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# PROGRAM REVIEW 2026



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EU ENERGY OUTLOOK 2030  
– MARKET DESIGN, FLEXIBILITY AND INVESTMENT SIGNALS

1:00 – 2:00 PM

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# E-WORLD CONFERENCES

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One of the trademarks of E-world in general which also enriched E-world 2026, are our two top-level conferences - the Energy Leadership Meeting

and the Fiber Optic Forum. Discover the discussed topics and speakers of both program points on the following pages.

# 15<sup>TH</sup> E-WORLD 2026 – ENERGY LEADERSHIP MEETING

On the path to climate neutrality, energy suppliers, grid operators and municipalities in Germany are facing unprecedented challenges. Currently, the number of regulations that still need to be drafted or finalized by legislators in the course of the energy transition has grown to an impressive 33.

On February 9, 2026, leading figures from the energy sector, industry, politics, and science gathered in Essen for the 15th SZ Energy Leadership Meeting. As an exclusive prelude to E-world energy & water, the event provided a platform for groundbreaking debates and direct exchange at the highest level.

Moderated by Michael Bauchmüller and Björn Finke (Süddeutsche Zeitung), the most pressing questions of the transformation were the focus:

- How can energy prices remain competitive?
- What role do network expansion and municipal heat planning play in ensuring security of supply after 2030?
- And how do green electricity, hydrogen, and digitalization contribute to the transformation?

The meeting was particularly relevant due to the recent monitoring report on the energy transition. In it, Federal Minister Reiche has proposed

ten key measures to make the transformation economically and competitively friendly.

How will these plans affect climate targets, electricity prices, and the future of the energy transition?

The discussion included Kerstin Andreae (BDEW), Julia Bläsius (Agora Energiewende), Dr. Markus Krebber (RWE) and Andreas Mundt (Federal Cartel Office) .

Participants gained exclusive insights into current political and economic developments, benefited from high-caliber impulses, and could translate these directly into their corporate and investment strategies.

At the same time, the event offered an opportunity to expand one's network and intensified the exchange with decision-makers from all relevant areas.

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 **PROGRAM**

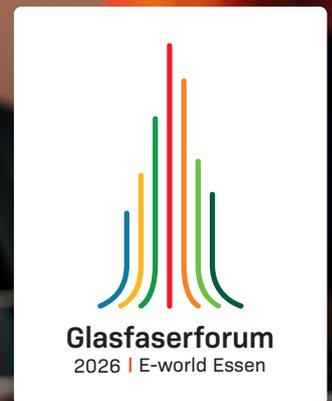
- 11:30 **Shared lunch**
- 12:15 **Welcome by the organizers and the moderator**
- 12:20 **Presentation: Security of supply, resource and climate protection, and value creation: What new or proven courses of action need to be set?**  
**Nina Scheer**, Member of the German Bundestag, spokesperson for energy policy for the SPD parliamentary group
- 12:40 **Presentation: Staying the course in the expansion of renewables**  
**Kerstin Andreae**, Managing Director, BDEW German Association of Energy and Water Industries
- 13:00 **Discussion / Q&A session with both keynote speakers**
- 13:10 **Network and Commodity: Security of Supply after 2030**  
**Anne Bendzulla**, COO, ENERGY  
**Markus Krebber**, CEO, RWE AG  
**Christoph Müller**, Chairman of the Management Board, Amprion GmbH  
**Torben Schuster**, Head of Energy Transition & Utilities, Capgemini Invent
- 14:00 Networking, coffee break
- 14:20 **Presentation: Speed up network expansion and a new basis for financing**  
**Klaus Müller**, President of the Federal Network Agency
- 14:45 **Energy transition in SMEs: What's holding us back – and how we can pick up speed**  
**Dr. Thomas Perkmann**, CEO, Westfalen AG
- 15:00 **Decarbonization: Quo vadis?**  
**Hamead Ahrary**, CSO (Chief Sales Officer) SEFE Securing Energy for Europe  
**Julia Bläsius**, Germany Director, Agora Energiewende
- 15:00 **Wolfgang Gründinger**, Chief Evangelist, Enpal  
**Enno Harks**, Director External Affairs & Communications, DACH, BP Europe SE  
**Holger Lösch**, Deputy Managing Director, BDI eV
- 15:50 Networking, coffee break
- 16:20 **Prices for district heating and electricity - where should the development go from a competitive point of view?**  
**Andreas Mundt**, President, Federal Cartel Office
- 16:50 **Municipal heat planning and municipal companies: A love match or a marriage of convenience?**  
**Kai Roger Lobo**, Deputy Managing Director, VKU
- 17:10 **Implementation of municipal heat planning – the hard work**  
**Christian Feuerherd**, CEO, BEW Berliner Energie und Wärme GmbH  
**Kai Roger Lobo**, Deputy Managing Director of VKU  
**Christoph Schmidt**, Board Member, Stadtwerk Rösrath AöR  
**Sven Schöller**, Mayor, City of Kassel
- 17:55 **Summary of the day by the moderator**
- 18:00 **Conclusion with networking, snacks and cool drinks**



Thank you to our sponsors of the 15th Energy Leadership Meeting:



# FIBER OPTIC FORUM 2026



📅 10.02.2026 ⌚ 12:15-17:00 🗨️ GER 💰 Free of charge 📍 E-world CCE West, Saal Berlin

**O**n February 10, 2026, the Fiber Optic Forum invited industry representatives to the 8th edition in North Rhine-Westphalia at Messe Essen. At E-world, experts from politics, business, and administration met to assess developments in the market and develop joint perspectives for the further expansion of high-performance fiber optic networks.

A diverse program of best practice examples, panel discussions, and specialist presentations addressed key topics: from regulatory issues such as the amendment to the Telecommunications Act (TKG) and strategies for redensification to the legally compliant design of proofs of use. The Fiber Optic Forum NRW thus offered all

participants valuable impetus for the further development of fiber optic expansion.

The industry continues to face major challenges: the withdrawal of investors, subdued demand and reluctance to switch to fiber optic products, unclear prospects for gigabit funding, and the ongoing discussion about copper-to-glass migration.

The organizers, the Federal Association for Broadband Communication (BREKO), con|energy, and Micus Strategy Consulting, created a framework that enabled intensive exchange on the challenges, practical insights, and the joint development of new solutions.

