

Energiekontor AG

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RATING PRICE TARGET

BUY € 116.00

Return Potential 152.4% Risk Rating High

EBT GUIDANCE LOWERED DUE TO PROJECT DELAYS

Energiekontor (EKT) has lowered 2024 EBT guidance from €30m - €70m to ca. €23m - €27m. The reason for this is project deays. Specifically, the close of several transactions will probably not be finalised until Q1/25. This will result in a shift in earnings of ca. €40m to €5m from 2024 to 2025. Despite the profit warning, the prospects for the subsequent years are very good as EKT has 370 MW under construction, most of which will be commissioned within the next two years. Furthermore, the company has building permits for projects totalling 1.1 GW, which are to be realised within the next three to five years. We have lowered our 2024E forecast and raised estimates for the following years. An updated sum-of-the-parts model yields a new price target of €116 (previously: €120). We confirm our Buy recommendation.

Project delays shift earnings into 2025 Project delays and supply chain problems have resulted in delays in the current sales processes as well as a shift in earnings of ca. €40m - €45m into 2025. The largest proportion of earnings is attributable to a wind park project in Scotland (ca. 47 MW). As the sales process is well advanced, we expect a close in Q1/25.

Forecasts adjusted We have lowered our 2024 EBT forecast to €24.8m in line with new guidance. We expect the shift in earnings to have a positive effect on 2025 EBT, but take current political and regulatory uncertainty in Germany, France, the UK and the US into consideration. In Germany, the regulatory improvements of the traffic light coalition have come to a standstill following the exit of the FDP from the government. The early general election scheduled for 23 February and the subsequent coalition negotiations mean that further energy transition legislation is not to be expected before H2/25. In France, a stable government after the early end of the centre-right minority government is not in sight. In the UK, the grid connection process remains the main hurdle, and in the US, the second Trump presidency will probably be unfavourable for renewable energy.

FINANCIAL HISTORY & PROJECTIONS

	2021	2022	2023	2024E	2025E	2026E
Revenue (€m)	156.5	187.6	241.8	171.1	296.9	481.4
Y-o-y growth	n.a.	19.8%	28.9%	-29.2%	73.5%	62.2%
EBIT (€m)	61.7	80.0	114.4	43.6	104.1	113.9
EBIT margin	39.4%	42.6%	47.3%	25.5%	35.1%	23.7%
Net income (€m)	36.2	44.5	83.3	17.3	60.3	63.1
EPS (diluted) (€)	2.52	3.16	5.93	1.24	4.31	4.51
DPS (€)	0.90	1.00	1.20	0.60	1.20	1.20
FCF (€m)	-19.5	44.4	102.9	34.7	-57.6	-276.8
Net gearing	357.6%	219.8%	123.2%	117.9%	131.6%	221.6%
Liquid assets (€m)	100.0	127.0	132.2	121.1	138.7	68.8

RISKS

Main risks include changes in the regulatory support for wind and solar power, rising interest rates, project development risks, higher component costs, and wind farm operation risks.

COMPANY PROFILE

Energiekontor is a wind and solar project developer and an operator of a large portfolio of own wind farms and solar parks (ca. 395 MW). The company is active in onshore wind and solar project development in Germany, the UK, the US, France, and Portugal. Energiekontor is headquartered in Bremen, Germany.

MARKET DATA	As of 06 Dec 2024
Closing Price	€ 45.95
Shares outstanding	13.88m
Market Capitalisation	€ 637.89m
52-week Range	€ 40.15 / 82.70
Avg. Volume (12 Months)	11,581

Multiples	2023	2024E	2025E
P/E	7.6	36.4	10.5
EV/Sales	3.4	4.8	2.8
EV/EBIT	7.2	19.0	8.0
Div Yield	2.6%	1 3%	2.6%

STOCK OVERVIEW



COMPANY DATA	As of 30 Jun 2024
Liquid Assets	€ 105.34m
Current Assets	€ 378.37m
Intangible Assets	€ 0.15m
Total Assets	€ 723.64m
Current Liabilities	€ 169.12m
Shareholders' Equity	€ 180.77m

SHAREHOLDERS

Dr Bodo Wilkens	25.5%
Günter Lammers	25.5%
Union Investment Privatfonds	5.2%
Free Float	43.9%



Nevertheless, current legislation in the mentioned countries is still in place and offers an attractive framework for Energiekontor's wind and PV projects. We have raised our 2025E EBT projection by only a fraction of the 2024 EBT reduction (2024: €-22.5m, 2025: €+13.1m) to reflect the increased uncertainty and ongoing supply chain issues (longer turbine and transformer station delivery times). This may well result in a shift in earnings into 2026, which explains our higher 2026E forecast (see figure 1).

