



## France Ties Clean Power Growth to Industrial Resilience

France has launched tenders for 12 gigawatts of new renewable capacity, including seven offshore wind projects totalling 10 gigawatts, alongside smaller solar and onshore rounds. The move goes beyond procurement, signalling that Europe's energy transition is increasingly tied to industrial strategy. France plans to apply resilience criteria that favour European made technologies, reflecting efforts to strengthen local supply chains while scaling up clean energy.

For sustainability observers, the message is clear. Renewable energy is no longer only a climate priority, but also a tool for economic security. By linking offshore wind and solar expansion to domestic manufacturing, France aims to retain more value at home while reducing reliance on volatile global supply chains.

This shift points to a broader change in approach. Clean energy expansion is becoming more closely linked to industrial policy, as governments seek to balance climate goals with economic resilience.



## Clean Energy Investment Hits Record \$2.3 Trillion in 2025

Global investment in the energy transition reached a record \$2.3 trillion in 2025, up 8 percent from the previous year, according to BloombergNEF. The increase highlights continued momentum across key sectors including renewable power, electrified transport, hydrogen, and energy storage.

Despite economic uncertainty and fragmented policy environments, investment remains resilient. Governments and companies are continuing to prioritise energy security and decarbonisation. Solar power, battery storage, and electric mobility attract the largest share of funding, supported by declining costs and growing demand.

Analysts emphasise that maintaining this pace of investment is essential to meet climate targets, especially as emissions reductions must accelerate significantly this decade. Although challenges persist, including high financing costs and supply chain constraints, current investment levels point to a clear structural shift toward low carbon energy systems worldwide.



## Investors Raise the Bar on Data Centre Disclosure

Investors are pressing Amazon, Microsoft, and Google to reveal more about the water and energy demands of US data centres. In 2025, North American facilities used nearly one trillion litres of water, while limited disclosure and local opposition are increasing scrutiny as AI drives rapid growth.

This is now a key sustainability and governance issue. Investors want clearer, site-specific data, and future expansion may depend on showing it will not strain local water and energy systems.

### 12 GW

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### \$2.3T

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### 1T Litres

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