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## MEET THE INDUSTRY'S TOP DECISION-MAKERS AT THE FIBER OPTIC FORUM 2026, INCLUDING:



**Getrud Husch**  
Head of Digital Connectivity,  
Federal Ministry for Digital  
Transformation and Government  
Modernisation



**Tim Brauckmüller**  
Managing Director,  
aconium GmbH



**Ruben Queimano**  
CCO,  
Deutsche Glasfaser Holding GmbH



**Christof Sommerberg**  
Head of Public Affairs,  
Deutsche Glasfaser



**Dr. Christian Miercke**  
Partner,  
Dentons



**Klaus Leckelt**  
Senior Acquisition Manager,  
Primevest-Capital-Partners  
Deutschland GmbH

## PROGRAM

- 12:15 **Light lunch by SEFE**
- 12:45 **Welcome by the organizer**  
**Anne Buers**, Head of Marketing & Product Development, E-world energy & water
- 13:00 **The telecommunications act amendment: between regulation and implementation – opportunities and risks for fiber optic expansion**  
**Getrud Husch**, Head of Digital Connectivity, Federal Ministry for Digital Transformation and Government Modernisation  
**Tim Brauckmüller**, Managing Director, aconium  
**Ruben Queimano**, CCO, Deutsche Glasfaser
- 13:45 **AI in the expansion implementation**  
**Sebastian Firl**, COO, fiber to the people
- 14:05 **Verification of use and recovery mechanism in subsidized expansion – theory and practice**  
**Dr. Christian Miercke**, Partner, Dentons  
**Andreas Spiegel**, Managing Director, Micus
- 14:25 **Backbone as a prerequisite for AI, data centers and resilience**  
**Dr. Ralf Klintz**, Senior Vice President Fibre Networks, SEFE GmbH
- 14:35 Coffee Break
- 15:35 **Founding, history and advantages of the association “Digital City Düsseldorf”**  
**Stephan Schneider**, State Policy Officer for North Rhine-Westphalia, Vodafone
- 15:55 **Urban densification as the key to gigabit coverage: strategies, synergies and stumbling blocks**  
**Ingmar Ebhardt**, Gigabit Coordinator, Steinfurt District  
**Christof Sommerberg**, Head of Public Affairs, Deutsche Glasfaser  
**Klaus Leckelt**, Senior Acquisition Manager, Primevest-Capital-Partners Deutschland GmbH
- 16:40 Conclusion and end of the event



# PROGRAM OVERVIEW 2026

## E-WORLD EXPERT FORUMS

Exciting lectures and insightful panel discussions with top-class international speakers were again a hallmark of E-world 2026. The expert forums provided a platform for exchanging knowledge and opinions shaping the energy industry. Topics ranged from the energy transition and innovative financing concepts to urban and technological solutions.

Start-ups play a key role in driving innovation in the energy sector. Their contribution was one of the focus topics of the **Change Forum** in hall 4 under the mottoes “Transforming the Energy Sector” (February 10) and “Powering Innovation” (February 11). Programs by e.g. Vireo and SpinLab offered insights into today’s start-up culture, while the Science Slam in cooperation with FfE presented current industry topics in an entertaining way. The **Career Day** on February 12 highlighted the wide range of career opportunities in the sector.

The **Future Forum** in hall 5 addressed political, regulatory, and technological pathways for the energy industry. A program contribution by the ZIA focused on data and building efficiency under the motto “Politics & Regulations” (February 10). The focus topic “Flexibility & Storage” (February 11)

explored flexible energy solutions, while “Resilient Infrastructures” (February 12) highlighted grid resilience and cyber defense with contributions from VDE and eleks.

The **New Energy Systems Forum** in hall 5 started with the focus topic “Trading & Finance” (February 10), including discussions on price zone splitting and investments in PPAs. “Future Energy Generation” (February 11) focused among other topics on customer needs and the UK energy system. For the first time, the third day of the New Energy Systems Forum was dedicated to the **“Tag der Kommunen”** under the motto “Energy Transition in Cities” with presentations on municipal energy transition.

The **Climate Solutions Forum** in hall 6 discussed the future role of gas and hydrogen ramp-up on day one under the motto “European Gas Markets”. “European Electricity Grids” with programs by ZVEI, DFBEW, and Esmig was the keyword of the second day (February 11), while day three addressed “Heating & Buildings” within the **“Tag der Kommunen”**.

# CHANGE FORUM

## TUESDAY | TRANSFORMING THE ENERGY SECTOR (1/2)

10.02.2026 10:00 – 17:45 Hall 4

ENERGY TRANSITION FROM THE BOTTOM UP – USING THE ENERGY TRANSITION CALCULATOR FOR REGIONAL TRANSFORMATION

10:00 – 11:00 

### Panelists:

**Yvonne Bönner**, Specialist Advisor for Gas and Heat Infrastructure, Climate Protection and Energy Agency of Lower Saxony

**Thomas Dederichs**, Head of System Development, Amprion GmbH

**Maximilian Pfennig**, Research Associate, Fraunhofer IEE

**Dr. Matthias Stark**, Head of Renewable Energy Systems, BEE e.V.

**Yvonne Strzys**, Head of Project Development, MaxSolar GmbH

### Moderator:

**Dr. Nicolas Bilo**, Head of Communications, German Wind Energy Association (BWE)



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ENERGYTECH FOR FUTURE: HOW STARTUP INNOVATION TRANSFORMS THE INDUSTRY

11:00 – 12:30 

11:00 **Welcome**

**Felix Krause**, General Partner, Vireo Ventures

11:10 **Pitches**

**Florian Heise**, Co-Founder, Re-Twin Energy GmbH

**Sebastian Haglund**, CEO and Co-Founder, rebase.energy

**Kumar Muvva**, Founder & CEO, Smart Grid Analytics Private Limited

**Todor Kostov**, CEO & Co-Founder, Reasonance GmbH

**Simon Wittner**, Co-Founder, Lumera Energy

**Romain Serres**, CEO, Tilt Energy

**Tom Selten**, Co-founder / CEO, Zympler

**Reha Discioglul**, Co-Founder, Astrolabium

**Simanand Gandhi Jeyaraj**, Co-Founder and CEO, Shuffle Energy Ltd

**Aysha Cubukcu**, Account Executive, Cyber Energia

12:20 **Closing**

**Felix Krause**, General Partner, Vireo Ventures



SMART ENERGY HUBS: THE DUTCH BLUEPRINT FOR TACKLING GRID CONGESTION AND DRIVING EUROPE'S ENERGY TRANSITION

12:30 – 13:30 

### Panelists:

**Gretha Boels**, Business Developer Smart Energy Hubs, Regional Investment and Development Company NOM

**Claire Groosman**, Program Manager Digitalization, Energy InnovationNL

**Michiel Kuiper**, CEO, Eneve

**Lennard Nellestein**, Ecosystem Developer, Connectr

**Tom Selten**, Co-Founder, Zympler

### Moderator:

**Kennard Brandenburgh**, CCO, Distro Energy



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DIGITIZING THE ENERGY SECTOR: DATA-DRIVEN STRATEGIES FOR EMPLOYING AI

