

BSEIF Manifesto

For Energy, Infrastructure and Capital

We founded Bocconi Students Energy & Infrastructure Finance to give students a dedicated setting in which to understand how energy and infrastructure are developed, financed and operated. As a recognised, student-led association, we seek to connect academic knowledge with the decisions that shape real assets and the allocation of capital. This manifesto opens our first semester of work.

Energy and infrastructure in context

Energy and infrastructure sit at the intersection of finance, industrial policy, technology, geopolitics and the real economy. Energy security and decarbonisation require choices about affordability, reliability and investment. Europe is a central context for our work: its future competitiveness depends in part on the energy systems, transport networks and digital capacity it can build, and on the regulation and financing that make investment possible.

We will examine these systems together. Renewable generation depends on grids, storage and permitting; oil and gas and conventional energy remain essential to understanding the transition's practical constraints. Transport and logistics connect businesses to markets. Data centres and AI-driven power demand link the expansion of digital infrastructure to energy supply. These relationships deserve close financial analysis.

A financial discipline

Our starting point is the asset: its capital expenditure, operating economics and revenues. We examine project finance, debt capacity and capital structure, with particular attention to how regulation and long-term contracts allocate risk. Infrastructure funds and institutional capital bring a further question: how can long-duration investment meet financing needs while earning returns commensurate with the risks assumed? We want students to connect financial models to the projects, contracts and assumptions behind them.

Our place in the Bocconi ecosystem

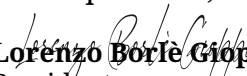
Within Bocconi's academic and student ecosystem, we aim to offer sustained sector depth and practical work on specific assets and businesses. Our five divisions are Digital Infrastructure; Energy; Infrastructure, Logistics & Transport; Venture; and Markets. Venture will explore emerging businesses and the capital needed to scale them; Markets will examine how prices, rates and market conditions influence sector economics and investment.

Our programme will combine student-led analysis, research notes and modelling sessions with speaker events and industry conversations. We also intend to organise company visits and networking opportunities, and to develop collaborations with alumni, faculty, professionals and external partners. The purpose is to make energy and infrastructure finance more accessible and to give students opportunities to test what they learn against practice.

Standards from the outset

We will be selective in recruitment and rigorous in our work, while welcoming students who are new to the subject and ready to commit to learning. We value preparation, evidence and the willingness to revise a conclusion. BSEIF is a platform for independent student inquiry, not a political organisation, a consulting firm or an investment vehicle. Our credibility will depend on the work we produce.

As we begin, we invite students, alumni, faculty and professionals to contribute their questions and experience, and to take part in the conversation.


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