



Events



ELG Members Meeting 2026 in Cracow

ELG would like to express its sincere gratitude to our host firm, Sołtysiński Kawecki & Szlęzak (SK&S), for the outstanding organization, warm hospitality, and excellent program prepared for all participants. The meeting venue at Collegium Novum of the Jagiellonian University provided a truly exceptional setting for the event.

The conference opened with welcome remarks, followed by an introduction to the regional market and SK&S Law Firm.

The morning sessions focused on key developments in the energy sector across Central and Eastern Europe.

Panel I: *Energy Transition – CEE Perspective* featured insightful discussions from distinguished speakers:

- Wojciech Kowalewski (Siemens Energy)
- Paweł Ordon (Itochu Corporation)

The discussion addressed regional energy transition trends, investment opportunities, financing challenges, and the future outlook for the sector.

The second panel, *Development of Renewable Energy Assets in CEE*, included:

- Jakub Melak (TotalEnergies)
- Halina Lubas (ELQ)
- Nicola Kopij Zanin (PST)

The panel explored renewable energy projects, market developments, and practical experiences from across the region.

The afternoon ELG members session included presentations and discussions regarding ELG development initiatives, the upcoming Energy Event 2027, and the growing role of AI in international business development.



Special thanks are extended to all speakers, moderators, and participants for their valuable contributions and active participation throughout the meeting.

In addition to the professional program, members enjoyed cultural activities in Cracow, including visits to the Czartoryski Museum and Collegium Maius, as well as the Gala Dinner in Wieliczka, further strengthening relationships within the ELG community.

We thank all members for joining us in Cracow and look forward to seeing everyone again at the next ELG Members Meeting in Athens in October 2026.

Please find pictures here: [sks-krk – Dysk Google](#)

ELG EVENTS 2026 – SAVE THE DATE

ELG ACADEMY IN LISBON
18-20 June
REGISTRATION

18 - 20 JUNE · LISBON

ELG ACADEMY

Powering the Data
Revolution

THURSDAY, 18 JUNE 2026

18:00 – 20:00 WELCOME COCKTAIL
20:00 DINNER AT THE ONE PALÁCIO
DA ANUNCIADA

FRIDAY, 19 JUNE 2026

09:00 – 09:45 BREAKFAST
10:00 – 10:30 FIRM & ENERGY TEAM
PRESENTATION
10:30 – 13:00 PARTICIPANT INTRODUCTIONS
RECENT WORK OVERVIEW
Credentials & Key Transactions
GROUP DISCUSSION
Pitch: Most Interesting Recent
Energy Transaction
13:00 LUNCH
15:00 – 17:00 ROUNDTABLE: POWERING THE
DATA REVOLUTION
Speakers (under confirmation)
17:00 – 18:00 FREE TIME
18:30 BOAT CRUISE WITH DINNER ON
BOARD

SATURDAY, 20 JUNE 2026

MORNING POWERING THE DATA
REVOLUTION – COMPARATIVE
LEGAL ANALYSIS
Jurisdiction questionnaire (max.
5 questions/character limit per
answer)
12H30 LIGHT LUNCH



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ELG MEMBERS' MEETING IN ATHENS
16-17 October 2026





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Wind Insights – Trends, Projects & Industry Intelligence

About the webinar series

Wind Insights is a webinar series designed to give you a clear, concise understanding of the latest market trends, key developments, and the full lifecycle of wind projects—from early-stage development to execution and operation.

Join industry experts as they break down complex topics into actionable insights, explore emerging opportunities across markets, and share practical perspectives on navigating wind projects A–Z.

Whether you're an investor, developer, or industry professional, this series equips you with the intelligence needed to make informed decisions in a dynamic energy landscape.

Next webinar: May 28 at 09:00 CET | Volatility

ARTHUR COX

Arthur Cox sponsors Energy Ireland 2026

The 30th anniversary Energy Ireland conference will take place in Croke Park, Dublin, from 17-18 June 2026.



Publications



SLAUGHTER
AND MAY

Electricity market reforms in Great Britain
Implications for generators and other market participants



Deals & Projects

valfor

valfor represents Zühlke in connection with its acquisition of nxt digital

Zühlke has announced the acquisition of nxt digital, a boutique advisory firm specializing in digital transformation for the financial services industry. nxt digital will continue to operate as a separate entity under the name nxt, part of Zühlke Group. The acquisition brings together two highly complementary organizations. Zühlke contributes its strong engineering and execution expertise, while nxt digital adds deep banking domain knowledge and pragmatic executive advisory. Together, they will offer a distinctive end-to-end proposition – combining strategic advisory with engineering-driven implementation – designed to serve financial services clients navigating complex transformation challenges.

valfor advises on the sale of Blockstrom AG to ista swiss ag

valfor advised the shareholders of Blockstrom AG on the sale of their shares to ista swiss ag, a subsidiary of the Germany-based real estate services provider ista SE. Founded in 2017, technology pioneer Blockstrom specialises in the digital management and billing of energy data, particularly for self-consumption associations (ZEV) and e-mobility. With this acquisition, ista expands its service offering in the field of renewable energy and provides integrated solutions for all matters related to metering, billing, and energy management from a single source.