13:30 – 15:00 

13:30 **Building the AI-Native Utility: How Energy Providers Move From IT Complexity to Competitive Advantage**

**Mark Bulmahn**, Chief Innovation Officer, Wilken Software Group

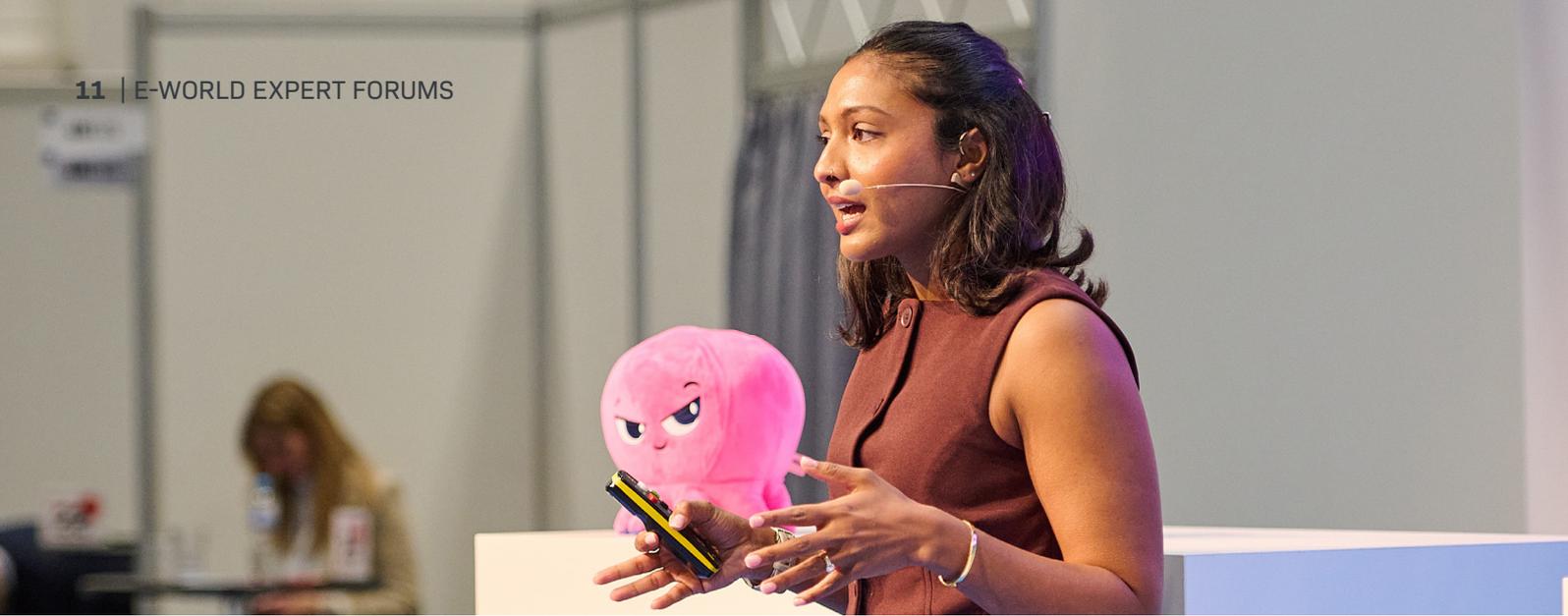
14:00 **Digital DNA and the Courage To Embrace Complexity: Success Factors for Genuine Transformation and Secure Innovation**

**Paul Liebrecht**, Tribe Lead Energy, T-Systems International GmbH

14:30 **AI First in Energy: How Artificial Intelligence Restructures Processes and Entire Business Models**

