

# **Data Centers:**

Key driver of demand growth. What's next?





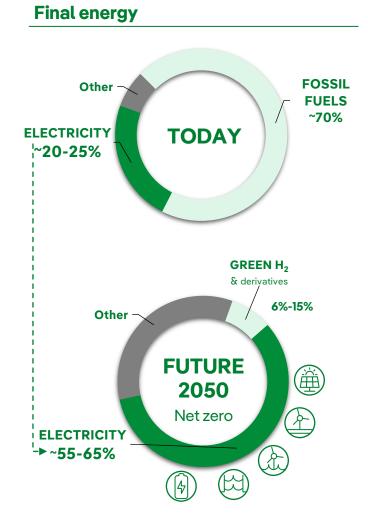


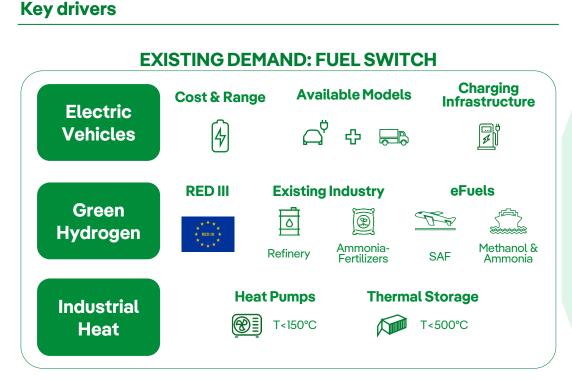
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# Iberdrola Technology Vision 2030 (Iberdrola's CMD - March 2024)



#### Advancements in technology and market adoption are fueling a rise in electricity demand







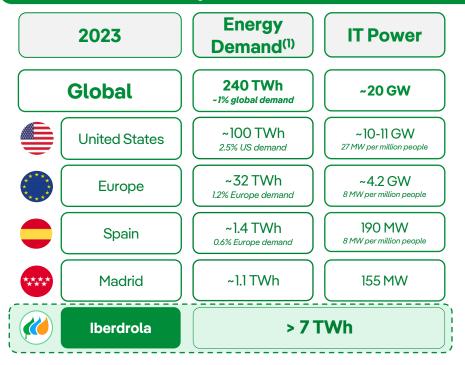
#### **NEW DEMAND**

40 TWh 80 TWh

# **Data Center Market: Key Figures**



Economy digitalization is growing exponentially and, consequently the number and size of Data Centers are growing too. Today worldwide data center electricity demand already matches the whole demand of economies like Spain or California.





**Snapshot: Virginia, USA** 

Virginia has become the world's technological backbone, as a result, energy demand has boosted

>4.5 GW IT

~40 TWh

- **Virginia hosts ~20% of** the Data Center global capacity:
- √ 70% of the World's Internet traffic flow
- ✓ Over 300 DCs →
  - >150 hyperscale DCs
  - >100 colocation DCs
- ✓ The data center industry has a global footprint; US is the key market and Virginia is the main hub
- ✓ EU is still behind US → Expected to grow 20% YoY to reduce the gap
- ✓ Can Spain replicate Virginia's success and can Iberdrola be the key partner for this growth?
  - ✓ **Spoiler, YES. Here is why** (please refer to the following slide)

## Data Center Market: Spain, a strategic geography to deploy Data Centers



#### Grid Infrastructure -**Connectivity & Reliance**

#### **RES & competitive energy** prices

#### **Business Environment &** Workforce

...additionally, Spain stands out for...



