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The next webinar in the Spring Perspectives Series programme will be presented online by John Friel, Naomi Griffin, Violetta Kokolus, Kate Scott and Andrea Tuninetti Ferrari on Thursday 3 April at 8am EDT / 1pm BST / 2pm CET / 8pm HKT.

As artificial intelligence becomes mainstream and increasingly advanced, organisations face changing litigation and regulatory enforcement risks. Our panel will discuss key areas of AI-

related litigation and enforcement, including privacy issues, cybersecurity, intellectual property, consumer protection and “AI washing”.

Looking at recent cases and enforcement and anticipating potential hotspots in 2025, our panel we will discuss practical approaches to AI risk management for organisations using AI and for financial investors.

To register, please complete the [online registration form](#).

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Clifford Chance Comment: Data Centre Insights 2025

As geopolitical focus intensifies around technology leadership, data sovereignty and environmental considerations, data centres and their role in the global digital economy are in the spotlight:

- governments are introducing or upgrading policies intended to boost digital infrastructure, including the development of data centres;
- data centres are a target of other forms of regulatory intervention, including trade and investment restrictions, creating a complex investment and deal landscape;
- power remains a key constraint, with its own regulatory challenges, a continued customer focus on sustainability and increasing competition for access to resources;
- the increasing scale and cost of data centre development is changing approaches to financing and attracting the attention of global capital; and
- the expansion and transformation the data centre sector has seen over the last few years has gone hand-in-hand with extensive deal-making – a trend we see as set to continue.

Clifford Chance has prepared a [briefing paper](#) reviewing the key trends impacting the data centre industry in 2025 and beyond.

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The [Loan Market Association](#) (LMA) has published updated [green loan principles](#) (GLP), [social loan principles](#) (SLP) and [sustainability-linked loan principles](#) (SLLP) and corresponding guidance. The documents have been developed in collaboration with [Asia Pacific Loan Market Association](#) (APLMA) and the [Loan Syndications and Trading Association](#) (LSTA).

The principles set out the core components for the labelled instruments, whilst the corresponding guidance provides the definitive framework for structuring green, social, and sustainability-linked loans.

According to the LMA, the principles and guidance are designed to reflect market best practice, and provide a foundational tool to protect the integrity of the labelled loan market. They have been updated to reflect the latest market developments following considerable growth in the labelled loan space.

Please note that these documents are only available to LMA members.

Related links:

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