



Renewable Energy

AN OVERVIEW OF OUR PRACTICE IN FRANCE

Our team


DLA Piper is at the forefront of the renewable energy market, advising both companies and financiers across the renewable energy spectrum. Our knowledgeable renewables team includes lawyers who are familiar with all aspects of the renewable energy industry and the legal and commercial issues that arise from the generation, distribution, supply and trading of renewables and its derivative products.

Our team offers commercially astute support to a full range of clients in the sector including project developers, sponsors, corporations,


investors, financial institutions, manufacturers, utilities, governments, regulatory bodies; and across the industry from wind, solar, hydro, waste-to-energy, biomass and biofuels.

In areas of fund raising, supplier obligations, permitting, regulations and in the political sphere, we can offer expertise and market-leading experience. Our support is available at all stages of a project and includes development activities, permitting issues, negotiation of project controls, project finance, M&A and restructuring.

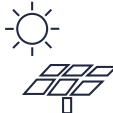
Our areas of expertise



Hydro Power and Tidal



Wind



Solar



Waste-to-Energy



Anaerobic Digestion



Combined Heat & Power



District Heat Networks



Biomass and Biofuels

Our team offers informed project, transactional and regulatory advice in:

- Commercial and construction documentation including EPC
- Turbine supply and BOP contracts
- O&M arrangements
- Corporate transactions and structuring (sale/purchase of renewable companies/projects/assets)
- Dispute resolution
- Electricity and heat off-take and supply
- Financing (utilising both debt and equity for deals)
- Grid connection
- Joint ventures
- Legal risk analysis
- Procurement
- Power Purchase Agreements (PPAs)
- Planning, permitting and consents including environmental
- Property including securing rights and options
- Regulation
- Technology licensing and IP protection

Wind

- Advising a European investment fund dedicated to renewable energy in the acquisition and long-term project financing of two wind farms of 16 MW and 6 MW respectively, located in the Haute Normandie and Nord Pas de Calais regions in France.
- Advising a French renewable fund on a convertible bond facility to partially finance the construction of a 100 MW portfolio of onshore wind and hydro projects in Europe.
- Advising a German bank for the financing of the development and construction of a 27 MW wind farm in Sweden.
- Advising a renewable energy investment fund in the acquisition of two 20 MW wind projects developed in the Marne region in France.
- Advising a French institution for the financing of a 16 MW wind project developed in a French overseas territory and a series of other wind projects in France totalling more than 80 MW.
- Advising a French fund in the financing of a portfolio of wind, solar and hydro projects in Europe.
- Advising a French fund in the mezzanine financing of 3 French wind projects totaling 49.5 MW. This financing involved a complex hybrid structure (project bonds and corporate bonds) with the backto-back issues of convertible bonds by 3 SPVs.
- Advising a French fund for the potential acquisition and refinancing of two wind projects located in France.

Waste-to-energy

- Advising an industrial group on the bankable aspects of a concession agreement for a new waste-to-energy plant in the north of France.
- Advising on the financing of a waste-to-energy concession in the south of France.

Solar

- Advising an investment fund and a French developer, as sponsors, for the financing of a portfolio of solar and wind projects totalling 181 MW.
- Advising on the purchase and financing of 5 PV plants in France totaling 55 MW, all mounted on car park roofs (on the sites of a car manufacturer).
- Advising two private companies managing photovoltaic power plants on public law issues (energy and planning law).

Hydro power and tidal

- Advising the arranger and lender on the financing of certain investments made to operate a dam in the south of France, through an assignment of receivables in relation to a public service concession.
- Advising a West African government for
 - (i) a new hydro project of several hundreds of MW (including with respect to the EPC, the structuring of the SPV, and the project financing)
 - (ii) the restructuring of an existing hydro project in operation
- Advising the IFC (World Bank) for the drafting of a form of PPA (and a form of PPP contract) for the purchase of power generated from hydro projects, in the context of the liberalization of the electricity sector of an African country.
- Advising the IFC on the liberalization of the electricity sector of an African country by providing legal and statutory support to the local Ministry of Energy and Mining.
- Advising a French renewable energy fund on the financing of the construction of various renewable projects in France and in other European countries, including hydro projects.

Some of the transactions have been done at previous law firms.

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