## Energiekontor (EKT GY) | Utilities/Renewables

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### Good progress in project construction and approvals

Energiekontor confirms its targets for 2024 and 2028 in its Q1 quarterly report, which as usual tends to provide rather qualitative information. The company continues to make good progress in project development. The projects under construction have a generation capacity of 287 MW (13 May 2024: 338 MW, Q1 2023: 127 MW); building permits have been granted for 863 MW (13 May 2024: 965 MW, Q1 2023: c. 800 MW). Of the approved projects, around 448 MW are to go into the company's own portfolio and c. 518 MW are to be sold. The company's own portfolio should therefore more than double from the current 384 MW in the foreseeable future. Almost 60% of the additions to the company's own portfolio will be solar projects. The projects earmarked for sale are predominantly wind projects. In the first quarter of 2024, electricity generation benefited from aboveaverage wind volumes. In Germany, these were almost 6% above the long-term average, while the wind supply in the UK and Portugal was 9% and 12% higher respectively. Energiekontor expects EBT for 2024 to be in the range of EUR 30 million to EUR 70 million. As already explained in April, earnings of EUR 60 to 80 million from the sale of UK projects are likely to be postponed to the 2025 financial year due to delays in the expansion of supra-regional grids in the UK. Energiekontor therefor expects EBT in the Project Development segment in 2024 to be noticeably lower than in the previous year. In the electricity generation and service businesses, Energiekontor continues to expect EBT to be at or slightly above the previous year's level. The company expects group EBT is to increase to around EUR 120 million by 2028.

Fundamentals (in EUR m) <sup>1</sup>	2021	2022	2023	2024e	2025e	2026e
Sales	157	188	242	168	244	223
EBITDA	80	97	131	105	156	150
EBIT	60	77	110	83	129	111
EPS adj. (EUR)	2.54	3.18	5.97	3.17	5.45	4.74
DPS (EUR)	0.90	1.00	1.20	1.20	1.30	1.35
BVPS (EUR)	5.76	8.84	13.27	14.19	17.06	19.21
Net Debt incl. Provisions	221	216	228	259	257	251
Ratios <sup>1</sup>	2021	2022	2023	2024e	2025e	2026e
EV/EBITDA	15.5	13.3	10.6	11.7	7.9	8.2
EV/EBIT	20.7	16.7	12.6	14.9	9.6	11.0
P/E adj.	28.0	24.2	13.8	22.1	12.8	14.8
Dividend yield (%)	1.3	1.3	1.5	1.7	1.9	1.9
EBITDA margin (%)	50.8	51.8	54.1	62.5	64.0	67.1
EBIT margin (%)	38.0	41.3	45.3	49.4	52.8	50.0
Net debt/EBITDA	2.8	2.2	1.7	2.5	1.6	1.7
PBV	12.3	8.7	6.2	4.9	4.1	3.6

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>Sources: Bloomberg, Metzler Research, <sup>2</sup>Sources: ISS ESG, Metzler Research

### **Buy**



Price\*

**EUR 70.00** 

Price target

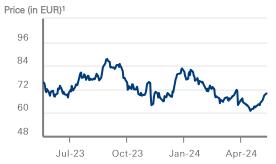
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Market Cap (EUR m) <sup>1</sup>	977
Enterprise Value (EUR m) <sup>1</sup>	1,236
Free Float (%)1	48.5

Metzler ESG analysis based on ISS ESG b data2





Performance (in %) <sup>1</sup>	1m	3m	12m
Share	9.4	-3.8	-4.9
Rel. to TecDax	7.1	-4.1	-9.6
Changes in estimates (in %)1	2024e	2025e	2026e
Changes in estimates (in %) <sup>1</sup> Sales	2024e 0.0	2025e 0.0	2026e 0.0

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### **Key Data**

#### Company profile

CEO: Peter Szabo CFO: Bremen Energiekontor develops, operates and owns wind and solar parks. The company has its roots in Germany, but is also expanding its activities in Great Britain, France and the USA.

