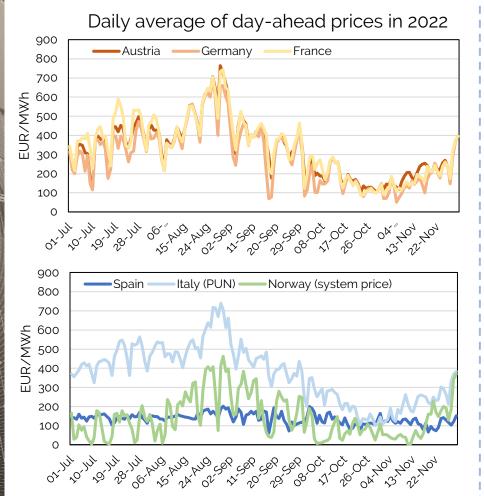
# **PPA Insights** Price developments in Europe

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### Developments in the European power markets

Full gas storages, healthy LNG supplies, and a EU power price mitigation package have dampened the extremely high power prices seen in the previous quarter. But the recent cold spell has made both gas and power markets nervous again.



Since our last update in September, 2022:

In October, TTF gas prices decreased amidst the expectations that the Nord Stream 1 (NS1) pipeline would partially resume operations. Eventually, however, daily gas price fluctuations increased when Gazprom announced NS1 could not resume operations due to oil leaks, and then again after the explosion due to alleged sabotage. In November, fears of gas shortages eased as storage facilities were well on their way to reach the targets set by the EU and an increasing LNG supply was supported by U.S. exports. But the cold spell in the first half of December has made the market nervous and bullish again.

- The EU approved a package to mitigate soaring electricity prices, which comes into force this December. The package consists of a binding target of 5% cut in peak hour demand for the system and revenues capped at a price of 180 EUR/MWh for infra-marginal generators such as renewable, nuclear and lignite power plants. In addition, individual member states have reacted accordingly on the matter: Spain prolonged windfall tax on utilities until the end of 2023, while Italy intends to raise its windfall tax from 25% to 35%.
- Unplanned outages of the French nuclear fleet persisted in this quarter due to maintenance works and personnel strikes. EDF's nuclear production was consistently below their projections, and closed November with an average available capacity of 29.6 GW. At this point, EDF has reduced their nuclear availability outlook from 45 GW to 40 GW for January, 2023.
- The autumn was wet and mild, which enabled hydro stocks to get filled again after a dry summer. Additionally, November was very mild and therefore did not trigger any gas-heating demand. This, together with full gas storage facilities, put further pressure on the downward trend of gas and power prices.



# KYOS methodology to assess 10-year PPA prices

The diagram below shows the methodology employed by KYOS to assess the development of PPA prices in Europe.

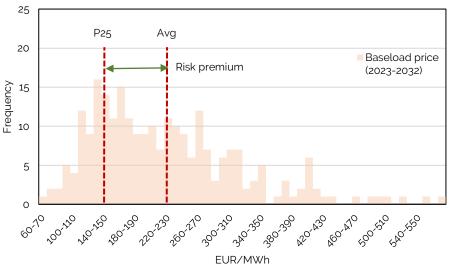
Build power forward curves We build power forward curves for 34 European markets. Given the 10-year period, we use our
fundamental power market model (KyPF), which calculates power prices using fuel and CO<sub>2</sub> price projections, future electricity demand, renewable generation, storage, interconnection capacities, etc.

Perform Monte Carlo simulations We simulate forward & spot prices with the fundamental power curves as reference. Our Monte Carlo simulation model (KySim) captures short-term, long-term and seasonality effects on forward contract pricing, plud mean-reverting behavior of spot prices. The model is calibrated using two years of historical data (counting from the trading date = **2022-12-09**).

Adjust prices for risk We calculate the baseload price per simulation path. However, expected prices do not reflect the risks that PPA counterparties are exposed to, and which ultimately determine the fixed price of a PPA. To account for this, we consider a risk premium defined as the difference between the average baseload price and the P25.

Benchmark the PPA price

Our research shows that 10-year fixed-price PPA contracts are currently signed at around the P25 of the power price distribution. In the previous report we used a lower (more conservative) P-level, which is still included for reference.



