

FVI – Infrastructure Repurposing (Restructuring) Score

This guide uses your uploaded CSV plus recommended open datasets to compute implementable submetrics and a composite score for infrastructure repurposing.

What you provided (CSV)

• global_coal_plant_tracker_data (2).csv — columns detected: plant_name, unit_name, plant_unit_name, owner, parent_company.

→ To compute restructuring metrics, we enrich with public datasets for capacity, COD year, coordinates, status, grid, and resource quality.

External datasets to join (field mapping)

- Global Coal Plant Tracker (GEM): plant/unit attributes incl. Country/Area, status, first year (COD), capacity (MW), net generation (GWh/yr), coordinates.
- Global Power Plant Database (WRI): plant-level capacity (MW), fuel, latitude/longitude, country.
- Global Solar Atlas (World Bank/ESMAP): country/coordinate-level GHI / PVOOUT (kWh/kWp), used for PV suitability.
- Global Wind Atlas (DTU/World Bank): mean wind speed/power density by location, used for wind suitability.
- Global Transmission Network / GridFinder (World Bank/ESMAP): transmission & distribution line locations; substation proximity proxy.
- Optional: Global Gas Infrastructure Tracker (GEM): pipelines/LNG proximity for coal→gas conversion feasibility.

Proposed submetrics & formulas (all normalized 0–100, higher = easier to repurpose)

IR1 — Decommissioning Readiness (Age & Status)

Inputs: COD_year, status (operating/retired/announced), Typical_Lifetime_years (e.g., 40).

Formula:

- $\text{Age} = \text{Year_ref} - \text{COD_year}$
- $\text{Readiness_raw} = (\text{Age} / \text{Typical_Lifetime_years})$
- $\text{IR1} = 100 \times \min(1, \max(0, \text{Readiness_raw}))$ (older \Rightarrow closer to retirement \Rightarrow easier to repurpose)

IR2 — Grid Interconnection Advantage

Inputs: Plant coordinates; nearest HV line distance (km); substation presence.

Formula:

- $\text{Dist_to_HV_km} = \text{distance}(\text{plant_point}, \text{nearest_transmission_line})$
- $\text{IR2} = 100 \times (1 - \min(\text{Dist_to_HV_km} / \text{D_max}, 1))$ (closer grid \Rightarrow higher score)

Parameter: D_max (e.g., 50 km).

IR3 — PV Repowering Suitability

Inputs: GHI or PVOOUT at plant/country; site area proxy $\text{Area_est_km}^2 = \text{k_area} \times \text{Capacity_GW}$; PV land-use k_pv (km² per GW).

Formula:

- $\text{PV_Cap_possible_GW} = \text{Area_est_km}^2 / \text{k_pv}$
- $\text{IR3} = 100 \times \text{percentile_rank}(\text{PVOOUT} \times \text{PV_Cap_possible_GW})$

Typical parameters: k_area≈3.0 km²/GW (brownfield footprint proxy), k_pv≈3.5 km²/GW (utility PV).

IR4 — Wind Repowering Suitability

Inputs: Mean wind speed/power density at plant/country; site area proxy Area_est_km²; wind capacity density k_wind≈3 MW/km².

Formula:

- $\text{Wind_Cap_possible_GW} = (\text{Area_est_km}^2 \times k_{\text{wind}}) / 1000$
- $\text{IR4} = 100 \times \text{percentile_rank}(\text{WindResource} \times \text{Wind_Cap_possible_GW})$

IR5 — Brownfield Reuse Factor

Inputs: Existing interconnection (binary=1), rail/road/water access proxies (binary weights), brownfield contamination flag (–).

Formula:

- $\text{ReuseScore} = w_{\text{grid}}*1 + w_{\text{rail}}*\text{Rail} + w_{\text{water}}*\text{Water} - w_{\text{contam}}*\text{Contam}$
- $\text{IR5} = 100 \times \text{ReuseScore} / (w_{\text{grid}} + w_{\text{rail}} + w_{\text{water}})$

Where Rail/Water/Contam are 0/1 from manual table if not available yet.

IR6 — Fuel Switch Feasibility (Optional)

Inputs: Distance to nearest gas pipeline or LNG terminal; boiler retrofit class.

Formula:

- $\text{Dist_to_gas_km} = \text{distance}(\text{plant_point}, \text{nearest_gas_asset})$
- $\text{IR6} = 100 \times (1 - \min(\text{Dist_to_gas_km} / G_{\text{max}}, 1)) \times \text{RetrofitFlag}$

G_max e.g., 200 km; RetrofitFlag∈{0,1}.

Composite assembly

Normalize IR1–IR6 to 0–100 and compute weighted average. Suggested weights: IR1 20%, IR2 20%, IR3 20%, IR4 15%, IR5 15%, IR6 10% (if used).

Country-level scores: capacity-weight plant scores within each country.

Minimal implementation steps

- 1) Join your CSV to GCPT/GPPD by plant_name (and country) to get capacity, coordinates, COD_year, status.
- 2) Build Area_est_km² = k_area × Capacity_GW per plant.
- 3) Use Global Solar/Wind Atlas to fetch PVOUT and wind speed by country (or sample at coordinates).
- 4) Compute distances to nearest grid line and gas asset using global transmission and gas infra datasets.
- 5) Calculate IR1–IR6; normalize and aggregate.