#### Major shareholders

Dr. Bodo Wilkens (25.8%), Günter Lammers (25.7%)

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P&L (in EUR m)	2021	%	2022	%	2023	%	2024e	%	2025e	%	2026e	%
Sales	157	6.8	188	19.8	242	28.9	168	-30.3	244	44.8	223	-8.6
EBITDA	80	21.6	97	22.2	131	34.5	105	-19.4	156	48.3	150	-4.3
EBITDA margin (%)	50.8	13.9	51.8	2.0	54.1	4.3	62.5	15.6	64.0	2.4	67.1	4.8
EBIT	60	29.4	77	30.0	110	41.7	83	-24.1	129	54.7	111	-13.4
EBIT margin (%)	38.0	21.2	41.3	8.5	45.3	9.9	49.4	8.9	52.8	6.8	50.0	-5.2
Financial result	-17	-14.0	-17	-1.6	-19	-10.9	-20	-5.5	-20	0.0	-17	15.0
EBT	43	36.7	60	41.2	91	50.4	63	-30.3	109	72.0	94	-13.1
Taxes	9	-19.3	18	110.4	12	-33.7	19	55.9	33	72.0	28	-13.1
Tax rate (%)	20.4	n.a.	30.4	n.a.	13.4	n.a.	30.0	n.a.	30.0	n.a.	30.0	n.a.
Net income	36	77.1	45	23.1	83	87.2	44	-46.9	76	72.0	66	-13.1
Minority interests	0	n.a.	0	n.a.	0	n.a.	0	n.a.	0	n.a.	0	n.a.
Net Income after minorities	36	77.1	45	23.1	83	87.2	44	-46.9	76	72.0	66	-13.1
Number of shares outstanding (m)	14	0.0	14	0.0	14	0.0	14	0.0	14	0.0	14	0.0
EPS adj. (EUR)	2.54	77.3	3.18	25.6	5.97	87.6	3.17	-46.9	5.45	72.0	4.74	-13.1
DPS (EUR)	0.90	12.5	1.00	11.1	1.20	20.0	1.20	0.0	1.30	8.3	1.35	3.8
Dividend yield (%)	1.3	n.a.	1.3	n.a.	1.5	n.a.	1.7	n.a.	1.9	n.a.	1.9	n.a.
Cash Flow (in EUR m)	2021	%	2022	%	2023	%	2024e	%	2025e	%	2026e	
Gross Cash Flow	62	246.7	96	54.3	139	45.6	66	-52.3	104	56.1	104	0.6
Increase in working capital	25	n.a.	-43	n.a.	6	n.a.	0	n.a.	0	n.a.	0	n.a.
Capital expenditures	85	820.4	82	-3.1	46	-44.5	80	75.1	85	6.3	80	-5.9
D+A/Capex (%)	23.5	n.a.	24.1	n.a.	46.2	n.a.	27.7	n.a.	32.4	n.a.	47.7	n.a.
Free cash flow (Metzler definition)	-48	59.3	56	216.7	99	76.2	-14	-113.7	19	236.9	24	30.2
Free cash flow yield (%)	-4.8	n.a.	5.2	n.a.	8.6	n.a.	-1.4	n.a.	1.9	n.a.	2.5	n.a.
Dividend paid	11	99.8	13	10.3	14	10.9	17	20.0	17	0.0	19	12.5
Free cash flow (post dividend)	-34	72.2	44	226.8	74	69.8	-30	-140.9	2	106.2	5	188.5
Balance sheet (in EUR m)	2021	%	2022	%	2023	%	2024e	%	2025e	%	2026e	%
Assets	561	25.0	633	12.8	721	13.9	730	1.1	770	5.5	802	4.2
Goodwill	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.							
Shareholders' equity	82	25.4	124	50.4	185	49.8	198	6.9	238	20.2	268	12.6
Equity/total assets (%)	14.6	n.a.	19.5	n.a.	25.7	n.a.	27.2	n.a.	30.9	n.a.	33.4	n.a.
Net Debt incl. Provisions	221	-6.4	216	-2.0	228	5.5	259	13.3	257	-0.7	251	-2.1
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Gearing (%)	268.5	n.a.	174.9	n.a.	123.2	n.a.	130.5	n.a.	107.8	n.a.	93.7	n.a.
Net debt/EBITDA	2.8	n.a.	2.2	n.a.	1.7	n.a.	2.5	n.a.	1.6	n.a.	1.7	n.a.

#### Structure

#### Sales by segment 2023



Sources: Bloomberg, Metzler Research

#### ESG discussion

One of the key sustainability issues is to ensure the safety of employees, contractors and business partners involved in the construction, operation and maintenance of its power plants. Almost all of Energiekontor's operations are located in countries such as Germany and the UK where high legal health and safety standards are in place. When planning new wind or solar energy projects, Energiekontor is committed to make use of brownfield sites instead of greenfield sites and refrains from site selection in areas with high biodiversity value. According to ISS, Energiekontor's governance structure does not include a clear separation of managerial and supervisory functions.

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14.11.2023	Buy	Buy	64.70 EUR	121.00 EUR Hoymann, Guido			
14.08.2023	Buy	Buy	77.20 EUR	121.00 EUR Hoymann, Guido			
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