Virginia

- Principal host of American subsea cables
- Top notch infrastructure:
  - ✓ Quick internet
  - ✓ Solid grid infrastructure
- Low electricity price in comparison with other States
- Higher RES than other States

- Effective tax incentives
- Concentration of tech talent

- Low population density + more available land (cheaper land)
- Solid & widespread grid infrastructure



# Spain stands out

- Strategic geographical position: 70 % of Europe's data flows through Spain
  - ✓ Subsea cables connecting 3 continents (America, Africa & Europe)
- Solid infrastructure:
  - ✓ Strong electricity grid
  - ✓ Best fiber optic infrastructure

- Competitive energy prices & higher RES share than their peers
- Biggest market for long run RES PPAs
- Tech educated labor with lower wages than its peers

Spain's conditions facilitate renewables + data center development

Trend to co-locate data centers close to renewable developments

- More grid investment
- Better transport network planning

- Regulation certainty in favor of Data Centers

Spain needs to improve

Spain gathers all the ingredients to become the "Virginia" of Europe

# Data Center Market: Spain, a strategic geography to deploy Data Centers



## Spain stands out from all other European peers

	RES 24x7	Available Land [inhabitants/km2]	International Fiber Connectivity	Grid availability and complexity	Cost competitiveness (**)
Spain		95			
Continental Europe (i.e Germany)		237			
Nordics (avg. Sweden, Norway & Denmark)		61			
UK		• <sub>278</sub>	*		

<sup>\*</sup> UK has more submarine interconnections however Spain has a wider range of countries and a more sophisticated FTTH network

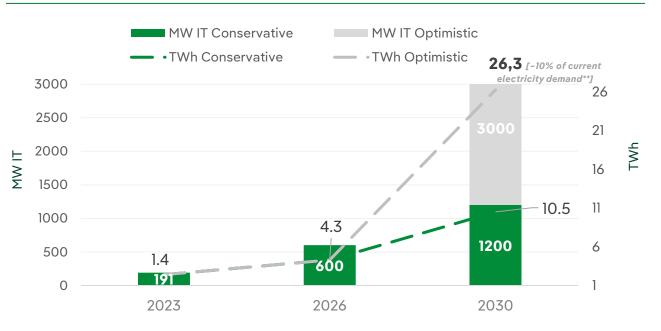
<sup>\*\*</sup> Civil works, operational costs, transportation costs, human capital...

# **Data Center Market: Spain Outlook**



#### FLAP\* markets are expected to grow 20% YoY, whilst in Spain the growth is expected to be over a 40% YoY

#### Spain outlook



#### **Europe**



- Conservative Cloud to EU levels:
  - ✓ 1.2 GW IT by 2030
  - √ ~10 TWh new demand
- Optimistic Cloud to EU levels + AI:
  - ✓ 3 GW IT by 2030
  - √ ~26 TWh new demand

Evolution of AI could make growth forecasts to be even higher, particularly in areas that are far from the big cities as AI computing does not need to be close to the point of interconnection

<sup>\*</sup> Frankfurt, London, Amsterdam, Paris and Dublin

<sup>\*\*</sup> Spain annual demand today: ~250 TWh

# Data centers, Socio-economic impact in Spain by 2030



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**ECONOMIC IMPACT** 

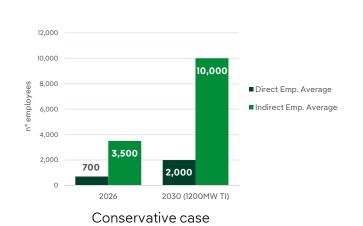
#### **Investment until 2030**

>10.000M€

#### Impact until 2030

- 40.000M€ + important fiscal impact in income tax
- 11% of actual GDP

SOCIAL AND ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT



#### Employment generation \*

- **1-2,5** direct jobs / MW IT
- **5 12,5** indirect jobs/ MW IT

#### **Environmental Impact**

- More renewables
- Zero Water usage

Data center has already proven to bring social value creation in the form of higher GPD per capita, lower unemployment, more STEM workers and higher wages (see Detail for Virginia in Annex 2)

# Iberdrola's activity in the Data Center market so far...



# Key energy supplier with ability to provide 24x7 Renewables

- Ability to firm PV + Wind with hydro and storage
- Already contracted: +7 TWh global Renewable PPA + supply contracts
  - Hyperscalers
  - Co-locators
  - Telcos