**Sven Buchholz**, Senior AI Consultant, taod Consulting GmbH





# CHANGE FORUM

## TUESDAY | TRANSFORMING THE ENERGY SECTOR (2/2)

10.02.2026 10:00 – 17:45 Hall 4

→ INVESTING IN START-UPS – DO'S AND DON'TS FROM THE WORLD OF ENERGY SUPPLIERS

15:00 – 16:00 

**Panellists:**

**Daniel Abicht**, Senior Investment Manager, Equinor Ventures

**Christian Overbeck**, M&A and Investment Management, enercity AG

**Till Wyszynski**, Investment Director, Eneco Ventures

**Moderator:**

**Eric Weber**, Founder, SpinLab Group & SIVentures

→ STARTUP FACTORY MASTERCLASS – ENERGY INDUSTRY

16:00 – 17:00 

**Panellists:**

**Lukas Fiedler**, Head of Business Development, Tokenize.it

**Marcel Forlong**, speaker, Amprion GmbH

**Alexander Fortanier**, Director Power Solutions, Bosch

**Tobias Grün**, Member of the Executive Board, BRYCK

**Andreas Schulze**, Senior Data Scientist, OmegaLambdaTec

**Moderator:**

**Dr. Christian Schweizer**, CEO & Founder, prototype.club

→ SPARX AMPRION CHALLENGE AWARD CEREMONY

17:00 – 17:45 

**Marcel Forlong**, speaker, Amprion GmbH

**Alexander Fortanier**, Director Power Solutions, Bosch

**Dr. Christian Schweizer**, CEO & Founder, prototype.club

# CHANGE FORUM

## WEDNESDAY | POWERING INNOVATION (1/2)

11.02.2026 10:00 – 17:45 Hall 4

### SCIENCE SLAM

10:00 – 11:00 

#### Contributions from:

**Christoph Gerhards**, Project Engineer, GICON-Größmann Ingenieur Consult GmbH

**Felicia Uhl**, Master's student, Fraunhofer ISI / TU Darmstadt

**Eberhard Waffenschmidt**, Professor, Cologne University of Applied Sciences

**Felix Bock**, Enterprise Sales Manager, QuadientCXM Germany GmbH

**Sandra Stamer**, Owner, Sandra Stamer Management Consultant

**Julian Britz**, Research Assistant, HAW Hamburg

#### Moderators:

**Dr. Andrej Guminski**, Managing Director, FfE

**Philipp Hench**, Senior Project Engineer, FfE



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### WINDS & WATTS: AI TRANSFORMATION IN THE ENERGY SECTOR

11:00 – 12:30 

#### 11:00 Forecasting the Future: AI for Weather & Power Predictions

##### Panelists:

**Dr. Jonas Berndt**, Senior Manager Energy Meteorology, QUADRA energy GmbH

**Marina Fernández Fernández-Campoamor**, Team Lead Daten & KI-Energienetze, E.ON Digital Technology

**Dr. Henning Schulze-Lauen**, Managing Director, enercast GmbH

##### Moderator:

**Emilie Hansmeyer**, Consultant for energy and smart grids, Bitkom eV

#### 11:45 From Forecast to Action: EnergyTech Startup Pitches

##### Panelists:

**Rafail Kasapis**, Founder, Apollo Green Solutions

**Franz Zünkler**, Founder, Avoltra

**Felix Mertens**, Founder, NAECO Blue

**Dr. Thomas Müller**, Founder, SPiNE

**Dr. Lennard Wilkening**, Founder, Suena

##### Moderator:

**Christofer Bingener**, Start-up Consultant, Bitkom eV



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### INSPECTION & MAINTENANCE ROBOTICS IN THE ENERGY SECTOR

12:30 – 13:30 

#### Panelists:

**Oussama Darouichi**, Global Director Strategic Partnerships, ANYbotics

**Patrick Kleu**, I-AR Digital Innovation & Robotics, Amprion

**Michael Mangold**, Team Lead for Civil Construction Surveying, RWE Generation

**Falk-Moritz Schaefer**, Next Gen Robotics CTO, Accenture

**Hans-Peter Vierstraete**, Head of Testing & Inspection, Dekra

#### Moderator:

**Nils Tecklenborg-Johann**, IT Business Partner, RWE Generation

**Niels Westendorp**, Program Manager European Chapter, SPRINT Robotics



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### DATA MEETS MANAGEMENT: A SUCCESS STORY FOR INNOVATION?

13:30 – 14:30 

#### 13:30 Driving Innovation in Energy Projects: Real-Time Digital Project Management for Utilities

**Timur Ripke**, CEO, COMAN Software GmbH

#### 14:00 Transforming Field Service Management Through Data-Driven Innovation

**Anjelah Bright-Chandra**, Group Product Manager, Kraken





# CHANGE FORUM

## WEDNESDAY | POWERING INNOVATION (2/2)

11.02.2026 10:00 – 17:45 Hall 4

→ THE LONG WAY TO BUILD A UNICORN – EXPERIENCES AND INSIGHTS FROM SWEDEN

🕒 14:30 – 16:00 

14:30 **Welcome and Opening Remarks**

**Magnus Agerström**, CEO Cleantech Scandinavia  
**Dr. Verena Adamheit**, Senior Business Developer, International Markets, Swedish Energy Agency

14:35 **Film: A Future Scenario for a Resilient Energy System** (by Planethon)

14:45 **The Making of Swedish Cleantech**

**Keynote:**

**Jörgen Bodin**, CEO, Almi GreenTech

**Panelists:**

**Dr. Verena Adamheit**, Senior Business Developer, International Markets, Swedish Energy Agency  
**Jörgen Bodin**, CEO, Almi Invest GreenTech  
**Ebba Fjelkner**, Business Engineer, Alfa Laval  
**Sara Hamlin**, CEO, Ignite Sweden

15:10 **Collaboration for Acceleration**

**Panelists:**

**Moa Borland**, VP Partnerships and Growth, Emulate  
**Pia Dorfinger**, Head of Start-up Ecosystem, DENA  
**Robin Knapp**, Executive & Strategy Assistant, Enpulse

15:30 **A Glimpse into the Swedish Innovation Ecosystem**

15:55 **Public Collaboration Across Borders**

**Dr. Verena Adamheit**, Senior Business Developer, International Markets, Swedish Energy Agency  
**Pia Dorfinger**, Head of Start-up Ecosystem, DENA



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**Swedish Energy Agency**



→ FROM LOCAL INNOVATION TO A GLOBAL STARTUP: HOW TO MASTER THE TRANSITION?

🕒 16:00 – 17:00 

**Panelists:**

**Anne-Kathrin Hinze**, Investment Manager, DTCF – DeepTech & Climate Fonds  
**Enrique Gonzalez Zanetich**, General Partner, Siemens Energy Ventures  
**Moritz Jungmann**, Partner, Future Energy Ventures  
**Till Stenzel**, Partner, Set Ventures

**Moderator:**

**Chris Bernkopf**, Co-Founder & CEO, Podero

→ SONAR.AI AMPRION CHALLENGE AWARD CEREMONY & OPENING OF THE E-WORLD.PROTOTYPE. CLUB HACKATHON

🕒 17:00 – 17:45 

**Martin Große-Wächter**, Innovation & Digital Technology Specialist, Amprion GmbH  
**Dr. Christian Schweizer**, CEO & Founder, prototype.club

# CHANGE FORUM

## THURSDAY | CAREER DAY

📅 12.02.2026 ⌚ 10:45 – 15:00 📍 Hall 4

➔ JOB INTERVIEWS IN THE ERA OF CHATGPT – HOW CAN I MAKE SURE MY PREPARATION IS STRUCTURED?

🕒 10:45 – 11:15 

**Leon Gerigk**, PhD candidate  
**Volker Aumann**, Managing Director of aumann & metzen GmbH

➔ YOUR FUTURE WITH ENERGY: DISCOVER EXCITING WAYS INTO THE ENERGY INDUSTRY

🕒 11:15 – 12:00 

**Panelists:**  
**Andrea Bosten**, Team Leader HR Business Partnering at Trianel GmbH  
**Laurids Lanzendörfer**, Head of Talent Acquisition at Uniper SE  
**Moderator:**  
**Christian Haag**, Managing Director of SCM Bauservice

➔ CEO MEETS STUDENT: ENERGY WITH PERSONALITY. WHAT KIND OF MINDS DOES THE ENERGY TRANSITION NEED?

🕒 12:00 – 12:30 

**Students meet:**  
**Thomas Mehrer**, CEO, Siegener Versorgungsbetriebe GmbH  
**Moderator:**  
**Daniel Mendes Jenner**, Head of young forum, forum future economy

➔ THE ENERGY INDUSTRY IN TRANSITION – WHERE ARE THE NEW JOBS BEING CREATED?

