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The next webinar in the Spring Perspectives Series will be presented online by Neil Barlow, Aysh Chaudhry, Stavroula Vryna, Alex Walker and James Wong on Tuesday 12 May at 8am EDT / 1pm BST / 2pm CEST / 8pm HKT.

The global video games industry is growing rapidly, attracting sustained investment

from investors, global brands, game studios, sponsors and major event organisers. As technology advances, business models mature and regulation becomes more complex, stakeholders are facing significant opportunities alongside rising legal, commercial and operational challenges. Our panel will explore the biggest trends and the critical issues shaping the sector and what they mean for developers, publishers, investors, platforms and brands.

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Clifford Chance Comment: The EU Clean Energy Investment Strategy

In March 2026, the European Commission unveiled its long-awaited Clean Energy Investment Strategy, setting out its approach to mobilising private capital at the scale required to finance Europe's energy transition, with a particular focus on strategic grid infrastructure and innovative clean energy technologies. The Strategy marks a significant shift from subsidy-based support towards the use of public finance (led by the EIB Group) as a catalyst to de-risk investments, strengthen balance sheets and crowd in institutional investors, echoing similar approaches taken in the United States.

Clifford Chance has prepared a [briefing paper](#) outlining the key elements of the Clean Energy Investment Strategy and assessing its potential implications for operators, developers, investors, lenders and other market participants active in the European energy sector.

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Clifford Chance Comment: New EU rules on bank crisis management and deposit insurance (Part 1)

The EU has adopted a package of new legislation making wide-ranging changes to the EU framework for bank crisis management and deposit insurance (CMDI). The new rules aim to make it easier to resolve failing smaller and medium-sized banks but will affect all EU banks. Most of the new rules apply from May 2028.

Clifford Chance has prepared a [briefing paper](#) reviewing the background to the legislative package and discusses the changes to the resolution regime, resolution funding, early intervention powers, the minimum requirement for own funds and eligible liabilities, recovery and resolution planning and the Single Resolution Mechanism.

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Clifford Chance Comment: New EU rules on bank crisis management and deposit insurance (Part 2)

The EU has adopted a package of new legislation making wide-ranging changes to the EU framework for bank crisis management and deposit insurance (CMDI). The new rules aim to make it easier to resolve failing smaller and medium-sized banks but will affect all EU banks. Most of the new rules apply from May 2028.

Clifford Chance has prepared a second [briefing paper](#) on the legislative package, which discusses the changes to depositor preference in winding up, the scope of deposit insurance and other rules for deposit guarantee schemes and considers the impact on bank contributions to industry-funded backstops, possible areas for future development and the actions that EU banks may take in response to the package.

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LSTA publishes draft market advisory on outbound investment regulations

The [Loan Syndications and Trading Association](#) (LSTA) has published an [exposure draft](#) of a market advisory on outbound investment regulations.

The market advisory addresses elements of regulations issued by the US Treasury that will restrict US outbound investment in countries of concern and apply to covered transactions that closed on or after 2 January 2025. It provides examples of provisions which members may include, where relevant, in credit agreements and/or security or pledge agreements, as applicable. The LSTA has noted that certain types of lending transactions will be covered, although many transactions will fall outside the regulations' scope.

Comments are due by 15 May 2026.

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