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The energy sector drives the global economy and both affects and is affected by global geopolitics, economics and regulation. The industry is under increasing scrutiny as energy demands increase, cost pressures continue and global warming rises ever higher on the political agenda. Our teams work globally within every part of the energy sector – including the upstream and downstream oil & gas sector, electricity in all its forms (including generation, networks, wholesale and retail markets), nuclear and renewables (from fairly mature technologies such as wind and solar to cutting edge technologies such as floating solutions, tidal and wave), clean tech and the potentially disruptive digital energy space.

We work in partnership with the energy industry, and have helped to shape the sector in many parts of the world. We can provide you with lawyers from all legal expertise areas who understand the nuances and work with energy businesses every day. Whoever you are and whatever your interest in the energy sector we can advise you in the context of your organisation, your industry and your strategic challenges.



Writing the rulebook

Over the last 30 years, our experts have helped shape the sector by creating the legal frameworks upon which energy markets are based. The team has written the energy market rules in over 60 countries worldwide and recently won multiple awards for advising on the Mexican Electricity Market Reforms.



Future-facing

From energy storage, floating offshore wind, shale and alternative O&G, nuclear fusion, carbon capture and storage and tidal lagoons to digital energy, CMS lawyers advise on energy technologies and issues of the future.



There for you

From advising on floating production sharing vessels in Latin America to interconnectors in Asia, CMS lawyers will be where you need them. And, most likely, they have been there before.



Awards and Rankings

Number of
partners globally

130 +

Number of
lawyers globally

350 +



Acting for
all **6 oil
and gas
supermajors**

The only firm **ranked
Band 1** regionally
in Central in Eastern
Europe in Projects
& Energy by Chambers
and Partners

Ranked No 1 for
legal advisers by
transaction value for
renewables deals
(Q1 2019) by Inspiratia

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Band 1**
for Energy
Regulatory
across Europe
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and Partners

Award wins

Energy and Infrastructure Team of the Year (Legal Business 2017)

Energy Team of the Year (The Lawyer Awards 2017)

Energy Law Firm of the Year (Juve Germany 2016)

Energy, Mining and Utilities Law Firm of the Year (Mergermarket Middle East M&A Awards 2018)

Global directory rankings (summary/headline)

Top-ranked in CEE, UK and throughout Europe with 33 lawyers ranked,
10 of them in **Band 1**, 3 eminent and 1 **star practitioner**.



Spotting horizons for you

We invest in, and prioritise, being ahead of the game by knowing what is new, what is coming and how fresh technologies will impact the work our clients do. This knowledge is incorporated into every piece of advice. Just one example of our commitment to the sector is our investment in education and training. Keeping you up to date is also a top priority. Below is just a small selection of the thought leadership and regular analysis available to you.

CMS Electricity Guide

A comprehensive review of the electricity sector across Europe. You can access an overview of each jurisdiction's current status and identify similarities and differences across Europe.

<https://cms.law/en/PRT/Expert-Guides/CMS-Expert-Guide-to-Electricity>

Electric vehicles e-guide

We have created an electronic guide, which we update with new chapters every month. You can find it here:

<https://cms.law/en/PRT/Expert-Guides/CMS-Expert-Guide-to-Electric-Vehicles>

Renewables guide

This comparative study compares and contrasts the current state of renewables projects in 32 jurisdictions across Asia, Europe, the Middle East and Latin America. It also outlines our expectations for the future of the sector in each jurisdiction.

<https://cms.law/en/INT/Publication/CMS-Renewables-guide>

CMS Guide to Energy Storage

Energy storage is an area of focus in many jurisdictions across the globe due to its potential benefits to electricity systems. This E-Guide brings together analysis from our legal experts across 32 jurisdictions.

<https://cms.law/en/PRT/Expert-Guides/CMS-Expert-Guide-to-Energy-Storage>

We are constantly working on materials to reflect the dynamic energy market and help our clients. New upcoming publications include a guide on Consequential Loss and a thought leadership report on the changing marketplace in oil & gas.



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They have a long-term standing in the region and are excellent across the board. They are a good example of an integrated network.

Chambers and Partners, Projects and Energy, CEE-wide, 2019



Highlights of our recent experience

Mexican Government

Advised on the reform and implementation of a new energy market and arrangements for multi-billion dollar new power generation projects.

RWE and EON

Advising on the formation of Horizon Nuclear Power, acquisition of nuclear power sites and the subsequent sale of Horizon to Hitachi.

Repsol

Advised on a Share Purchase Agreement with SDIC Power of China, one of the biggest state-owned investment companies in China, agreeing to sell its offshore wind power business in the UK to SDIC, for EUR 238m.

South American Transmission

Advising on the construction of the new transmission line which will connect Chile's two main energy interconnected systems, the Central Interconnected System and the Norte Grande Interconnected System.

Schlumberger

Advising on relation to a tripartite investment agreement with NNPC (Nigeria's national oil company) and First Exploration and Petroleum (a Nigerian-based Exploration & Production company), which should unlock the development of the Anyala and Madu fields offshore Nigeria.

Prisma

Advised on appeal of capacity booking platform operator PRISMA European Capacity Platform GmbH (PRISMA), the Board of Appeal of the Agency for the Cooperation of Energy Regulators (ACER) annulled ACER's decision of 16 October 2018 on the gas booking platform to be used at the 'Mallnow' interconnection point (IP) and 'GCP' virtual interconnection point (VIP) on the German-Polish border.

Equinor

Advised on all aspects of the Hywind project and related M&A, a revolutionary new floating windfarm to be installed in UK waters.

Contour Global

Advised on the contemplated acquisition of the whole share capital of Novenergia, a leading European independent renewable energy producer with 614MW in operation across seven jurisdictions.

Services and Green Investment Group Limited, part of Macquarie Group

Advised on the acquisition and project financing of 650MW of onshore wind through the Markbygden ETT wind farm in Northern Sweden. The project, acquired from developer Svevind AB, is the largest single site onshore wind farm in Europe.

The Kenya Power and Lighting Company

Advised on the Lake Turkana Wind Farm Project, including in relation to the allocation of risk and strategy for structuring commercial terms in relation to wheeling and interface arrangements for the planned 428km/400KV transmission line linking Africa's largest IPP wind farm project to the grid.

Highland Group Holdings Ltd., Siemens Financial Services and Copenhagen Infrastructure Partners

Advised on the sale and transfer of 80% of the shares in Germany's second-largest offshore wind farm, Veja Mate.

MOL

Advised Hungarian oil and gas company MOL Group on the acquisition of 208 filling stations in the Czech Republic, Slovakia and Romania from Italian multinational oil and gas company Eni.



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