#### Associated product offering beyond energy

- Co-located solar PV
- Energy efficiency (existing DCs): CAEs (certificates for energy efficiency)
- Waste heat re-use (heat networks)
- Carbon foot-print offsetting

...additionally, Iberdrola's regulated business will benefit from the growth of grids required for data center expansion

Iberdrola is already a key energy player in the data center industry... what else can we do to capture the forecasted exponential growth? (please refer to the following slides)





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# Iberdrola continues its partnership model to enter in the DC industry



Iberdrola carried out successfully partnerships with tier 1 global partners which provided additional opportunities...

#### **Financial investors**

Main investment and infrastructure funds in the world. Most of them not subject to financing (equity investment)



With a strong ambition to play a relevant role in the energy transition





























... and is currently working to develop a partnership for Data Center developments, to boost and expand this energy intensive sector in Spain, and other geographies

# From global renewable PPA's provider to an integrated player / first mover



Iberdrola historical presence in the data center industry was based in the energy supply through PPAs, however, Iberdrola through its JV aims to become into a real data center integrated player



#### Global

PPAs signed across the world, especially in Spain, UK, USA, Mexico, Italy, Brazil and Australia



#### **Vast Experience**

Only in Europe more than 1 GW contracted in 2023 (over 7% of the European Market)



#### Alliances with Strategic Tier 1 partners















### Iberdrola future data center presence

- Becoming an integrated data center player
- Energy supply exclusivity for the JV data centers
- Develop Spain as a 24/7 renewable DC hub

# Iberdrola footprint in Spain



### Leading the transition in Spain for more than 20 years, having invested ~35bn EUR in this period



- Electricity distribution
- Area of influence
- (A) Battery storage

- Wind
- (X) Hydro
- (☆) Solar
- (A) CCGTs

(号) Green Hydrogen

Nuclear

#### **Energy Production & Customers**

- Total Installed capacity in Spain 31 GW (top integrated utility)
- 1st Renewable player with c.22 GW of installed capacity
- **Net production of 61 TWh**
- Over 11 Million customers(1)

#### **Networks**

- RAB of c. 10 Eur Bn
- 270.000 km of lines
- 11.4 Million points of supply servicing more than 20 million people
- 88 TWh of energy distributed

Iberdrola also aims to lead the investment in Iberia through new technologies and business lines related to the energy industry as battery storage, Hydrogen and Data Centers among others

# Unique renewable portfolio



Iberdrola is the unique player that can provide 24/7 renewable PPAs from wind, solar PV and hydro assets in Iberia, including efficient pumped storage (gigabatteries)

# #1 Iberian renewable player

**Onshore wind: 6.6 GW** 

Solar PV: 4.5 GW

Hydro: 11.0 GW

**Batteries: 0.02 GW** 

>22 GW of renewable capacity in Spain

#### **Leader in Energy Storage**

Technology for power market to increase supply and demand modulation:

- 100 M kWh of efficient pumped storage in operation (+5,000 MW) equivalent to more than 6 million domestic batteries
- Additional 20 M kWh under construction and 150 M kWh in development

La Muela II
Largest pumping
facility in Europe



**Tâmega**Largest hydroelectric facility in Portugal



Future: from PPA provider to one stop shop from Hyperscalers to become the main data center developer in Spain through a partnership model

# Partnership process and structure proposal



#### Outstanding market interest in the partnership process

Creating an in-house joint management team to convert powered lands into operating data centers 24/7 renewable energy consumers. Launched a dedicated company - CPD4Green

# Iberdrola value added (Minority shareholder c.20%)

- Powered lands (Plots with granted power capacity)
- PPAs and Renewable energy supply
- Renewable assets (PV plants)
- Opex for development
- Temporary Services Agreements (TSAs)