The *risk premium* reflects the discount for a fixed price guarantee on a 10-year PPA. It offers compensation for managing fixed-price PPA exposures in the market, leading to credit risk, liquidity (margin) risk, trading costs and other costs.



# KYOS price assessments (2023-2032)

KYOS baseload and PPA price assessments (EUR/MWh)

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	Northern Europe		
	Baseload	Solar	Wind onshore
Great Britain	138.1	86.2	82.0
Denmark DK1	155.0	83.0	91.5
Denmark DK2	147.8	79.4	85.2
Norway NO1	152.2	63.2 (2026)	94.4
Norway NO2	143.0	58.2 (2026)	90.6
Norway NO3	127.9	60.9 (2026)	74.6
Norway NO4	106.4	56.2 (2026)	64,2
Norway NO5	139.8	61.4 (2026)	94.8
Sweden SE1	94.5	56.6	46.7
Sweden SE2	95.2	55.0	47.0
Sweden SE3	142.0	70.6	86.3
Sweden SE4	142.9	71.2	86.0
Finland	136.9	85,7	73.2
Ireland	140.6	91.0	84.1

	Western Europe		
	Baseload	Solar	Wind onshore
Netherlands	150.9	76.2	90.7
Belgium	153.4	82.6	99.5
Germany	164.8	84.1	100.4
France	147.5	80.7	93.5
Switzerland	162.3	88.2	106.9
Austria	166.0	90.5	108.1

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	Baseload	Solar	Wind onshore
Italy (excl. Sicily)	161.1	95.6	107.6
Sicily	164.2	96.6	102.0
Portugal	140.1	80.8	86.5
Greece	160.7	90.8	103.5
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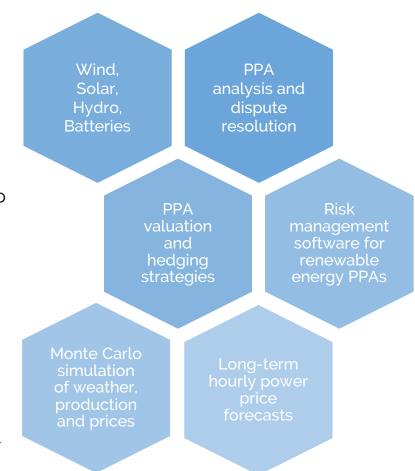
# **KYOS Analytical Platform**



### **KYOS PPA valuation**

PPAs often include complex pricing structures, e.g. price floors, risk sharing elements and specific reconciliation mechanisms. To capture all of this, KYOS offers:

- A fundamental power market model (KyPF) to create long-term electricity price forward curves. This is important given the long duration of many PPAs.
- Software modules to simulate price and volume risks. These are necessary to assess future earnings and hedging strategies.
- The ability to calculate capture rates using historical data, long-term fundamental curves, or user-defined.
- A flexible tool that breaks down PPA valuations into different components (e.g. price risk, cannibalization risk, etc.) With this tool, it is also possible to define own pricing structures.
- The option to evaluate and monitor the risk of one or more PPAs or as part of a larger portfolio, with or without hedging strategies.



### **KYOS Renewable Risk Management**

The KYOS renewable risk management system is part of the KYOS Analytical Platform, a cloud-based software solution. This system provides a complete picture of a renewable power portfolio with PPA contracts and hedges. Reporting includes: volumetric position, mark-to-market value, value-at-risk and earnings-at-risk.

The system also allows users to analyze the effect of applying different hedging strategies to lock-in value of e.g. a specific renewable project. Strategies range from basic static hedges to advanced stack and roll strategies. If the project is in a market with limited liquidity, our system will show the effectiveness of proxy hedging the exposure in other markets, even by using other commodities than electricity.

We offer five different modules/packages to assess renewable power portfolios:

Advanced	<b>Module D</b> : Single project / PPA valuation Monte Carlo simulations	Module E: Portfolio management Monte Carlo simulations	
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Intermediate	Module B: Forward curves builder KyCurve Market curves	Module C: Forward curves builder KyPF Fundamental power curves	
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Basic	Module A: Price data services – market prices		

#### KYOS PPA Modules







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