🕒 12:30 – 13:30 

**Panelists:**  
**Prof. Bernd Fitzenberger**, Director, Institut für Arbeitsmarkt- und Berufsforschung  
**Dr. Veit Echterhoff**, Head of Vocational Education and Training, thyssenkrupp Steel Europe AG  
**Armin Reinatz**, Head of Policy, Proxima Fusion  
**Therese Spanagel**, Chairwoman of the Board, BEMD  
**Moderator:**  
**Volker Aumann**, Managing Director, aumann & metzen GmbH

➔ CEO MEETS STUDENT: SHAPING THE DIGITAL FUTURE – FROM UNIVERSITY TO EVERYDAY IT PROJECT MANAGEMENT

🕒 13:30 – 14:00 

**Panelists:**  
**Jürgen Heidak**, CEO, CURSOR Software AG  
**Bendiks Rehm** (business consultant) who started as a student at Cursor  
**Moderator:**  
**Daniel Mendes Jenner**, Head of young forum, forum future economy

➔ DON'T WASTE ENERGY. EMPOWER IT. HOW CAN YOU BUILD A STRONG EMPLOYER BRAND?

🕒 14:00 – 14:30 

**Michelle Sauer**, HR expert for employer branding, Trianel

➔ CEO MEETS STUDENT: HOW ARE WE DRIVING THE ENERGY TRANSITION FORWARD?

🕒 14:30 – 15:00 

**Panelists:**  
**Kristina Haverkamp**, Managing Director, dena  
**Margaret Bullich**, Master student in International Affairs and Diplomacy  
**Moderator:**  
**Daniel Mendes Jenner**, Head of young forum, forum future economy



# FUTURE FORUM

## TUESDAY | POLITICS & REGULATIONS (1/2)

10.02.2026 10:00 – 17:00 Hall 5

### TÜRKIYE'S 2053 NET-ZERO TARGET AND TRANSITION OF ITS ENERGY SECTOR: ZONGULDAK CASE

10:00 – 11:00



#### Panelists:

**Metin Demir**, Chairman of the Board, Zonguldak Chamber of Commerce and Industry

**Prof. Dr. Şevket Volkan Ediger**, Head of Energy Systems Department, Kadir Has University

**Gökhan Mery**, Filyos Port Manager, Turkish Petroleum Corporation (TPAO)

**Prof. Dr. Ahmet Özarslan**, Zonguldak Bülent Ecevit University

**Zahid Tuncel**, Expert, Presidency of the Republic of Türkiye Investment and Finance Office

#### Moderator:

**Kaan Okan Bayülgen**

### INSIGHTS INTO EMERGING MARKETS

11:00 – 12:00



#### 11:00 A New Market Activity in the Turkish Electricity Sector: Aggregation & Comparison with Germany

**Özlem Ege Polat**, EGE ÇAKIRCA Attorneys at Law, Founding Partner

#### 11:30 From Climate Cooperation to Carbon Competition: How China Came To Dominate the Global Climate Discourse

**Johanna Krebs**, Analyst, MERICS

### CARBON MANAGEMENT IN EUROPE: KEY STRATEGY OR INTERIM SOLUTION FOR THE ENERGY TRANSITION?

12:00 – 13:00



#### Panelists:

**Dr. Niko Bosnjak**, Head of Energy Policy & Communications, Open Grid Europe

**René Münch**, Head of Corporate Development & Digitalization, Energy from Waste

**Dr. Steffi Ober**, Head of Transformation and Deputy Head of Transformation & Alliances, NABU

#### Moderator:

**Norman Wendt**, Project Manager, Carbon Management Alliance



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### POLAND'S POWER SHIFT: WHO LEADS THE RACE FROM COAL TO CLEAN ENERGY?

13:00 – 14:00



#### Panelists:

**Piotr Dobrzyński**, Market Lead – Poland, Czechia and Slovakia, Aurora Energy Research

**Michał Orłowski**, CFO, Tauron

**Olga Sypuła**, Vice President, Regional Manager of Central Europe, European Energy

#### Moderator:

**Dr. Christian Schnell**, Partner & Co-Head of the Europe energy sector group, Dentons





# FUTURE FORUM

## TUESDAY | POLITICS & REGULATIONS (2/2)

📅 10.02.2026 ⌚ 10:00 – 17:00 📍 Hall 5

➔ EUROPEAN TRANSMISSION GRIDS AT RISK:  
HOW TO REINFORCE RESILIENCE?

🕒 14:00 – 15:00



**Panelists:**

**Maurice Dierick**, Director for European Affairs, RTE

**Christoph Maurer**, Managing Director, consentec

**Christoph Müller**, CEO, Amprion

**Stela Nenova**, European Policy Regulatory Manager,  
National Grid Ventures

**Moderator:**

**Roman Dudenhausen**, CEO, con|energy ag

➔ REGULATION IN THE ENERGY INDUSTRY:  
OPPORTUNITY OR STRATEGIC DISADVANTAGE?

🕒 15:00 – 16:00



15:00 **Regulation as an Innovation Booster: Opportunities for  
Electricity Grid Operators and Their Customers**

**Dr. Simon Koopmann**, CEO, envelio

15:30 **Information Overload or Competition Through Trans-  
parency? – Information Obligations in Heating Law**

**Joachim Held**, Lawyer, RSM Ebner Stolz

➔ BUILDING ENERGY DATABASE – POLITICAL OBLIGA-  
TION OR EFFECTIVE MARKET TOOL?

🕒 16:00 – 17:00



**Panelists:**

**Matthias Hartmann**, CEO, Techem

**Pia Hoffmann-Gallert**, Director ESG and Sustainability,  
Wüest Partner Germany

**Lothar Stanka**, Head of Energy Services, Mainova

**Dr. Jan Steinbach**, Managing Director, Institute for  
Resource Efficiency and Energy Strategies (IREES)

**Moderator:**

**Wolfgang Saam**, Head of Department Climate  
Protection, Energy Policy and Sustainability, ZIA



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# FUTURE FORUM

## WEDNESDAY | FLEXIBILITY & STORAGE

11.02.2026 10:00 – 17:00 Hall 5



**BATTERY STORAGE – THE NEW SAVIOUR FOR THE ENERGY TRANSITION? LESSONS TO INTEGRATE FLEXIBILITY**



10:00 – 11:00



10:00 **Will Batteries Replace Gas Plants as Key to Renewable Power Integration?**  
**Margarita Flores**, Lead Power Analyst, LSEG