# Partner value added (Majority shareholder c.80%)

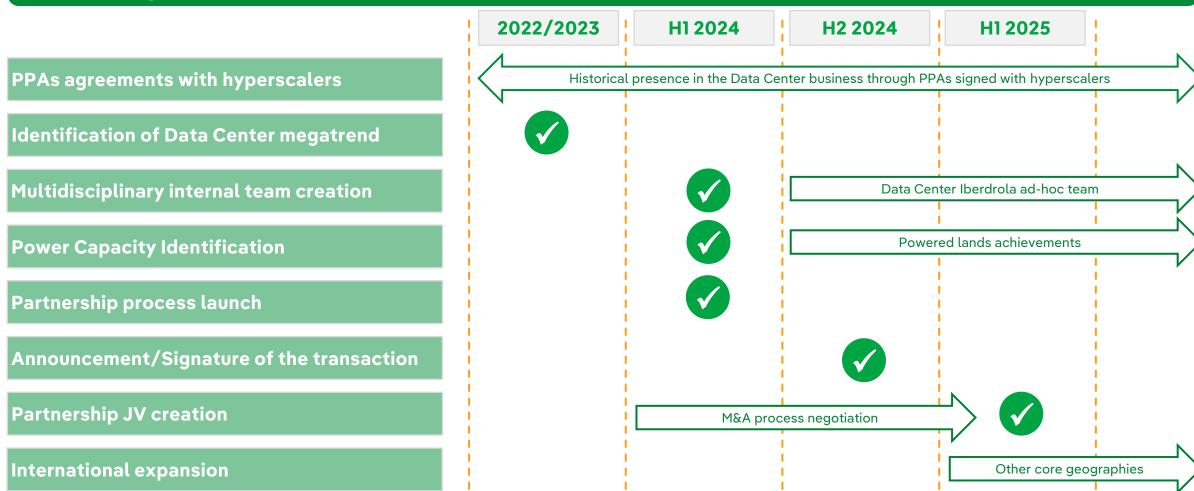
- Design, Permitting and construction of the data center
- Commercialization of the data center capacity
- Operation of the data center
- Capex
- TSAs

Partnership to develop projects leveraging on Iberdrola's energy capabilities and partner's know-how of the data center industry

#### **Process timeline**



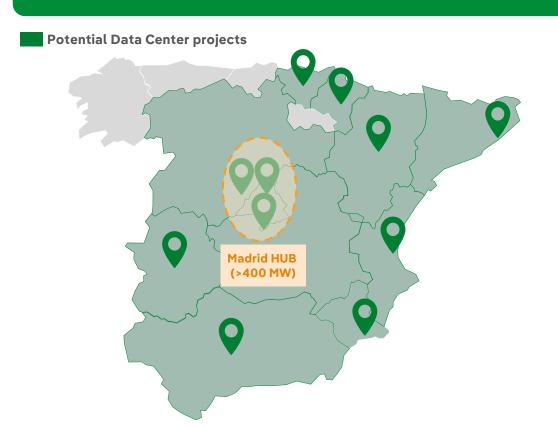
Identification of the opportunity with a quick reaction to create an in-house team and develop internal capabilities



# Iberdrola is aiming to secure ~400MW<sup>(1)</sup> in the next few months with an objective of having 200 MW <sup>(1)</sup> in operation by 2030 as conservative case



#### Iberdrola/CPD4Green has a diverse range of potential data centers projects across Spain



#### Iberdrola portfolio

#### Iberdrola pipeline portfolio contains:

- Power connections requested to the TSO
- Power connections requested in the DSO
- Unique company to provide 24/7 green PPAs