Figure 1: Revisions to forecasts

		2024E			2025E			2026E	
All figures in €m	Old	New	Delta	Old	New	Delta	Old	New	Delta
Total output	216.1	180.1	-17%	359.7	366.9	2%	592.4	601.4	2%
EBT	47.3	24.8	-48%	73.0	86.1	18%	80.3	90.2	12%
margin	21.9%	13.8%		20.3%	23.5%		13.6%	15.0%	
Net income	33.1	17.3	-48%	51.1	60.3	18%	56.2	63.1	12%
margin	15.3%	9.6%		1.6%	16.4%		9.5%	10.5%	
EPS (diluted)	2.37	1.24	-48%	3.65	4.31	18%	4.02	4.51	12%

Source: First Berlin Equity Research

Figure 2 shows our segment and group EBT forecasts and makes clear why we still believe that the EKT share is attractive. In the coming years we expect Energiekontor to generate high EBT north of €86m. Although we are a bit more conservative regarding EKT's 2028 target of €120m (FBe: €109m), the persistently high EBT level reflects EKT's ability to monetise its very strong project pipeline (370 MW under construction and 1.1 GW of permitted projects).

Figure 2: Segment and group EBT forecasts

EBT (figures in €m)	2022A	2023A	2024E	2025E	2026E	2027E	2028E
Project Development	28.4	64.1	-1.7	56.3	58.2	52.4	59.2
Power Production	30.0	27.8	23.5	26.5	27.6	32.2	42.4
Operation & Innovation	4.5	3.6	3.0	3.3	4.3	5.9	7.2
Group	62.9	95.5	24.8	86.1	90.1	90.5	108.7
Growth y/y in %	40%	52%	-74%	247%	5%	0%	20%

Source: First Berlin Equity Research

Buy confirmed at lower price target An updated sum-of-the-parts valuation yields a new price target of €116 (previously: €120). The lower price target reflects a lower valuation of the Project Development segment. We have raised our WACC estimate for the segment from 9.6% to 9.9% to reflect the aforementioned higher uncertainty. We reiterate our Buy rating.



VALUATION MODEL

We value Energiekontor based on a sum-of-the-parts analysis. Each of Energiekontor's segments, Project Development, Power Production, and Operation & Innovation is valued separately using a DCF model.

Sum of the parts valuation

SotP valuation	Fair value in €m	Fair value per share (FVPS) in €	Old FVPS in €	Delta
Project Development	952.96	68.15	72.44	-6%
Power Production	512.52	36.65	36.48	0%
Operation & Innovation	151.80	10.86	10.80	1%
Sum of the parts	1,617.28	115.67	119.72	-3%
Price target		116.00	120.00	-3%

DCF model for Project Development segment

DCF valuation model								
All figures in EUR '000	2024E	2025E	2026E	2027E	2028E	2029E	2030E	2031E
Net sales	89,720	212,200	381,000	444,500	549,250	611,215	675,226	740,478
NOPLAT	5,850	46,129	47,376	43,041	47,338	64,907	72,055	79,444
+ depreciation & amortisation	1,169	1,216	1,151	1,176	1,156	1,250	1,336	1,415
Net operating cash flow	7,019	47,345	48,527	44,216	48,493	66,157	73,391	80,859
- total investments (CAPEX and WC)	-4,213	-22,170	-85,089	-5,301	-60,576	-19,073	-27,095	-25,828
Capital expenditures	-314	-573	-1,105	-1,200	-1,423	-1,517	-1,602	-1,676
Working capital	-3,899	-21,597	-83,984	-4,100	-59,153	-17,557	-25,493	-24,152
Free cash flows (FCF)	2,806	25,175	-36,562	38,916	-12,083	47,083	46,296	55,031
PV of FCF's	2,791	22,780	-30,103	29,155	-8,235	29,197	26,123	28,255

