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EIB backs Egypt Dandara solar project with $90M

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The European Investment Bank will provide up to $90 million to finance the first phase of Egypt's Dandara solar and battery storage project, marking a significant injection of European development capital into Egyptian renewable infrastructure. The first phase combines 569 MWp of solar capacity with 100 MWh of battery storage, with generated electricity earmarked for supply to Egypt's largest aluminium producer.

The EIB financing instrument here is a loan commitment — not yet a fully disbursed facility — meaning the project is moving from development into early financing stages. The scale of the first phase, nearly 570 MWp of generation paired with grid-scale storage, places Dandara among the larger utility solar developments currently progressing in North Africa. Battery storage integration at this scale is still relatively uncommon in the Egyptian market, and the project's design reflects a broader push to improve grid stability alongside renewable generation targets.

Egypt has been actively expanding its renewable energy portfolio as part of efforts to reduce domestic consumption of hydrocarbons and free up more natural gas for export. The aluminium sector, as an anchor offtaker for Dandara, provides the revenue certainty that large-scale infrastructure lenders typically require. Industrial offtake structures of this kind have become an increasingly common mechanism for de-risking renewable project finance across the African continent.

For the Norwegian service and infrastructure community, Dandara is a solar and storage project rather than an oil and gas development, which limits direct service-

sector relevance. However, the project's scale and the involvement of a major European development finance institution signals that Egypt's broader energy infrastructure pipeline remains active and well-capitalised. Norwegian companies with competencies in high-voltage grid integration, power management systems, or construction logistics for large-scale energy facilities may find adjacent opportunities as Egypt's energy buildout accelerates. The project also reinforces Egypt's position as one of Africa's more bankable energy markets, which is relevant context for companies assessing country-level risk across the region.

Why this matters to partners and clients of Saga

Dandara is a solar and storage project with no direct upstream oil and gas or subsea procurement angle, so Norwegian O&G service companies should monitor rather than pursue outreach at this stage. The EIB loan commitment signals Egypt's continued attractiveness to development finance, which is useful country-risk context for partners considering broader Egyptian energy-sector positioning. Companies with power infrastructure or grid-integration capabilities outside core O&G may wish to track the project's subsequent tender activity.

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- **Service:** Construction logistics and heavy-lift specialists could monitor Dandara's EPC tender process as the project moves from financing into procurement.
- **Subsea/FPSO:** No direct subsea angle; however, Egypt's gas export infrastructure investments remain a parallel opportunity worth tracking alongside renewable buildout.
- **Pipeline:** Grid interconnection and high-voltage transmission requirements for a 569 MWp facility may create engineering and procurement opportunities for pipeline and power infrastructure specialists.
- **LNG:** Dandara's industrial offtake model, supplying Egypt's largest aluminium producer, signals domestic energy substitution that could incrementally free up gas volumes for LNG export — relevant context for LNG-focused partners monitoring Egyptian supply dynamics.

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