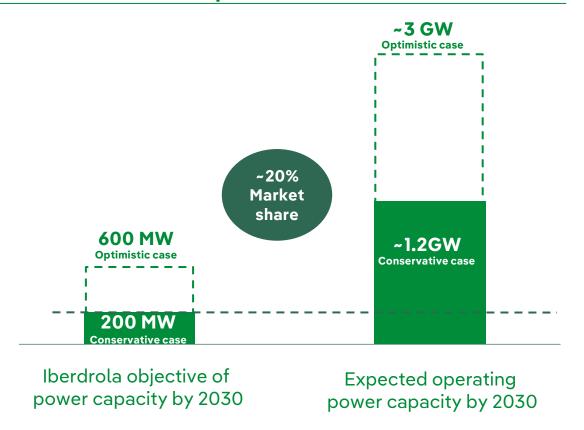
Potential pipeline of >5GW with more than 1 GW advanced<sup>(2)</sup> and +200 MW with connection already secured (Madrid and Aragon)

### Iberdrola's sources of income

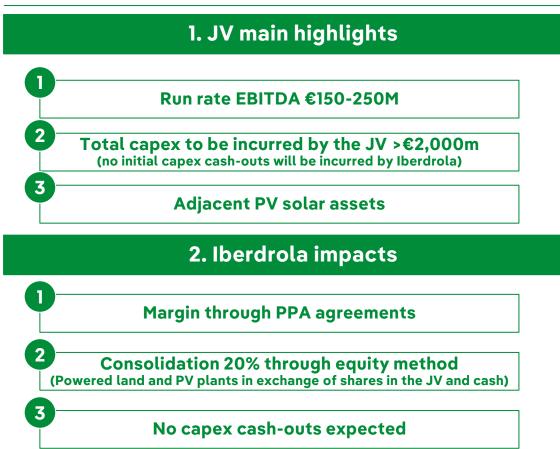


Iberdrola aims to reach a ~20% of market share in Spain by 2030 as a result of having at least 200 MW in operation through the future JV in our conservative case

# Iberdrola view in the Spanish data center market



#### Iberdrola benefits



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# Iberdrola "South Madrid" data center project (~200 MW) at a glance



Iberdrola has already secured ~200 MW of power connection in South of Madrid with more than 16ha of land plots suitable for the development and construction of data center projects

#### **Project key features**



~200 MW power connection secured





Industrial land already secured



#### Site location



~70 km from Madrid city center (40 min from Barajas Airport)

#### **Project description**

Iberdrola already secured a power connection of ~200 MW from the TSO, with back-up generation due to an on-site solar PV plant of ~400 MW. This project is one of the most attractive of the Iberdrola portfolio project due to:

- Location: South Madrid Hub (Tier 1 location)
- Land: More than 16ha of industrial land secured with different options to develop and scale-up the project
- Expected COD: to be reached in ~2028

Iberdrola will contribute to the JV a unique conditions project in the Spanish market

#### Conclusion



- Data centers are and will be a certain key driver of demand growth at a global scale adding 80 TWh of demand in EU by 2030 (10 TWh in Spain)
- Spain has the opportunity to become a major hub in Southern Europe due to strategic location, competitive energy prices, leadership in renewable energy and favorable macro-economic conditions
- Iberdrola's exceptional track record in the energy sector, is the best positioned company for data center development in the country with a potential pipeline of >5GW
- Iberdrola will benefit from this opportunity through the increase in demand together with the PPA margins and the JV proceeds
- Iberdrola's data center strategic vision for 2030: partnership model and focused investments in the data center market to be a key player in the transition towards a more electrified, sustainable and technological energy future

Iberdrola's strategy based in networks, renewable and energy storage matches perfectly with the data center business being able to cover the large demands of 24/7 renewable energy required

