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# **EPEC Private Sector Forum- Financing Future Infrastructure**





## The future of PPP Financing

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- Pipelines for Oil & Gas
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- Oil & Gas Fields
- Power Intensive Industries
- Solar & Wind Power

US\$10bn of Project Finance provided on projects in EMEA



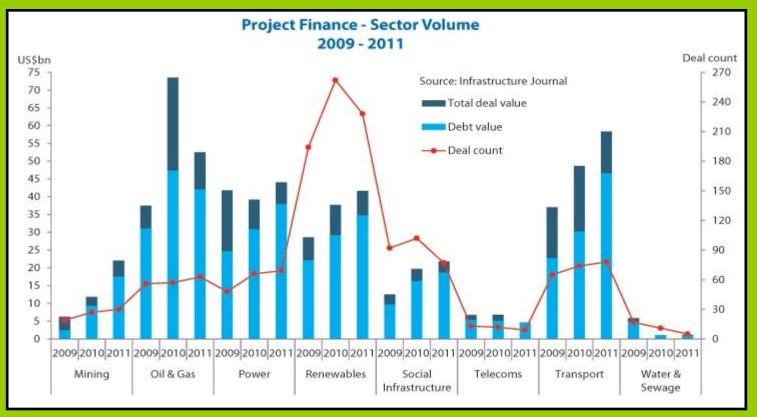
### PPP Financing- current situation

- Senior debt margins currently 250bp-450bp;
- Cover ratios 1.15-1.25 ADSCR;
- Tenors 15-30 years depending on type of project;
- Fully amortising repayment in most cases, some use of mini permcash sweep where appropriate;
- Gearing 85:15 up to 90:10 depending on project;
- Smaller pool of banks, 10-15 active PPP banks in EU, more on case specific/ high profile projects;
- Reduction in bank appetite for longer tenor debt;
- More activity from institutional investors;
- Impact of banking crisis/ Eurozone instability + Basel III
- = Impact is higher cost of funding for PPP projects

Capital costs, Liquidity costs, Basel II/ III are the drivers



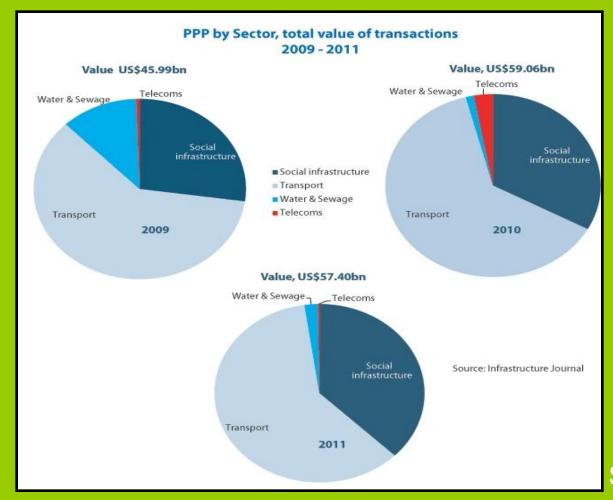
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## What are the principle PPP sectors?

- Health/ Education;
- Transport (road/ rail/ airport/ port/ tunnel);
- Water treatment/ management/ desalination;
- Waste treatment;
- Prisons;
- Defence;
- Central Government buildings;
- Sports stadiums







#### Benefits of using PPP structures

 Many countries see the benefit of PPP due to the discipline it brings to the construction delivery/ O&M phase;
 BUT: aversion to high perceived cost of funding a PPP

- Limited Recourse/ Off Balance Sheet;
- Tax Relief (on sub debt interest);
- Risk sharing- passing risks to those best able to manage them;
- Project can be managed in isolation/ arms length;
- Single purpose corporate entity (can be limited company/ LP/ GP);
- Has a set purpose- limits exposure to other activities of sponsor;
- Enables project financing to be raised/ high gearing;
- Enables liquidity of equity stakes.