Hengeler Mueller advises Amprion on tax aspects of issuance of two green hybrid bonds totalling €1.0 billion

SLAUGHTER
AND MAY

Slaughter and May is advising OVO on the sale of its UK energy retail business to E.ON

Hannes
Snellman

Hannes Snellman has recently advised Helios Nordic Energy AB on the disposal of a 125 MW / 250 MWh battery energy storage system (BESS) project in Finland, bringing the total volume of BESS projects where Hannes Snellman has advised Helios Nordic Energy AB in the Finnish market to more than 550 MW / 1,100 MWh over the past year.



Gorrissen Federspiel

Gorrissen Federspiel assisted Rimbal Ltd Pty and Tanbreez Mining Greenland A/S in connection with Critical Metals Corp.'s (Nasdaq: CRML) acquisition of Rimbal Ltd Pty's remaining 50.5% interest in Tanbreez Mining Greenland A/S in exchange for 14,500,000 newly issued shares in Critical Metals Corp., representing a value of approximately USD 165 million based on the share price at the date of closing. The transaction is significant as Tanbreez holds one of the world's largest known deposits of rare earth elements in South Greenland, which are critical components in electronics, batteries and green transition technologies, making the project an important contribution to western security of supply.

Business Opportunities

Ukrainian Government Announces New Support Program for Energy Projects



The Ukrainian Government has approved a pilot support programme to help large and medium-sized businesses develop their own electricity generation capacities. It is intended to become one of the instruments to implement the Resilience Plans and strengthen the energy autonomy of enterprises.



Meet the Member



Meet Sołtysiński Kawecki & Szlęzak [here](#)



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Powering complex projects across Poland's energy transition

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Secondments



Franciszek Łoza, Associate from Sołtysiński Kawecki & Szlęzak sharing his experience about secondment to Uría Menéndez

“I was seconded for six weeks, covering the period from April to May 2026, at the Madrid office of Uría Menéndez Abogados, S.L.P., where I was allocated to the Energy and Natural Resources Department, co-led by partners Juan Ignacio González Ruiz and Ignacio Álvarez Couso. At the time of writing, the second week of my stay is drawing to a close. From the very first day, I was genuinely welcomed by the team, and the atmosphere at the firm has proven to be notably inclusive. Notwithstanding the short-term nature of the placement, I was trained and equipped in exactly the same manner as any newly joining local lawyer, which reflects the firm's commitment to fully integrating visiting lawyers into their working culture. It was a real pleasure and honour to find myself included in the official list of team members. I also greatly appreciate the support of Alberto Fernández Seoane, who has been acting as my buddy throughout the stay, introducing me to both the professional and social life of the firm, and making the transition into this new environment considerably smoother and more enjoyable.

Advantages and challenges of the secondment

During only first two weeks at Uría Menéndez, the secondment has already proven to be highly advantageous on several fronts. The opportunity to meet new people — all highly qualified professionals, many of them tier-one lawyers — is in itself an invaluable experience. Particularly noteworthy are the seminars and training sessions, which are frequent and easily accessible, providing meaningful insight into the firm's best practices as well as Spanish law doctrine and jurisprudence more broadly. Among the available training sessions are those focused on strengthening technical skills in the use of dedicated AI tools, which adds a further dimension to the professional development on offer. An additional benefit of the stay at Uría Menéndez is the opportunity to practice Spanish on a daily basis with colleagues from the team, which is both practically useful and personally enriching.

In terms of challenges, it is naturally not straightforward for a foreign lawyer to become deeply involved in local, Spanish-law matters, particularly given the limited duration of the secondment. Nevertheless, the tutors at Uría Menéndez have made considerable efforts to involve me in a number of matters they are currently working on, which has proven to be highly educational and has provided an interesting insight into the firm's practice areas.

Would you recommend other members to go for a secondment somewhere?

Secondments abroad are something I would highly recommend to fellow lawyers from ELG member firms. The experience of working within a different legal culture, alongside highly qualified professionals operating under a different legal system, is one that broadens both professional and personal horizons in a way that is difficult to replicate through any other means. I can speak particularly warmly of Uría Menéndez and its main office in Madrid, where the approach towards secondees is both genuinely professional and kind, and where the concept of a secondment is clearly well understood and embraced by the firm. The inclusive atmosphere, the structured onboarding, the rich training offer, and the warmth of the people all make it an experience I would encourage others not to hesitate to pursue.”

Congratulations



Sebastian Schneider and Jens Wenzel appointed new co-managing partners at Hengeler Mueller



Karanovic & Partners Announce Three New Senior Partners:

Petar Mitrović

Franka Baica (Ilej & Partners in cooperation with Karanovic & Partners)

Minu Anamaria Gvardjančić (Ketler & Partners, member of Karanovic)



valfor is pleased to announce the addition of two new partners, Regina Schlup Guignard and Charles Boudry, to valfor's tax team. Their appointment further strengthens our firm's expertise in corporate and tax law and reinforces its standing as one of Switzerland's leading full-service business law firms.



Asters' Senior Associate at Energy and Natural Resources practice Tetiana Piskun has obtained a KECLab certificate in EU energy and climate policy.