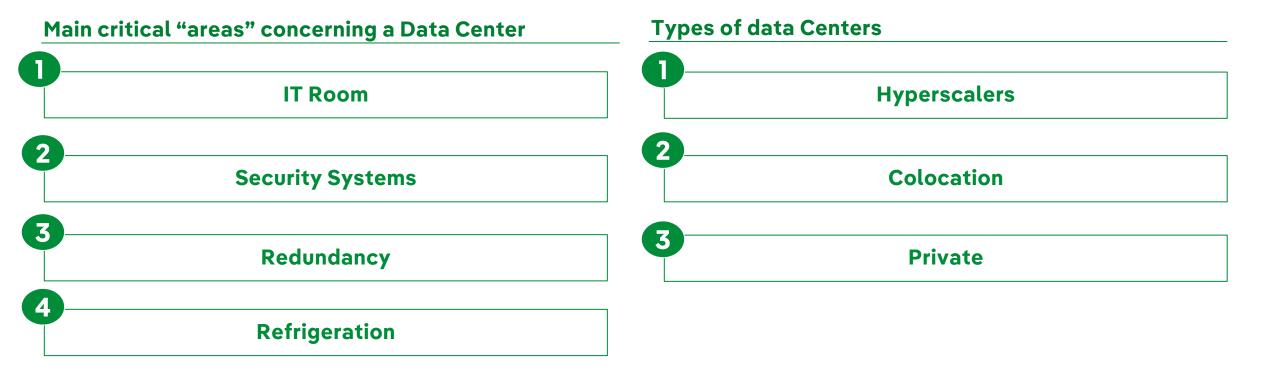
# Annex



## **Annex 1: What is a Data Center?**



A <u>data center</u> is a facility which is specifically designed and equipped to host under adequate security conditions: data servers, communication systems and other IT critical infrastructure. They are prepared to operate without service interruptions.



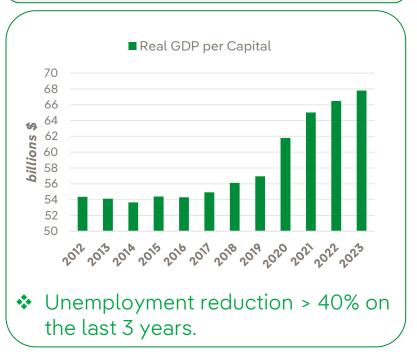
Data centers operate  $24 \times 7 \times 365$ , ensuring supply availability. Electrical power is so crucial that the size of data centers is measured in MW according to their energy needs.

# Annex 2: Virginia, a thriving economy and a powerful workforce

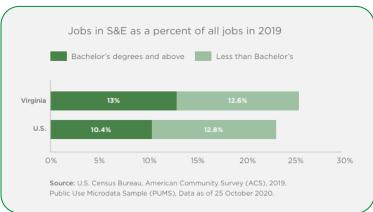


- Data Centre industry has proven to bring higher GDP per capita and a lower rate of unemployment.
- Northern Virginia captivated the best quality workforce, due to their cutting-edge technological industry. Data Centers require high productive labour with high average wages.
- The DC industry supported +45 thousand direct & indirect jobs (~0,5% of Virginia's population) and an economic output of \$15.3 billion in 2021 and \$424 million in tax revenue.\*

#### Lower unemployment & higher GDP as **Data Centres increase**

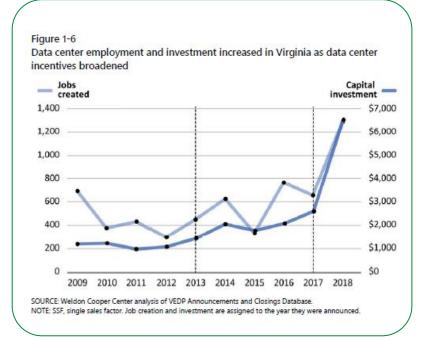


#### Higher quality workforce. More Science & Engineering (S&E) education.



- √ Wages of + \$ 110.000 /yr\*
- √ Higher GDP per capita
- ✓ Lower unemployment
- ✓ More STEM workers

#### As investment in DCs grows, job creation increase



<sup>\*</sup>Federal Reserve Bank of Richmond: Virginias Data Center economic development.. Jhon Mullin. Q2 2023.