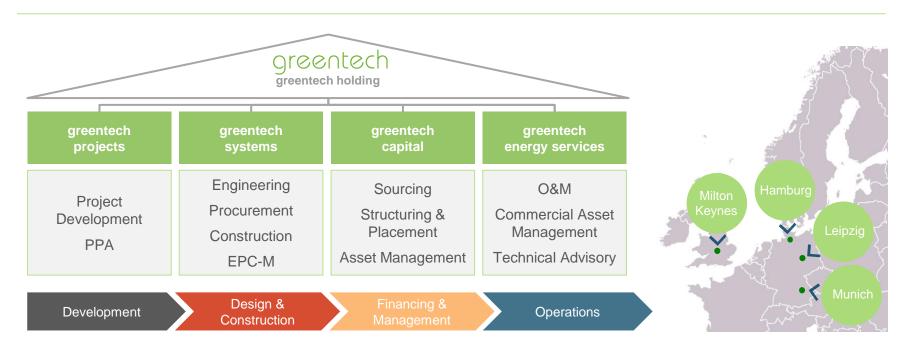


Project Development with O&M in Mind

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O&M knowledge has a major impact on LCOE

Considerations and relevance for PV and O&M

- 3 variable elements to LCOE with high interdependencies
- PV has, out of all renewable energy sources ¹
 - by far lowest OPEX overall and
 - highest LCOE sensitivity regarding variation in OPEX

- Optimising LCOE as a whole, instead of individual elements
- Utilizing O&M experience across the value chain







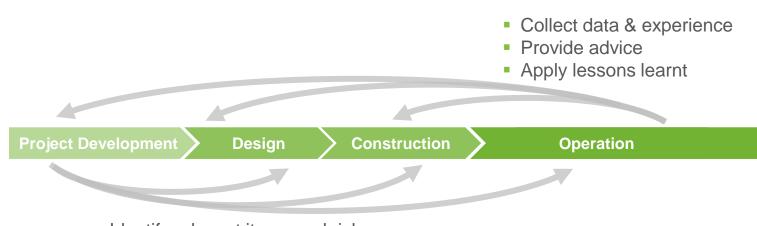






Ideally, the stages of the PV value chain are integrated

Utilize learnings and share the full picture



- Identify relevant items and risks
- Provide transparency
- Consider lifetime costs



But often every stage of the value chain is optimised individually

Challenges and risks from project development to operations

- Fasted development time
- Accepting negative planning conditions
- Highest sales price

Minimised O&M scope

- Owners / investors lack of knowledge
- Only technical but not operational advice

Project Development

Design

Construction

Operation

- Standard designs
- No innovation
- No operational experience
- Ignoring requirements from permits

- Cheap components
- Best payment conditions
- Quick construction
- Surviving liability period

Top 5 pitfalls

- Designs with high maintenance efforts
- Complex landscape maintenance requirements
- Low quality components and lacking compatibility
- Missing documentation and labelling
- Poor data communication and control system

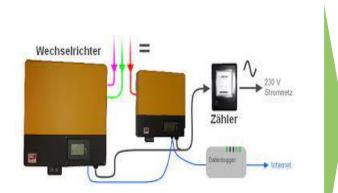
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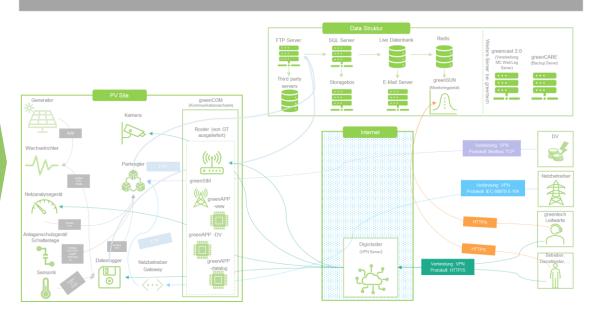
Data communication is an often underestimated part of a PV plant

Use case: data communication and control system

What some people still think



How SCADA is like today





Apparently small items can lead to substantially higher LCOE

Use case: data communication and control system







Costs for re-engineering

Health & Safety risks

Regulatory issues

An integrated approach saves costs and effort

Impact of O&M knowledge on each part of the value chain

Project Development

Design

Construction

Operation

Solution

- Identifying and defining requirements for data acquisition and plant control
- Solve anticipated challenges at its source (e.g. grid operator)
- Proactively communicate requirements

- Do not only focus on mechanical and electrical part of the plant
- Specify high quality components and proven concepts
- Use open source instead of proprietary components
- Document and label all components, connections and access data
- Ensure remote access

- Being involved at early stage
- Provide advice and assessment of OPEX impact
- Create technical and organizational solutions to overcome challenges
- Continuously reassess situation during operations
- Alignment with stakeholders
- Adopt communication concept if required

Life could be so easy

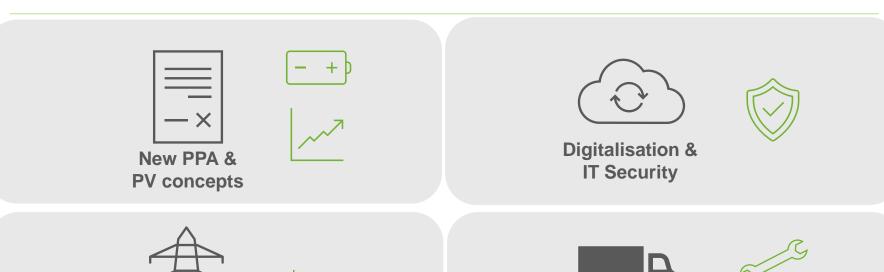
Ideal data communication and control solution



- High focus on data communication and plant control
- Utilisation of high quality components and proven concepts
- Open source and compatible components
- High quality installation and labelling
- Secure safe remote access
- Powerful data connection
- Detailed documentation of all components, connections and access data

The integrated approach is already important and will be even more

Prepare yourself for new challenges...

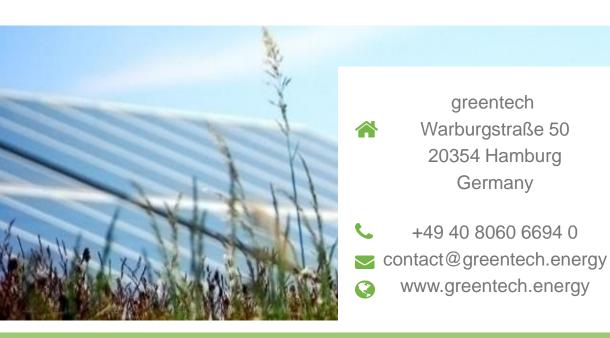


Grid-supporting operation











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