

NOTHING BUT NET ZERO

This Month in Net Zero SEPTEMBER EDITION

September underscored both record-breaking momentum and geopolitical pressures shaping the transition. Global investment in renewables hit an all-time high, with BloombergNEF reporting \$386 billion deployed - a 63% surge in Europe even as US flows declined. Brussels doubled down with a €300bn programme to drive renewable abundance through 2027, while also signalling interest in securing critical minerals. The debate reflects growing anxiety over resource security and the risk of OPEC-style manipulation in metals markets.

In the Middle East, transformation is advancing across established and emerging fronts. The waste-to-energy market is projected to reach \$2.5bn by 2033, backed by Masdar and others.

Hong Kong's Templewater joined private capital eyeing EV and storage opportunities, positioning the GCC as a hub for clean infrastructure finance. The Global Renewables Alliance and RE100 urged Korea to accelerate its transition and assert regional leadership, while China's influence across Southeast Asia highlighted the dual challenge of scaling clean power and containing pollution.

Corporate action continued to counter political headwinds. Mars launched a strategy to cut emissions 10% by 2030, while the UK advanced its Great British Energy platform as a pillar of domestic clean power. Yet scepticism persists, with Trump dismissing climate change at the UN as the "greatest con job." The next phase will hinge on how governments and markets navigate this critical moment.



EUROPE

Great British Energy: Strategic Priorities

Great British Energy (GBE) is central to this Government's mission to make the UK a clean energy superpower and will play a pivotal role in accelerating the deployment of clean, secure, home-grown energy as the UK's publicly owned clean energy company.

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Europe seeks to lead the era of renewable abundance with €300 billion in investments

At the Global Renewables Summit in New York, Ursula von der Leyen highlighted that Europe already generates 50% of its electricity from clean sources. The EU will allocate €300 billion until 2027 for global energy transition projects.

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EU wants to mine the moon for clean energy resources

Geopolitical instability is pushing Europe to seek energy security abroad, as reliance on imported critical metals raises fears of OPEC-style supply manipulation.

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MENA

Decarbonising Lubricants: A Hidden Driver in the Middle East's Net-Zero Race

As the Middle East accelerates its transition towards net zero, attention often falls on renewables, hydrogen, and large-scale energy projects. Yet an equally critical, but less visible, sector is quietly transforming lubricants.

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Record Renewable Energy Investment in 2025: Three Things to Know

Bloomberg NEF reports that global renewable energy investment hit a record high in 2025, driven by surging solar and wind spending, China's continued dominance, and growing capital flows into emerging markets..

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Middle East Waste-to-Energy Market to Reach \$2.48 Billion by 2033

Leading companies include Tadweer Group, Bee'ah, Masdar, Veolia, Suez, Averda, and BESIX. Their investments and partnerships with international technology providers highlight the region's push toward advanced thermal treatment systems and grid integration.

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US

Investments in clean energy shifting from US to EU

In the first six months of 2025, a record amount of \$386 billion (€332 billion) flowed into renewable energy worldwide. That is 10% more than in the same period last year. Within the EU, investments increased by 63%, while in the United States they declined by 36%

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Mars Partners with Clean Electricity Suppliers for Innovative Strategy to Cover Full Value Chain with Renewables

Mars expects its Renewable Acceleration program to contribute an estimated 10% reduction of its total carbon footprint by 2030, against a 2015 baseline.

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Trump tells UN that climate change is 'greatest con job' globally

President Donald Trump dismissed climate change as “the greatest con job” in the world during his address to the United Nations General Assembly on Tuesday, doubling down on his scepticism of global environmental initiatives and multilateral institutions.

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ASIA

Hong Kong's Templewater eyes Middle East opportunities for growing clean energy sector

Private equity firm sees EV and energy-storage opportunities as Middle East shifts away from traditional oil reliance

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Global Renewables Alliance and RE100 Urge Korea to Accelerate Transition and Lead Asia-Pacific in Clean Energy

The Global Renewables Alliance and the Climate Group's RE100 campaign, backed by leading international energy organisations, have called on the Republic of Korea to strengthen its renewable electricity ambitions and position itself as a regional leader in Asia-Pacific.

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China fuels Southeast Asia's clean energy and pollution at the same time

Chinese firms are driving renewable energy development across Southeast Asia, but their expanding presence in mining and heavy industry is triggering pollution, health concerns, and political friction across the region.

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ARTICLE

POST-SUBSIDY U.S. SOLAR:

How OBBB Will Shape the Future of Clean Energy & Climate Impact



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Paul and the Prometheus team have shared a timely analysis of how U.S. solar is entering a new, more challenging chapter. With IRA-era subsidies rolled back under “One Big Beautiful Bill,” deployment forecasts have been cut by more than half - reshaping the investment case for clean energy, raising the cost of capital, and putting climate targets under renewed pressure. The article underlines a key truth for all of us watching the energy transition: policy volatility can shift markets overnight. The real test now will be whether developers, financiers, and investors can adapt - by re-balancing capital structures, driving efficiency, and innovating beyond subsidy frameworks. Those that succeed will define the next generation of winners in the global clean energy transition.

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