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Onshore Wind Energy Pillar of the energy transition

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Onshore wind energy – pillar of the energy transition

The **future prospects** for onshore wind energy have never been better. Without a massive expansion of onshore wind energy, the energy transition cannot be achieved:

- **Decarbonisation** – The envisaged climate neutrality requires far-reaching electrification in transport, heat supply and industry. To achieve this, onshore wind energy must be massively expanded.
- **Ukraine war and energy crisis** – Russia's war of aggression against Ukraine not only violates international law but has also highlighted the very real risks of an energy shortage and resulting **high electricity prices**. Investments in new renewable energies, and onshore wind energy in particular, are therefore of paramount importance for the energy supply.
- **Favourable regulatory environment** – The EEG provides for **ambitious expansion targets** with expansion rates of 115 GW by 2035, thus creating **new incentives** for the urgently needed expansion. The European RED III also recognizes the paramount importance of wind turbines and aims to reduce bureaucratic and approval-related obstacles.
- **Lack of land and approval procedures** – Measures to **accelerate permitting procedures** by waiving environmental impact and species protection assessments and the targeted **designation of 2 % of Germany** for onshore wind energy should further reduce known hindrances to the expansion.
- **Acceptance** – Citizen participation models bring **economic benefits** and thus increase **acceptance for the expansion** of renewable energies among the (local) population.



A team of experts...

Energy industry group. Luther’s Energy team consists of over 45 experienced experts who offer full-service legal and tax advice on all energy issues to energy suppliers, project developers, industrial companies, financial investors as well as the public sector. The experts from Luther’s Energy team can provide you with top-quality advice throughout the value chain, be it on projects regarding the production and generation of conventional or renewable energy, on infrastructure such as energy supply networks or storage facilities, on concession procedures, on financing or M&A transactions, on energy trading and the distribution of energy or on contracting projects. Due to our wealth of experience in the energy sector, we have first-class knowledge of the industry and also expertise in technical and economic matters. In particularly complex projects, we use specialists to handle project management tasks. We are also well-known for our special expertise in dealing with legal disputes all the way to the highest courts, and in arbitration proceedings. Internationally, we work closely with leading law firms who, like us, focus on providing comprehensive advice in the energy sector.

Expertise



Excellent legal knowledge is our trademark. Many years of experience and good relationships with market participants and authorities help to provide correct assessments.

Interdisciplinary



Our team of lawyers and tax advisors is closely connected in the market with technical and economic advisors. When things get complex and difficult, we know who to rely on.

Innovative



Innovation topics are an important part of our daily work. We are looking for challenges where solutions are not readily available.

Future-oriented



We are constantly monitoring legislation on the improvement the framework conditions for onshore wind projects. We closely observe new models of electricity marketing and use, as well as research and development in the wind sector.

Excellence



Considered a leader in the energy sector by JUVE, Legal 500 and Chambers for many years because our team boasts a large number of outstanding legal personalities and expertise in all major legal matters.

Excellent expertise for your wind project

Questions on the Renewables
Energies Law (EEG)

Participation in tenders of the
Federal Network Agency
(BNetzA)

Financing
of wind energy projects

Real Estate and (Building)
Planning Law

(Corporate) PPAs

Grid connection and Energy
Regulatory Law

EPC/O&M and service
contracts

Environmental and nature
conservation law, monument
protection, species protection

Procurement of key
components and supply chain
management

Corporate / M&A

Electricity price brake and
skimming off of surplus
revenues

Insolvency law

References



Grünwerke, the renewable energy subsidiary of Stadtwerke Düsseldorf.

Advising on the acquisition of numerous wind farms, including the implementation of joint venture structures



Cube Green Energy

Advising in the bidding competition for the acquisition of a wind and solar plant portfolio



IKEA Energy

Advising on the acquisition of a German wind farm portfolio and the subsequent restructuring of the portfolio



8KU City utility

Advising in the bidding process for the acquisition of the five "Horizon" portfolios (in total 60 wind farms, 166 wind turbines with 354 MW)



Swiss utility Terravent

Advising on the acquisition of a wind farm in Northern Germany



Avacon

Consultancy for the erection of a wind farm with 7 wind turbines (30 MW), thereof 3 wind turbines on the incident site Salzgitter Flachstahl

“In the energy sector, Stappert's team is one of the leading practices with in-depth regulatory and contract expertise. The trust that well-known clients place in the team is reflected, for example, in the work for Tennet in connection with the postponement of the completion of the grid connection for the offshore wind farm Borkum Riffgrund 3.”

JUVE (2023/2024) – Tier 1 – Energy Law: Regulatory

“The team has a strong focus on advising on renewable energy projects and the development of joint ventures. Additionally, clients benefit from the firm's expertise in the sale and acquisition of conventional and novel energy assets. Luther is particularly sought after by prominent multinational energy giants.”

Chambers Europe (2023) – Band 3 – Industry Focus Energy

References

“In addition to exceptionally high legal qualifications, the Luther team brings in-depth economic thinking and very high personal skills. The advice is very complex; aspects not addressed by the client are proactively pointed out. The lawyers are very accessible. Overall, a very successful collaboration.”

The Legal 500 (2023) – Tier 1 – Industry Focus Energy

“Very competent, always up-to-date, very communicative and pleasant to deal with.”

– Dr Holger Stappert

The Legal 500 (2023) – Tier 1 – Industry Focus Energy



Financing bank

Advising on mezzanine financing of wind farm portfolios in Germany, France, Sweden and Finland



8KU City utility

Successful representation in a post-M&A dispute with a project developer for the expansion of an onshore wind farm portfolio in several European countries



Eiffel Investment Group

Advising on numerous financings of onshore wind projects



Investinvest

Advising on the acquisition of a wind farm in Northern Germany



Neumünster municipal utility

Advice on the planned acquisition of a wind farm in northern Germany



Project developer from Northern Germany

Ongoing implementation and updating of legal DDs for onshore wind power projects and portfolios

References



Landowner:

Advising on the leasing of land and on alternative structures for the development of an onshore wind farm of approx. 20 wind turbines



Swisspower

Advising on the acquisition of two wind farms in Lower Saxony



Distribution grid operator

Ongoing regulatory advice regarding grid connections of wind farms



Landowner:

Advice on planning law and on the creation of the legal planning requirements for a wind farm on calamity areas in NRW (approx. 20-25 wind turbines)



Stadtwerke Hilden

Advice on the planned acquisition of a wind farm in northern Germany



Consortium of international banks

Advising on the project financing of the "Silute" wind farm in Lithuania (ECA covering by Euler Hermes)

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– Dr Angelo Vallone

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