

Agenda Day One, 13 April 2021

08:30- 09:30

SPEED NETWORKING

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09:45 - 09:55

PLATFORM INTRODUCTION AND WELCOME TO THE EVENT

10:00-11:00

BIODIVERSITY AND NATURAL CAPITAL

Solar has the capacity to dramatically lower carbon emissions as part of a low carbon energy strategy but it can also work in tandem with efforts to increase biodiversity, provide a habitat for pollinators, prevent soil erosion, improve local air quality and improve local residents' impression of the project. This session will look at:

- What a well-designed biodiversity plan looks like
- Understanding local flora and fauna and incorporating species local to the project
- The impact on the value of the project, and land
- The benefit of strong local community support for a project

11:15-12:15

OPTIMISING A GRID CONNECTION

Grid connections don't come easy, and they don't come cheap. Some locations are also suffering from high levels of congestion. This session will look at what an asset owner can do to maximise a grid connection once they have it and will consider:

- The inclusion of storage – making the business case for it
- Grid services you can provide – finding the right group of services for your project's economics
- Taking a wider look at a project and optimising assets

2:00-3:00

REPOWERING & REVAMPING

As assets across Europe go into another year, we ask how asset owners are dealing with failing or underperforming equipment, and balancing the opportunity of new technology such as bifacial with costs. We look at case studies of projects which have been repowered and revamped and will discuss what can make the most meaningful difference to a project. We will also take a wider look at a portfolio level and discuss the decision tree behind which projects are repowered or revamped and how a portfolio manager allocates resource for the greatest impact.

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HOW TO ESTABLISH A COMPETITIVE EDGE IN AN AUCTION

This session will look at some of the auction results from 2019 and 2020 to enable the audience to learn from the outcomes. We will assess:

- Recent auction review: winning bids, prices and locations
- How will some of the low-ball winning projects establish economic viability?
- Capture price assumptions – what to include, longer term power prices
- How to prepare for an auction
- Including storage where it is promoted as part of the auction process

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DIGITISATION & AI

Digitisation clears the path for AI and automation but what does this mean for assets? This session will look at how companies have successfully transformed assets to digital assets and then look at the money and time saved by automating tasks.

- Capturing opportunities in flexible power markets and ancillary services
- Impact of digitisation at a project level and the benefits to project yield
- Taking a wider view with a digital portfolio – the benefits to larger asset owners
- What does the path to digitisation and AI involve?
- Do we need formal standards now to promote interoperability?

10:00-11:00

COLLOCATION WITH WIND

This panel explores the increasing trend of collocation of solar and wind assets. We will investigate:

- The opportunity across Europe on, and offshore
- Key projects of interest – how did they come together and how were the deals closed?
- Is this part of a wider trend we will see of increasingly complex project design?
- Is this limited to companies that can finance off balance sheet?

11:15-12:15

GREEN HYDROGEN – IS THE EUROPEAN SOLAR INDUSTRY READY TO SCALE?

As we sit on the cusp of a green hydrogen revolution, commentators disagree about the scale and the timing in which the industry can grow. With huge opportunity and government support in some locations such as Portugal, however, project plans are coming together so join us for this panel which will investigate the scale of the green hydrogen opportunity and the additional solar that would be required to hit these ambitions.

- Terawatts of additional power generation will be needed – to what extent can wind and solar scale up?
- What support mechanisms will be needed to reach this scale?
- Where will the capital investment come from?

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FLOATING SOLAR TAPPING INTO A HUGE OPPORTUNITY

- How to identify the right site – what is different compared to ground mount and what kind of sites offer the best opportunity?
- Lenders and investors active in the market – is there anything you would need to do differently to raise capital for these projects?
- Lessons from Asia – what can we learn in Europe to avoid mistakes being made?
- Co-location of solar and offshore wind – is this just a play for larger utilities?
- Locations ripe for development in Europe – policy, geography, grid access
- Investment opportunities

3:00-4:00

GEARING UP FOR THE NEXT STAGE OF SOLAR DEVELOPMENT

This closing keynote panel will investigate the way in which the EU can benefit from a strong localised solar industry. From local manufacturing and jobs to adjacent industries, this policy-focused session will look at how we gear up for the next stage of the European PV industry.

4:15-5:15

CORPORATE ENERGY BUYERS: BEYOND BIG BOX AND SOCIAL MEDIA, WHAT'S THE ADDRESSABLE MARKET FOR C&I?

This session will bring together large energy buyers, developers/installers or EPCs with partners who can consult on PPA structures and finance. We will look at the options for renewable energy and dig into the reality of serving the C&I market.

- What's the path to 100%?
- PPA Vs. On site
- Solar costs and savings
- Optimising a project and demonstrating returns beyond the balance sheet

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