Effective protection against destructive governments.

“No responsible and prudent investor or asset manager can afford ignoring the threat of future legislative and regulatory changes based on repeated attacks in the past.”

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Investors tend to strongly **underestimate the risks** of investments in regulated and licensed sectors. A fundamental shift in global investment flows has turned the European Union into a net importer of capital, which in combination with growing fiscal pressures in Europe and beyond, triggers a **significantly stronger need for effective investment protection**.

The mission of **Global Investment Protection AG** is the development and implementation of strategies and structures providing investors with effective investment **protection against damages or total losses** resulting from any kind of unreasonable governmental measures, such as for example (retroactive) regulatory and tax measures implemented by host governments.

"We provide our clients with effective access to arbitration, which otherwise they are not eligible to."

**PROTECTION:**

- Restructuring of ownership under the strongest available BIT protection
- Lobbying and pre-emptive intervention
- On-going corporate management and structuring

**BENEFITS:**

- BIT protection against retroactive measures
- Access to arbitration
- Secure structure increases secondary market value and liquidity
- Tax efficient structure for dividend flows and capital gains

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**New vs. current ownership structure**

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The protection platform is **open to ALL investors in RE assets in the European Union.**
Detailed restructuring process

1. Draw up an information memorandum of the investment including the description of the assets under restructuring
2. Set up or purchase a new holding joint-stock company in MOJ
3. Commission Legal opinion confirming the current legislative and tax environment in the country of original investment at the time of restructuring
4. Commission a financial business plan and internal valuation, explicitly stating the legitimate expectations of the investor at the time of restructuring based on the above Legal opinion
5. Commission an external valuation confirming the value of the assets by an official independent expert
6. Ensure a confirmation of the external valuation by an independent auditor in MOJ
7. Contribute the original assets into the new MOJ holding company – i.e. exchange the shares in the original entities and other claims such as shareholder loans for a combination of newly issued shares in the MOJ Co., a shareholder loan and a contribution to reserve accounts
8. Provide a director and legal domiciliation for the MOJ holding company
9. Ensure on-going corporate administrative activities for the MOJ holding company (incl. accounting, tax filing, VAT return, mandatory corporate insurance, etc.) in compliance with local commercial activity requirements
10. Provide consistent proactive investment protection and pre-emptive intervention services in relation to the original assets in the country of investment

Host country

Most Optimal Jurisdiction (MOJ)

- Gain approval from project lender
- Establish a MOJ company with transparent ownership structure
- Execute preliminary technical and legal due diligence
- Prepare necessary documentation to substantiate legitimate expectations of investment

TRANSFER (in the form of contribution)

Investment in Host country power plant becomes a MOJ investment whereas the UBO remains unchanged.

Subject to protection of applicable BITs providing effective access to arbitration.

The means are limited but available and require above all their determined use.
Currently available **legal options** to protect RE investments against retroactive legislative and regulatory changes

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<td><strong>NO</strong></td>
<td>Difficult, if not futile for the protection of RE investments.</td>
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<td>Example: Negative ruling of Constitutional Court in the Czech Republic.</td>
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<td>European Commission appeals</td>
<td><strong>NO</strong></td>
<td>No inclination to support RE investors in individual jurisdictions.</td>
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<td><strong>NO</strong></td>
<td>Due to the tax carve-out, retroactive tax measures are not covered.</td>
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<td>Bilateral Investment Treaties (BITs) between EU countries</td>
<td><strong>NO</strong></td>
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<td><strong>YES</strong></td>
<td>The last resort granting investment protection against retroactive tax and regulatory measures covering RE investments in the EU.</td>
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**BIT protection of (newly restructured) MOJ investment**

**Eligibility to initiate international arbitration against the host country**

**Sole claimant**

- Expected cost load EUR 6–10 mln

**Numerous equally structured and protected investors are pooled together**

- Economies of scale
- Costs of arbitration are spread
- Unified and coordinated arbitration process by GIP team who are experienced in international arbitrations

**Arbitration Cost-at-Risk per MWp in EUR**

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