10:30 **End-User Flexibility in the European Power System Towards 2035 – Lessons From Norway**  
**Jonas Mehlem**, Manager, THEMA Consulting



**ALL ABOUT THE NUMBERS: HOW TO ENSURE BESS MONITORING FOR A SAFE AND RELIANT SYSTEM INTEGRATION**



11:00 – 12:00



11:00 **You Can't Improve What You Don't Measure: The Importance of Comprehensive Monitoring for Battery Storage Systems**  
**Frederik Merz**, CEO, Amperecloud  
**Claudius Jehle**, CEO, Volytica

11:30 **Using AI Predictive Analytics to Increase Battery Energy Storage Capacity, Reliability and Revenues**  
**Dr. Georg Angenendt**, CTO & Co-Founder, ACCURE Battery Intelligence



**FLEXIBILITY IN THE FAST LANE: A KEY PLAYER IN THE ENERGY TRANSITION?**



12:00 – 13:00



12:00 **Flexibility As the Hardest Currency in the Energy Transition**  
**Christof Petrick**, Head of Data Science & Portfolio Management, Energy2market GmbH

12:30 **VPP Flexibility: What Flexibility Potential Is Currently Being Orchestrated by Virtual Power Plants?**  
**Mark Lindenberg**, CSO, Next Kraftwerke



**EU ENERGY OUTLOOK 2030 — MARKET DESIGN, FLEXIBILITY AND INVESTMENT SIGNALS**



13:00 – 14:00



**Panelists:**

**Sven Becker**, CEO, Trianel

**Peter Lopion**, Subject Matter Expert for Regulation and the Electricity Market, Amprion

**Stefan Richter**, Vice President Regulatory Management, E.ON

**Thomas Seibel**, CEO, re:cap

**Sandra Trittin**, Co-Founder & CGP, beebop.ai

**Moderator:**

**Tobias Federico**, Chief Product Officer, Montel



**UNLOCKING EV FLEXIBILITY FOR GRIDS: SOLVING THE V2G BUSINESS CASE**



14:00 – 15:30



14:00 **Regulatory Rollercoaster – The State of Play for Bidirectional Charging in Germany**  
**Johanna Bronisch**, Senior Consultant, NEON Neue Energieökonomik

14:30 **Panelists:**

**Thomas Estermann**, Head of Asset Strategy and Technical Principles, Bayernwerk

**Markus Fendt**, CEO, The Mobility House

**Tobias Lengner-Ludwig**, Consultant, Federal Network Agency

**Maximiliane von Butler**, VP, Energy Innovation, energycity

**Moderator:**

**Johanna Bronisch**, Senior Consultant, Neon Neue Energieökonomik



**MAKING BATTERY STORAGE ATTRACTIVE: WHERE AND HOW DOES BESS CREATE REAL VALUE?**



15:30 – 17:00



15:30 **Not Just Returns: How Battery Storage Systems Can Also Convince Grid Operators**  
**Patrick Wimmer**, Head of Sales, VK Energie GmbH

16:00 **Fixing the Revenues: How Tolling Agreements Can Support BESS Bankability**  
**Philipp Hesel**, Senior Associate, Aurora Energy Research

16:30 **The BESS Value Chain in Europe: Technology Dependencies and Local Value Creation**  
**Philipp Wunderlich**, Global Battery Technology Lead, Accenture

# FUTURE FORUM

## THURSDAY | RESILIENT INFRASTRUCTURES

📅 12.02.2026 ⌚ 10:00 – 15:00 📍 Hall 5

➔ **GRID RESILIENCE: SECURING THE BACKBONE OF MODERN CIVILIZATION**

⌚ 10:00 – 11:00 

**Panelists:**

**Thomas Birke**, Lead Security Management, LEW

**Till Martini**, Senior Scientist, Fraunhofer EMI

**Christian Rathke**, Lead Energy System Planning Germany|System Integrity|Power Electronics Integration, TenneT

**Alexander Stolz**, Head of Department Safety, Security and Resilience, Fraunhofer EMI

**Zsolt Szabo**, Head of Business Resilience & Security, E.ON

**Moderator:**

**Andreas Goedecke**, Chief Business Officer Germany, eleks

➔ **PROTECTING ENERGY NETWORKS: WHAT ROLE DOES HARDWARE PLAY?**

⌚ 11:00 – 12:00 

11:00 **I Know What You Did Last Summer: System Security Through Holistic Measurement**

**Cornelius Heck**, Head of System Management Concepts & Analyses, 50Hertz

11:30 **Securing the Grid against Hybrid Threats: Cross-Scale Approaches for a Resilient Energy Supply**

**Enrique Kremers**, Senior Technical Manager Critical Infrastructure – Energy Logistics Simulation, IABG mbH

➔ **ENERGY SECURITY & RESILIENCE IN EUROPE**

⌚ 12:00 – 13:00 

12:00 **Resilience Remix: Powering Through the Unpredictable**

**Anne Grevener-Steen**, Principal, AFRY

**Daniel Weiss**, Principal, AFRY

12:30 **Hydrogen and Ammonia in Action: Energy Security and Decarbonization Through Imported Green Ammonia**

**Dr. Benjamin Dennhardt**, Business Development Low Carbon Molecules, EnBW Energie Baden Württemberg AG

➔ **STRENGTHENING CYBER DEFENSE ACROSS MODERN DIGITAL ENERGY INFRASTRUCTURES**

⌚ 13:00 – 14:00 

13:00 **Defending the Increasingly Digital German Energy Networks Against Rising Nation-state Threats**

**Ralf Kurtz**, Expert in Energy and Resources, Baringa

**Isabelle Sheard**, Expert in Energy and Cyber Security, Baringa

13:20 **Invisible Frontlines: How AI and Law Reinforce the Shield of Critical Energy Systems**

**Natalia Riveros**, Founder/CEO, Natalia Riveros Consulting

13:40 **Holistic Cyber Security – From Cost Factor to Business Enabler: Repositioning Security**

**Timo Schlüter**, Business Owner Cyber Security, Arvato Systems

➔ **RESILIENCE IN THE SMART ENERGY GRID**

⌚ 14:00 – 15:00 

**Panelists:**

**Frank Borchardt**, Senior Project Manager, VDE FNN Metering&Digitisation

**Kai Schlabit**, Digital Grid Leader DACH Power Systems Division Energy Management Business, Schneider Electric GmbH

**Moderator:**

**Sebastian Kossler**, Standards Manager Energy Head of VDE Competence Centre Smart Grid, DKE German Commission for Electrical, Electronic and Information Technologies in DIN and VDE



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# NEW ENERGY SYSTEMS FORUM

## TUESDAY | TRADING & FINANCE (1/2)

10.02.2026 10:00 – 17:00 Hall 5

### BACK TO THE FUTURE: HOW ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE COULD RESHAPE POST-TRADE OPERATIONS

10:00 – 11:00 

#### Panelists:

**Daniel Edgerton**, Head of Business Origination, Uniper

**Miguel Angel Vicente Gonzalez**, Director, NTT Data

**Jörg Reichelt**, Head of Business Origination, EnBW

**Geert van Wijngaarden**, Head of Business Origination, EWE

#### Moderator:

**Stuart Beeston**, Operations Committee Secretary, Energy Trading Europe



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### BRIDGING WHOLESALE AND RETAIL: WHO SHAPES THE FUTURE OF EUROPE'S ENERGY MARKETS?