# Financing structures currently being used in PPP

- Vanilla, long term amortising loan structures, 15-30 year tenor;
- Occasional use of mini-perms (hard/soft);
- Pure construction finance;
- Construction finance with take-out (Belgium, Canada, Australia);
- EIB/ AfDB/ IFC financed;
- Bank/ bond structures;
- Long term private placement bonds;
- Re-appearance of project bonds in refinancing (unwrapped);
- Securitisation;
- Sponsor balance sheet funding (UK waste projects).









# The Future: what are the new developments?

- New developments are taking place in France ("dailly" structure);
  / Germany (construction finance/ forfaiting) / Netherlands
  (RPI linking and zero solvency structure);
- Canada innovative in terms of bringing unwrapped bond finance to infrastructure projects;
- Australia/ Canada- shorter tenor/ mini perm structures;
- Islamic funding- murabaha/ sukuk bond/ ijara lease;
- Blended tenors;
- Senor subordinated/ mezzanine tranche;
- Implications of Basel III on financing infrastructure;
- PPP model coming under scrutiny in the UK, but there are limited alternatives;
- Whilst PPP model being heavily used elsewhere, France particularly active



### The Future: State support?

- French "dailly" structure: fully state guaranteed debt tranche post construction (85-100% of total debt);
- German forfaiting finance: state guaranteed post construction;
- Netherlands zero solvency structure: state guaranteed post construction
- = All of the above result in low capital requirement under Basel regs, qualify for lower funding margin. BUT- funding illiquidity has caused funding margins to increase from around 10bp to 150-180bp;
- = Eligibility for Covered Bond/ Pfandbrief
- Australia/ Canada- shorter tenor/ mini perm structures (state takes refinancing risk post construction phase);
- = Lower funding margin due to short debt tenor
- UK- "prudential" borrowing: local government borrows funds to refinance the bank-funded project post construction;
- = Lower funding margin due to short debt tenor



#### The Future: Finance structure change?

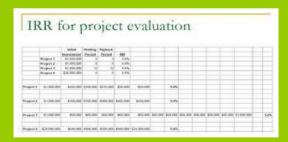
- Blended tenors: introduction of split tenor structure, shorter tenor tranche, amortising (bank funded) + long tenor tranche (institution funded);
- = lower overall cost of funding
- Construction phase finance: bank funded during construction with refinancing to institutional investor/ bond finance post construction;
- = lower overall cost of funding BUT, single A credit rating required (Solvency II directive)
- Mezzanine tranche: introduction of mezzanine (first loss) tranche, provided by infrastructure fund/ specialist investor, alongside senior tranche. Senior tranche obtains single A credit rating, attracts a bond financing;
- = lower overall cost of funding



#### Who are the investors in PPPs?

- Stakeholder Investors: EPC Contractor/ O&M Contractor
- Project Investors:
  - Pension funds;
  - Sovereign wealth funds;
  - Primary infrastructure funds;
  - Secondary infrastructure funds;
  - Contractor led infrastructure funds;
  - EIB?;
  - Debt funds?
- Reduction in contractor direct investment- majority shareholdings going to funds







# Recent examples of pension fund involvement in SPV finance

- Project bond investors: Gatwick Airport, Eversholt Rail, Angel Trains, Thames Water;
- French toll roads;
- Bond refinancing (pre credit crunch);
- Direct investment in project debt (Aviva);
- Direct equity participations (HS1);
- Indirect through participations in infrastructure funds;
- Indirect through participations in mezzanine funds









# New infrastructure/ PPP projects in EU region

- France: Dams/ Canals/ Universities/ Stadiums/ HSR;
- UK: Waste/ Schools/ Health/ Rail + Mersey Gateway;
- Benelux: Govt offices/ Prisons/ Roads/ Trams;
- Germany: Health/ Roads;
- Poland: Health/ Waste
- PPP still the essential delivery structure, with innovation being taken forward in structuring & financing





### Thank You



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