All figures in thousands	
PV of FCFs in explicit period (2024E-2038E)	329,827
PV of FCFs in terminal period	587,786
Enterprise value (EV)	917,613
+ Net cash / - net debt	35,324
+ Investments / minority interests	0
Shareholder value	952,937
Number of shares (diluted)	13,982
Fair value per share in EUR	68.15

4.0%
15.9%

WACC	9.9%
Cost of equity	13.0%
Pre-tax cost of debt	7.5%
Tax rate	30.0%
After-tax cost of debt	5.3%
Share of equity capital	60.0%
Share of debt capital	40.0%
Fair value per share in EUR	68.15

	2.5%	3.0%	3.5%	4.0%	4.5%	5.0%	5.5%
6.9%	115.57	126.44	140.52	159.45	186.26	227.19	297.36
7.9%	89.45	95.68	103.33	112.93	125.36	142.08	165.75
8.9%	71.86	75.71	80.29	85.79	92.55	101.04	112.03
9.9%	59.29	61.82	64.74	68.15	72.20	77.07	83.06
10.9%	49.94	51.66	53.62	55.85	58.44	61.47	65.06
11.9%	42.76	43.97	45.32	46.85	48.59	50.57	52.87
12.9%	37.10	37.98	38.94	40.02	41.22	42.58	44.12

Terminal growth rate

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DCF model for Power Production segment

DCF valuation model								
All figures in EUR '000	2024E	2025E	2026E	2027E	2028E	2029E	2030E	2031E
Net sales	76,522	79,259	93,884	133,368	193,076	195,007	196,957	198,927
NOPLAT	27,676	29,816	36,440	48,022	71,178	59,548	61,385	63,223
+ depreciation & amortisation	21,081	21,205	26,703	44,386	64,086	85,263	84,411	83,566
Net operating cash flow	48,757	51,021	63,142	92,407	135,264	144,811	145,795	146,790
- total investments (CAPEX and WC)	-1,516	-136,100	-306,205	-393,154	-464,587	-71,476	-70,770	-70,070
Capital expenditures	310	-135,500	-303,000	-384,500	-451,500	-71,053	-70,342	-69,639
Working capital	-1,826	-600	-3,205	-8,654	-13,087	-423	-427	-432
Free cash flows (FCF)	47,241	-85,079	-243,063	-300,747	-329,323	73,336	75,026	76,719
PV of FCF's	47,116	-81,113	-221,522	-262,015	-274,233	58,377	57,090	55,806

All figures in thousands	
PV of FCFs in explicit period (2024E-2038E)	-260,423
PV of FCFs in terminal period	1,038,681
Enterprise value (EV)	778,259
+ Net cash / - net debt	-265,744
+ Investments / minority interests	0
Shareholder value	512,515
Number of shares (diluted)	13,982
Fair value per share in EUR	36.65

1.0%
9.2%

WACC	4.6%
Cost of equity	7.2%
Pre-tax cost of debt	5.0%
Tax rate	30.0%
After-tax cost of debt	3.5%
Share of equity capital	30.0%
Share of debt capital	70.0%
Fair value per share in EUR	36.65
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	Terminal grow to rate											
	0.4%	0.6%	0.8%	1.0%	1.2%	1.4%	1.6%					
3.9%	40.70	48.54	57.40	67.51	79.14	92.65	108.56					
4.1%	32.64	39.40	46.97	55.51	65.23	76.39	89.32					
4.4%	25.65	31.52	38.05	45.36	53.59	62.94	73.64					
4.6%	19.52	24.66	30.34	36.65	43.71	51.64	60.63					
4.9%	14.11	18.64	23.63	29.13	35.23	42.03	49.67					
5.1%	9.30	13.33	17.73	22.55	27.87	33.77	40.33					
5.4%	5.02	8.61	12.51	16.78	21.45	26.60	32.29					

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DCF model for Operation & Innovation segment