11:00 – 12:00 

#### Panelists:

**Markus Becker**, Executive Director, Strategic Positioning and Business Development, GE Vernova

**Jochen Kreusel**, Senior Vice President, Global Head of Market Innovation, Hitachi Energy

**Karsten Neuhoff**, Professor at TU Berlin, Head of Department at DIW Berlin, TU Berlin/DIW Berlin

**Jens Strüker**, Deputy Scientific Director of the Center of Excellence for Finance & Information Management at the University of Bayreuth and Head of the Business Informatics Department at Fraunhofer FIT

**Saber Talari**, Assistant Professor in Smart Sustainable Energy Markets, University of Cologne

#### Moderator:

**Prof. Wolfgang Ketter**, Chaired Professor, Faculty of Management, Economics, and Social Sciences, University of Cologne

### NAVIGATING THE TRANSITION FROM NEHS TO EU ETS2: INSIGHTS FROM KEY STAKEHOLDERS

12:00 – 13:00 

#### Panelists:

**Jürgen Abend**, Head of Taxes and Customs, en2x

**Ingo Ramming**, Head of Carbon Markets, BBVA

**Dr. Ingmar Rövekamp**, Senior Business Developer - Environmental Markets, European Energy Exchange (EEX)

**Fabian Schmid**, Section V 3.3 – Economic Aspects of Emissions Trading, Auctioning, Evaluation, German Emissions Trading Authority (DEHSt)

#### Moderator:

**Dr.-Ing. Jürgen Landgrebe**, Former Head of the German Emissions Trading Authority, DEHSt

### PRICE ZONE SPLIT IN GERMANY – A BLESSING OR A CURSE?

13:00 – 14:00 

#### Panelists:

**Sylvia Bialek-Gregory**, Scientific Managing Director, EWI Köln

**Tobias Goldschmidt**, Minister for Energy Transition, Climate Protection, Environment and Nature, Schleswig-Holstein

**Maximilian Rinck**, Head of Department for Trade and Procurement, BDEW

#### Moderator:

**Anne Köhler**, Managing Director, EFET Deutschland – Verband Deutscher Energiehändler e.V.



# NEW ENERGY SYSTEMS FORUM

## TUESDAY | TRADING & FINANCE (2/2)

10.02.2026 10:00 – 17:00 Hall 5

SETTING STANDARDS, EASING ACCESS:  
STRENGTHENING INVESTMENTS IN PPAS  
14:00 – 15:00 

14:00 **Welcome**  
**Corinna Enders**, Chairwoman of the Management Board, German Energy Agency (dena)

14:05 **Setting Standards, Easing Access: Strengthening Investments in PPAs**

**Panelists:**

**Valentina Eigner**, Senior Associate, DLA Piper

**Tobias Heyen**, Head of Origination, ENGIE

**Geert van Wijngaarden**, Head of Backoffice Energy Trading & Contractmanagement, EWE Trading

**Tilo Zimmermann**, Managing Director, PONTON

**Moderator:**

**Nicolas Eschenbruch**, Senior Expert, German Energy Agency



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RE DEVELOPERS, WHERE ARE THEY HEADING?  
A (FORCED) SHIFT FROM RE DEVELOPERS TO  
INTEGRATED RE ENERGY COMPANIES?  
15:00 – 16:00 

**Panelists:**

**Ozan Korkmaz**, Senior Vice President for smartPulse Sales, Volue

**Álvaro Urbasos**, Head of International Energy Management, Iberdrola

**Alasdair Were**, Director of Environmental Markets, Abaxx Exchange

**Moderator:**

**Hanns Koenig**, Managing Director EMEA, Aurora Energy Research

BESS GROWTH IN EUROPE: WHAT'S NEXT FOR FPAS?  
16:00 – 17:00 

16:00 **Overview on BESS Developments and Trends in Spain and Germany**

**Max von Hausen**, Regional Lead PPA & BESS Transactions – DACH, pexapark

16:10 **How to Accelerate BESS Growth and Flexibility Purchase?**

**Panelists:**

**Klaas Bauermann**, Head of New Business Origination Central Europe, Statkraft Germany

**Martin Scharrer**, Origination Director, Zelestra

**Michael Sipos**, Senior investment manager – private equity infrastructure, Reichmuth

**Moderator:**

**Max von Hausen**, Regional Lead PPA & BESS Transactions – DACH, pexapark

# NEW ENERGY SYSTEMS FORUM

## WEDNESDAY | FUTURE ENERGY GENERATION

11.02.2026 10:00 – 17:00 Hall 5

**BETWEEN SOLAR AND NUCLEAR: WHERE IS UK'S ENERGY SYSTEM HEADED?**  
10:00 – 11:00 

**Panelists:**

**Nenad Jovanovic**, Principal Energy Modelling Consultant, Mott MacDonald

**Stela Nenova**, European Policy Regulatory Manager, National Grid

**Marcia Poletti**, Head of European System Change, Octopus Energy

**Roseanna Watson**, Economic & Global Issues Counsellor, British Consulate-General Düsseldorf

**Moderator:**

**Claudia Thomas**, Partner, Dentons

**AFRR – BETWEEN BALANCING MARKETS AND DEVELOPING NEW REVENUE POTENTIALS**  
11:00 – 12:00 

11:00 **Deep Dive Balancing Energy: Optimised Marketing for FCR, aFRR & mFRR in the European Market**

**Christof Petrick**, Head of Data Science & Portfolio Management, Energy2market GmbH

11:30 **Balancing Market Integration: Impact of Recent PICASSO Accessions on aFRR Energy Exchange**

