

# ESG BULLETIN



## Domestic News

### DEG commits USD 25mn to Vivriti's GIFT City Fund

- DEG has committed USD 25 million to Vivriti India Retail Assets Fund (VIRAF) at GIFT City, taking the fund size to USD 190 million, to scale financing for micro & small enterprises (MSEs) and women entrepreneurs through asset-backed securitization.
- VIRAF has deployed USD 285 million across 72 ABS and bond transactions, reaching over 730,000 entrepreneurs around 60% women, advancing financial inclusion and supporting UN SDGs 5, 8, 9 and 10.

### Finnfund Provides \$12 Million Loan to Mufin Green Finance to Boost Solar Projects in India

- Finnfund, the Finnish development financier, has announced a \$12 million senior secured loan facility to Mufin Green Finance Ltd, an Indian non-banking financial company (NBFC) specializing in sustainable, income-generating assets.
- The funding will support Mufin's financing of electric mobility, including EVs, charging infrastructure, battery swapping solutions, and solar projects, aiming to drive climate mitigation and financial inclusion across India.

### IFCO Targets One Million Tonnes in Annual Carbon Savings by 2030

India's Power Finance Corporation aims to increase its renewable energy loans from ~15% to ~20% of its loan portfolio over the next 3 years reflecting a strategic shift toward clean energy financing.

- IFCO has set a target to enable one million tonnes of annual customer CO<sub>2</sub> emissions savings by 2030, scaling its circular reusable-packaging model after avoiding 803 million kg CO<sub>2</sub>e in 2025, backed by third-party life-cycle assessments and SBTi-validated targets.
- The company's 2030 ESG strategy embeds circularity as a Scope 3 decarbonization lever, extending climate, renewable energy, water stewardship, digital traceability, and governance requirements across its supply chain to support food-system resilience.

## International News

### ENGIE Signs 10 Year Biomethane Deal with PepsiCo To Cut UK Supply Chain Emissions

ENGIE has signed a landmark 10-year biomethane purchase agreement with PepsiCo UK, marking the first such deal for the UK food and beverage sector. The agreement supports PepsiCo's decarbonization goals while accelerating the scale-up of green gas infrastructure in the UK.

- 10-year BPA signed: ENGIE will supply 60 GWh of biomethane annually to PepsiCo UK from a new anaerobic digestion plant in Northern England, starting 2027.
- Emissions reduction impact: The deal is expected to cut over 10,900 tonnes of CO<sub>2</sub> per year from PepsiCo's UK supply chain.
- Infrastructure investment: ENGIE will invest ~\$90 million (£70m) to build the biomethane facility, supporting domestic clean energy and energy security.

### Wind and solar overtake fossil fuels in EU power supply

Wind and solar power surpassed fossil fuels in the EU's electricity mix for the first time in 2025, marking a major milestone in Europe's energy transition. The shift reflects rapid renewable capacity growth, despite political and infrastructure challenges.

- Renewables overtake fossil fuels: Wind and solar supplied 30% of EU electricity in 2025, exceeding the 29% share from fossil fuels, driven by strong solar growth.
- Solar surge offsets hydropower decline: A 19% increase in solar capacity led renewables' gains, compensating for reduced hydropower due to drought; gas generation rose 8% to fill gaps.
- Low-carbon dominance: Renewables and nuclear together accounted for 71% of EU electricity, with coal falling to a record low of 9.2%.

## Upcoming Events

### India-AI Impact Summit 2026

Focuses on AI's role in sustainability, with pillars on People, Planet, and Progress, including a focus on AI for environmental resilience.

- 📅 Date : 16<sup>th</sup> - 20<sup>th</sup> February 2026
- 📍 Location : Bharat Mandapam, New Delhi, India

## Did You Know?

**Supply chains** are becoming one of the most powerful levers for emissions reduction, as companies increasingly address Scope 3 emissions through renewable energy procurement, circular models, and supplier financing. Long-term energy offtake agreements, reusable packaging, and blended finance are enabling measurable decarbonization beyond direct operations, while the growing share of renewables in power grids is further lowering the emissions intensity of supplier activities across value chains.

## Quiz

### Which lever is increasingly being used by companies to reduce Scope 3 emissions?

- Operational cost cutting
- Workforce restructuring
- Renewable energy procurement and supplier financing
- Short-term trading strategies

### How does the broader energy transition support supply-chain decarbonization?

- By increasing fossil fuel efficiency
- By reducing regulatory oversight
- By lowering the emissions intensity of electricity used by suppliers
- By shifting emissions to other regions

### Test your ESG knowledge!

Answer the quiz questions above and send your responses by replying to this email. Let's see how many of you get it right!