DCF valuation model								
All figures in EUR '000	2024E	2025E	2026E	2027E	2028E	2029E	2030E	2031E
Net sales	7,546	8,300	9,960	12,052	14,510	17,322	20,459	23,863
NOPLAT	2,079	2,305	2,999	4,136	5,007	6,000	7,105	8,302
+ depreciation & amortisation	1	4	7	9	12	15	19	22
Net operating cash flow	2,080	2,309	3,006	4,145	5,019	6,015	7,124	8,324
- total investments (CAPEX and WC)	1,140	-58	-208	-270	-367	-445	-523	-600
Capital expenditures	-15	-17	-20	-24	-28	-31	-35	-39
Working capital	1,155	-42	-188	-246	-340	-413	-488	-561
Free cash flows (FCF)	3,221	2,251	2,798	3,875	4,652	5,570	6,601	7,724
PV of FCF's	3,206	2,072	2,381	3,049	3,384	3,746	4,105	4,441

All figures in thousands	
PV of FCFs in explicit period (2024E-2038E)	61,604
PV of FCFs in terminal period	87,975
Enterprise value (EV)	149,579
+ Net cash / - net debt	2,217
+ Investments / minority interests	0
Shareholder value	151,796
Number of shares (diluted)	13,982
Fair value per share in EUR	10.86

Terminal growth	2.5%
Terminal EBIT margin	49.5%

WACC	8.2%
Cost of equity	8.2%
Pre-tax cost of debt	5.0%
Tax rate	30.0%
After-tax cost of debt	3.5%
Share of equity capital	100.0%
Share of debt capital	0.0%
Fair value per share in EUR	10.86
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	Terminal growth rate											
		1.0%	1.5%	2.0%	2.5%	3.0%	3.5%	4.0%				
	5.2%	18.49	20.22	22.50	25.64	30.23	37.61	51.39				
	6.2%	14.30	15.26	16.44	17.95	19.94	22.68	26.69				
5	7.2%	11.52	12.10	12.79	13.62	14.66	15.98	17.72				
	8.2%	9.56	9.92	10.35	10.86	11.46	12.19	13.10				
	9.2%	8.10	8.35	8.63	8.95	9.32	9.77	10.29				
	10.2%	6.99	7.16	7.35	7.56	7.81	8.09	8.42				
	11.2%	6.11	6.23	6.36	6.51	6.68	6.87	7.09				
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INCOME STATEMENT

All figures in EUR '000	2021A	2022A	2023A	2024E	2025E	2026E
Revenues	156,516	187,573	241,798	171,147	296,854	481,358
Change in inventory & own work	109,740	68,145	33,554	9,000	70,000	120,000
Total output	266,256	255,718	275,352	180,147	366,854	601,358
Cost of goods sold	144,020	115,774	91,294	62,037	180,660	385,174
Gross profit	122,236	139,944	184,058	118,110	186,194	216,184
Personnel costs	19,504	21,173	25,271	27,830	32,006	37,125
Other operating expenses	23,214	21,555	28,033	27,064	31,615	43,417
Other operating income	2,191	2,577	4,799	2,593	3,928	6,079
EBITDA	81,709	99,793	135,553	65,809	126,501	141,720
Depreciation	20,034	19,827	21,117	22,250	22,422	27,853
Operating income (EBIT)	61,675	79,966	114,436	43,559	104,079	113,867
Net financial result	-16,753	-17,089	-18,959	-18,774	-17,991	-23,710
Non-operating expenses	0	0	0	0	0	0
Pre-tax income (EBT)	44,922	62,877	95,477	24,785	86,089	90,156
Income taxes	8,717	18,341	12,156	7,436	25,827	27,047
Minority interests	0	0	0	0	0	0
Net income / loss	36,205	44,536	83,321	17,350	60,262	63,109
Diluted EPS (in €)	2.52	3.16	5.93	1.24	4.31	4.51
Ratios						
Gross margin on total output	45.9%	54.7%	66.8%	65.6%	50.8%	35.9%
EBITDA margin on total output	30.7%	39.0%	49.2%	36.5%	34.5%	23.6%
EBIT margin on total output	23.2%	31.3%	41.6%	24.2%	28.4%	18.9%
Net margin on total output	13.6%	17.4%	30.3%	9.6%	16.4%	10.5%
Tax rate	19.4%	29.2%	12.7%	30.0%	30.0%	30.0%
Expenses as % of total output						
Personnel costs	7.3%	8.3%	9.2%	15.4%	8.7%	6.2%
Depreciation	7.5%	7.8%	7.7%	12.4%	6.1%	4.6%
Other operating expenses	8.7%	8.4%	10.2%	15.0%	8.6%	7.2%
Y-Y Growth						
Total output	61.3%	-4.0%	7.7%	-34.6%	103.6%	63.9%
EBIT	34.1%	29.7%	43.1%	-61.9%	138.9%	9.4%
Net income/ loss	77.3%	23.0%	87.1%	-79.2%	247.3%	4.7%



