

## European Solar and Energy Storage Solutions

# Risk Tips for Photovoltaic Energy Storage Funds



## Overview

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novel techniques in PV risk management, options to offload risks onto the capital markets, and innovative insurance policies (namely warranty policies) that address risks unique to the PV sector.

Mainstream investors, however, need to feel confident about the risk and return of solar photovoltaic (PV) systems before committing funds. A major influence on risk and return for PV is operations and maintenance (O&M)—but O&M practices and costs vary widely across the United States, making these variables difficult for investors to predict.

We show that risk premiums and investment risk have declined for solar photovoltaics and onshore wind technologies in all three countries. Increasing technology reliability at a lower cost, data availability, better assessment tools and credible and stable policies were crucial elements of this declining investment risk.

standardization entities, building and PV plant owners, component manufacturers, energy prosumers and policy makers are engaged to provide inputs to the project. The technical risks at the different phases of the project life cycle are compiled and quantified

Can you finance a solar energy storage project?

Since the majority of solar projects currently under construction include a

storage system, lenders in the project finance markets are willing to finance the construction and cashflows of an energy storage project. However, there are certain additional considerations in structuring a project finance transaction for an energy storage project.

Are solar PV projects risky?

At least two of the larger ratings agencies have begun looking into the risks of solar PV projects. Fitch issued a paper in 2011 titled Rating Criteria for Solar Power Projects: Utility-Scale Photovoltaic and Concentrating Solar Power (Fitch 2011).

How do solar PV project teams manage risk?

Many solar PV project structures are arranged to divide risks and assign them to the least-cost buyer (i.e., the party that can best address a given risk on behalf of a project). This section surveys some of the methods that project teams employ in mitigating and diversifying risk exposure among parties.

How risky is onshore wind & solar PV investment?

Onshore wind and solar PV investment risk is studied in Germany, Italy and the UK. Investment risk and risk premiums have declined between 2009 and 2017. Policy and technology risks have become relatively less important. Curtailment and price risks have become relatively more important.

Are solar photovoltaic (PV) systems a good investment?

As solar photovoltaic (PV) systems have continued their transition from niche applications into large, mature markets in the United States, their potential as financial investments has risen accordingly. Mainstream investors, however, need to feel confident about the risk and return of solar photovoltaic (PV) systems before committing funds.

Is PV investment a risky investment?

If developers can successfully demonstrate their abilities to manage the risks inherent to the planning, construction, and operational phases of their projects, PV investment may come to be regarded as less risky than current financing costs would suggest.

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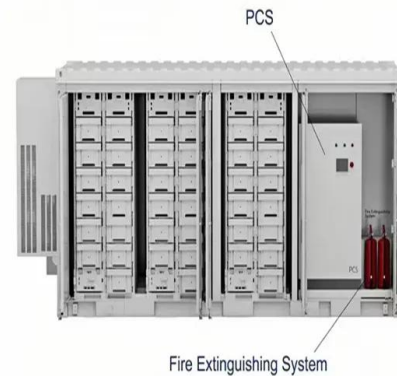
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