

TaylorWessing

Infrastructure & Energy



Our expertise at a glance

Taylor Wessing's international infrastructure and energy team has a strong track record of successfully delivering first-rate legal advice in a variety of segments in infrastructure investments. We are advising on infrastructure and energy finance, M&A, transport matters and more.



Our international sector team for infrastructure and energy advises investors, sponsors and lenders, asset managers and project developers as well as the public sector on the planning, development, financing and realization, acquisition and sale of national and international infrastructure and energy projects. Clients value our advice and expertise particularly in the areas of M&A and (project) finance and construction. We offer full-service throughout all phases of a project. From planning and financing, drafting all project contracts and advising on all necessary approvals and permissions through to construction and sale or acquisition.

Our team covers the entire value chain of an infrastructure project and has many years of experience in advising a wide range of market players. We advise on energy generation and distribution projects. We also advise in the areas of airports, roads, freight and inland ports, waste, water supply and disposal.

We accompany clients as early as the planning phase and support them, for example, in obtaining relevant planning approvals. We assist with procurement and construction, ensuring that the legal and regulatory framework is complied with.

Our lawyers understand the factors affecting the infrastructure and energy industries, as well as the business issues and risks inherent when working in the sector.



Our International Capabilities

Our legal services in infrastructure and energy

- At Taylor Wessing we have many years of experience in the acquisition and financing of infrastructure projects and are particularly proud of the fact that our full-service approach enables us to identify and assess the predetermined breaking points of projects in a targeted and practical manner.
- We have in-depth understanding of technical aspects of infrastructure projects as well as a thorough commercial approach.
- We provide our clients with a fully integrated service on all aspects of infrastructure projects, drawing on our experience in all relevant areas of law. We guide projects through all stages, conducting legal due diligence, risk allocation and bankability reviews of project and financing arrangements.

Plant construction

- Our Projects, Energy & Infrastructure team deals with the engineering and construction of industrial facilities with a focus inter alia on renewable energies.
- We support large-scale projects throughout their entire lifecycle, from the planning and development stage through the negotiation and the conclusion of the relevant agreements, to the construction and operation stage of the project, including claims and change management. If required, we also represent our clients in litigation proceedings before state courts and in national and international arbitration proceedings.
- We provide high quality legal services for complex and large infrastructure construction including EPC, EPCI and O&M. We also advise clients with SMA contracts, turnkey contracts and subcontractor and supplier contracts, in addition to the relevant standard terms and conditions such as FIDIC, LOGIC, VOB, Orgalime, NEC and VDMA.

Renewable energy and infrastructure

- We have been active in the renewable energy sector for around 20 years with market-leading expertise, in particular in transactions, power purchase agreements (PPAs), (energy) plant construction and the drafting and negotiating of EPC contracts as well as in securing land, planning and permitting and project finance. Our experts in the fields of regulatory energy law and public law are central to our high-quality advice on renewable energy projects.
- For many years, we have been advising on renewables transactions in particular in the solar PV and onshore wind sectors. We have extensive experience in advising on renewable energy projects from the perspective of developers and plant operators, as well as sponsors, banks, and asset managers.
- Our full-service approach and extensive experience in all aspects of renewable energy project development, construction, operation, transactions and financing enables us to focus on the key legal aspects of each project.
- In 2023 and 2024, our team advised on around 85 transactions and projects in the renewable energy and clean tech sectors, with total installed capacity of > 10 GW per year.

Digital infrastructure and technology projects

- Our capabilities include advising on projects for the development and construction of digital infrastructure, in particular broadband, data centres, and satellite communications.
- At the intersection of new technologies and traditional industries, we are a trusted legal partner for global market leaders, international corporations and European SMEs. We support projects from business initiation through implementation to project completion, including escalations of failed contractual relationships.
- We have experience in complex IT projects and transactions such as inter alia OEM and outsourcing contracts. We advise on initial planning and structuring through to drafting and negotiation of contracts up to the implementation and execution of the project.

Public law – project finance

- Our public law project finance team advises both in greenfield and brownfield as well as sponsors including industrial operators and builders, investors and financial institutions. We also advise government and public authorities concerning the structuration of the conclusion, performance of contracts, in particular PPP, concessions and IPP and financing.

Credentials

International Renewables Asset Managers, Companies and Financial Institutions

Advice (in particular legal due diligence and drafting and negotiation of transaction and joint venture agreements, review of legal due diligence of borrowers for financing advice) on onshore wind, solar PV and battery storage transactions and financings. Legal advice on the financing of a solar and wind portfolios throughout Europe, the US and Australia.

Industrial Companies

Advice to several listed industrial companies, international US IT companies and other offtakers in connection with the negotiation and conclusion of green power PPAs and corresponding guarantees of origin with power suppliers operating throughout Europe.

Wind Turbine Manufacturers

Advice on the drafting and negotiation of the project contracts (e.g. preferred supplier agreements, turbine supply and installation as well as service and availability agreements) for more than 25 offshore wind parks, including lately offshore wind parks "Baltic Eagle" as well as "Baltic Power".

Internet and Online Service Providers

Several of the world's leading internet and online service providers, as well as critical infrastructure providers (such as in the fields of transport and healthcare), on complex international large-scale data centre-related infrastructure projects, from build-to-suit projects to colocation agreements.

Telecommunication Operators

Advice to telecommunications operators in connection with the financing of a private communications network within the legal framework established by a French department.

PE and Venture Capital Investors

Advice to international PE and venture capital investors with a focus on sustainability and the green transition on their investments in different ventures to accelerate the energy turnaround, inter alia KI for renewables projects and green hydrogen.

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