety and adaptability
- Projects size

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Best Software Provider

Recognising a company that has enabled asset operators and investors to make informed and data-driven decisions.

Performance optimisation, enhanced safety measures, cost reduction, minimised downtime are among the most pressing requirements for software providers in the current market environment.

Main criteria:

- Innovation
- Variety and adaptability
- Market impact
- Volume

Best Optimizer

Recognising a company that has contributed to revenue stacking and made innovative use of software for optimal management of battery energy storage assets.

Main criteria:

- Innovation
- Variety and adaptability
- Market impact
- Volume

Best Energy Transition Fund – Equity

Recognising the equity fund manager that has raised and deployed capital in line with a mandate strongly linked to achieving energy transition goals.

Main criteria:

- Innovative structure in relation to the energy transition
- Clear link to energy transition goals
- Strong investment track record in connection with energy transition mandate

Best Energy Transition Fund – Debt

Recognising the debt fund manager that has raised and deployed capital in line with a mandate strongly linked to achieving energy transition goals.

Main criteria:

- Innovative structure in relation to the energy transition
- Clear link to energy transition goals
- Strong investment track record in connection with energy transition mandate

Diversity, Equity and Inclusion (DE&I)

Recognising a company that can demonstrate having implemented a strategy that incorporates Equality, Diversity and Inclusion (ED&I) across the board.

Main criteria:

- Present your ED&I strategy and talk us through how you have gone about putting it together and implementing it
- Provide a case study of individual success under the strategy with a clear impact on people and leadership
- Explain to us how the ED&I strategy has benefited your business

Remember the Name - Company

Recognising the company that has had the strongest impact in working towards the energy transition.

Main criteria:

- Amount of deals with strong energy transition links
- Ability to position its strategy to reflect energy transition goals
- Ability to partner with other companies to work together towards achieving energy transition
- Ability to manage risk properly while entering new technologies/markets

Deal

Outstanding Greenfield Deal

Recognising the transactions that turned the most heads and made the most waves, whether because of scope, complexity, ambition, or a combination of the three. Nominate the deal you think stands above the rest.

Main criteria:

- Size
- Innovation
- Market Impact
- Complexity

Outstanding M&A Deal

Recognising the transactions that turned the most heads and made the most waves, whether because of scope, complexity, ambition, or a combination of the three. Nominate the deal you think stands above the rest.

Main criteria:

- Size
- Innovation
- Market Impact
- Complexity

Outstanding PPA Deal

PPAs have become a stamp of offtakers sustainability commitment and a marker of financing/structuring prowess of energy leaders. Submit the deal that highlights your leadership in the market.

Main criteria:

- Size (MW and MWh)
- CO2 emissions saved
- Contract innovation
- Market reach

Outstanding Offshore Deal

Recognising the offshore wind deal that turned the most heads and made the most waves, whether because of scope, complexity, ambition, or a combination of the three. Nominate the deal you think stands above the rest.

Main criteria:

- Size
- Innovation
- Market Impact
- Complexity

Outstanding Solar Deal

Recognising the solar deal that turned the most heads and made the most waves, whether because of scope, complexity, ambition, or a combination of the three. Nominate the deal you think stands above the rest.

Main criteria:

- Size
- Innovation
- Market Impact
- Complexity

Outstanding Onshore Deal

Recognising the onshore wind deal that turned the most heads and made the most waves, whether because of scope, complexity, ambition, or a combination of the three. Nominate the deal you think stands above the rest.

Main criteria:

- Size
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- Market Impact
- Complexity

Outstanding Hybrid Deal

Recognising the hybrid (wind and solar) deal that turned the most heads and made the most waves, whether because of scope, complexity, ambition, or a combination of the three. Nominate the deal you think stands above the rest.

Main criteria:

- Size
- Innovation
- Market Impact
- Complexity

Outstanding Bioenergy Deal

Recognising the deal that turned the most heads and made the most waves across the bioenergy space, whether because of scope, complexity, ambition, or a combination of the three. Nominate the deal you think stands above the rest.

Main criteria:

- Size
- Innovation
- Market Impact
- Complexity

Outstanding Gigafactory Deal

Recognising the gigafactory deal that turned the most heads and made the most waves, whether because of scope, complexity, ambition, or a combination of the three.

Nominate the deal you think stands above the rest.

Main criteria:

- Size
- Innovation
- Market Impact
- Complexity

Outstanding Portfolio Acquisition Deal

Recognising the portfolio acquisition deal that turned the most heads and made the most waves, whether because of scope, complexity, ambition, or a combination of the three. Nominate the deal you think stands above the rest.

Main criteria:

- Size
- Innovation
- Market Impact
- Complexity

Deal of the Year

Recognising the deal that turned the most heads and made the most waves, whether because of scope, complexity, ambition, or a combination of the three, regardless of sector. Nominate the deal you think stands above the rest.

Main criteria:

- Size
- Innovation
- Market Impact
- Complexity

Individuals

Rising Star - Person

Recognising a rising star making a name for themselves in the field, whose hard work and accomplishments are putting them on the map as someone to remember.

Main criteria:

- Age
- Time spent in the industry
- Meaningful contributions to projects

Lifetime achievement

Recognising an individual whose hard work and accomplishments have made them stand out and emerge as an industry leader and an example for younger generations to follow.

Main criteria:

- Time spent in the industry
- Meaningful contributions to projects
- Peer recognition