BALANCE SHEET

Current assets, total 299,831 304,868 365,456 373,491 409,520 439,678 628,614 633,600 636,814 633,232 433,332
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Days sales outstanding (DSO) 84 84 39 94 68 67
Days inventory outstanding (DIO) 408 411 573 849 306 207
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CASH FLOW STATEMENT

All figures in EUR '000	2021A	2022A	2023A	2024E	2025E	2026E
EBIT	61,675	79,966	114,436	43,559	104,079	113,867
Depreciation and amortisation	20,034	19,827	21,117	22,250	22,422	27,853
EBITDA	81,709	99,793	135,553	65,809	126,501	141,720
Changes in working capital	10,205	66,120	-6,835	-23,716	-22,239	-87,377
Other adjustments	-29,922	-27,260	16,058	-7,436	-25,827	-27,047
Operating cash flow	61,992	138,653	144,776	34,657	78,436	27,296
CAPEX	-81,443	-94,243	-41,709	-4	-136,073	-304,105
Investments in intangibles	-19	-21	-130	0	0	0
Free cash flow	-19,471	44,389	102,937	34,653	-57,637	-276,809
Acquisitions and disposals, net	0	18,355	0	0	0	0
Other investments	-3,548	-6,527	-3,626	0	0	0
Cash flow from investing	-85,011	-82,436	-45,465	-4	-136,073	-304,105
Debt financing, net	79,814	-3,424	-18,193	-10,305	101,625	247,250
Equity financing, net	-10,524	-2,782	-5,608	0	0	0
Dividends paid	-11,300	-12,588	-13,959	-16,735	-8,329	-16,659
Other financing	-12,733	-9,695	-12,014	-18,774	-17,991	-23,710
Cash flow from financing	45,256	-28,489	-49,775	-45,815	75,305	206,881
Forex & other effects	-1,744	-668	-977	0	0	0
Net cash flows	20,493	27,060	48,559	-11,161	17,667	-69,928
Cash, start of the year	79,457	99,950	127,010	132,236	121,075	138,742
Cash, end of the year	99,950	127,010	175,569	121,075	138,742	68,814
EBITDA/share (in €)	5.69	7.08	9.65	4.71	9.05	10.14
Operating cash flow/share (in €)	4.31	9.84	10.31	2.48	5.61	1.95
Y-Y Growth						
Operating cash flow	246.7%	123.7%	4.4%	-76.1%	126.3%	-65.2%
Free cash flow	n.m.	n.m.	131.9%	-66.3%	n.m.	n.m.
EBITDA/share	24.8%	24.6%	36.2%	-51.2%	92.2%	12.0%
Operating cash flow/share	246.4%	128.1%	4.7%	-76.0%	126.3%	-65.2%



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		0 - 2 billion		
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Buy	An expected favourable price trend of:	> 25%	> 15%	
Add	An expected favourable price trend of:	0% to 25%	0% to 15%	
Reduce	An expected negative price trend of:	0% to -15%	0% to -10%	
Sell	An expected negative price trend of:	< -15%	< -10%	

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54	17 August 2023	€78.20	Buy	€138.00
55	15 November 2023	€68.40	Buy	€116.00
56	18 December 2023	€74.00	Buy	€134.00
57	8 April 2024	€65.80	Buy	€126.00
58	21 May 2024	€71.40	Buy	€126.00
59	3 July 2024	€62.40	Buy	€126.00
60	13 August 2024	€58.10	Buy	€126.00
61	18 November 2024	€43.20	Buy	€120.00
62	Today	€45.95	Buy	€116.00

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