**Dr. Ksenia Tolstrup**, Principal, Magnus Energy

**ROLE OF CARBON MANAGEMENT IN THE FUTURE ENERGY SYSTEM**  
12:00 – 13:00 

12:00 **Fit for Purpose Regulatory Framework for CCUS. The Case for CO<sub>2</sub> Transport**

**Thierry Grauwels**, EU Director, CCSA

12:30 **Cross Border Decarbonisation Backbone for Northwestern Europe: The Delta Rhine Corridor**

**Bente de Lat**, Business Opportunity Manager Delta Rhine Corridor CO<sub>2</sub> at Gasunie

**Jan Willem Lenders**, Senior Business Developer Carbon Infrastructure at OGE

**BETWEEN ELECTRICITY GAP AND STABILITY: HOW MUCH BACKUP DOES THE EUROPEAN ENERGY FUTURE NEED?**  
13:00 – 14:00 

**Panelists:**

**Dennis Becher**, Head of Energy Management, thyssenkrupp Steel Europe

**Hanns Koenig**, Managing Director Central Europe, Aurora Energy Research

**Diogo Leal Faria**, Executive Director and Board Member of the Renewable Generation Assets Platform, EDP

**Nikolaus Valerius**, CEO, RWE Generation

**Moderator:**

**Roman Dudenhausen**, CEO, con|energy ag

**ENERGY TRANSITION - NOW WHAT? STRATEGIES TO INCREASE SUSTAINABILITY IN THE ENERGY SYSTEM**  
14:00 – 15:00 

14:00 **Ensuring Profits, Sustainability and Flexibility for Future Energy Systems**

**Herman Nedar**, Sales Manager, Energy Opticon

14:30 **Powered for Change – A Multigenerational Approach to Decarbonization Projects**

**Frank Ochel**, Associate Director, Utility Strategy & Consulting, Accenture

**TRANSPARENT, FLEXIBLE AND GREEN: HOW TO MEET THE NEEDS OF YOUR CUSTOMERS?**  
15:00 – 17:00 

15:00 **The Electricity Industry and Market Need To Focus Much More on Customers – and Quickly**

**Urs Pennanen**, SVP Corporate Customers, Fortum

15:30 **Customer Power Becomes Market Power – Enabled by Flex and AI**

**Bastian Gierull**, CEO, Octopus Energy

16:00 **From Annual Averages to Hourly Truths: The Rise of 24/7 Carbon-Free Energy**

**Frédéric Lefort**, EXCOM Member B2B | France | Roumania | Certinergy | 24/7 Carbon Free Energy, ENGIE

**Victor Perez**, Group Program Manager 24/7 Carbon Free Energy, ENGIE

16:30 **Driving Transparency and Innovation in Renewable Energy**

**Rob Pringle**, CTO, SmartestEnergy Limited

# NEW ENERGY SYSTEMS FORUM

## THURSDAY | ENERGY TRANSITION IN CITIES

12.02.2026 10:00 – 15:00 Hall 5

MISSION WATER: CREATE IMPACT THROUGH SCIENCE & ENTREPRENEURSHIP  
10:00 – 11:00 

10:00 **Introducing Bryck Startup Alliance & WaterHub**

10:15 **Hackathon Overview & Introduction**

10:25 **Panel "Mission Water: Create Impact Through Science & Entrepreneurship"**

**Panelists:**

**Dr. Beate Krok**, ZWU

**Gregor Johnen**, Floodwaive

**Christian Müller**, RAG AG

**Moderator:**

**Philippa Köhnk**, Bryck Startup Alliance

10:55 **Closing**

MUNICIPAL ENERGY TRANSITION: PRACTICE, PROSPECTS AND SUCCESS FACTORS  
11:00 – 12:30 

11:00 **Energy Transition in the Ruhr Region: How Duisburg Plans To Generate Climate-Neutral Electricity and Heat**  
Dr. Nicolas Löser, Head of Heat Division, Stadtwerke Duisburg

11:12 **How the Municipality of Bitburg Land Uses EE in a Variety of Ways**  
Janine Fischer, Mayoress, Verbandsgemeindeverwaltung Bitburger Land

11:24 **The Energy Transition Needs People**  
Oliver Seidel, Referatsleiter, Regionalverband Ruhr

11:36 **Expansion of Renewable Energies – Role of the Steinfurt District**  
Silke Wesselmann, Head of Department, Kreis Steinfurt | Der Landrat

11:48 **Climate Community 2.0: From the Electricity Transition to the Heating Transition**  
Tobias Lehberg, Mayor, Gemeinde Saerbeck

12:00 **What Do Local Authorities Need for a Successful and Efficient Implementation of the Energy Transition?**

**Panelists:**

**Janine Fischer**, Mayoress, Verbandsgemeindeverwaltung Bitburger Land

**Tobias Lehberg**, Mayor, Gemeinde Saerbeck

**Oliver Seidel**, Head of Department, Referat Liegenschaften und Hochbau

**Dr. Norbert Weritz**, Climate and Environmental Protection Unit, Regionalverband Ruhr

**Silke Wesselmann**, Head of Department, Kreis Steinfurt | Der Landrat

**Moderator:**

**Herbert Muders**, Managing Director, Trianel Energieprojekte

HOW CAN FUTURE STRATEGIES SUCCEED: FROM BUILDING EFFICIENCY TO LARGE-SCALE STORAGE?  
12:30 – 15:00 

12:30 **Unlocking Efficiency Potential in Buildings**  
**Kevin Strauß**, Product Manager Commercial & Industrial, ista SE

13:00 **HEMS Meets Dynamic Tariffs – Findings From Field Testing With Prosumer Households**  
**Natalia Bieliaieva**, Business Development, providata GmbH

13:30 **Goodbye Interface Chaos: Easily Take Control of Direct and Flexibility Marketing Yourself**  
**Martin Ameling**, Field Product Manager, AVAT Automation GmbH  
**Khouschnaf Ibrahim**, Founder and CCO, Unigy GmbH

14:00 **Resilient Energy Suppliers – Identifying and Managing Climate Risks for Assets and Business Models**  
**Heinz-Werner Hölscher**, Partner, BET Consulting GmbH  
**Philip Hillebrand**, Consultant, BET Consulting GmbH

14:30 **From Concept to Implementation: Successful Large-Scale Storage Projects for Municipal Utilities**  
**Roman Alberti**, Founder and Managing Director, Voltfang GmbH

# CLIMATE SOLUTIONS FORUM

## TUESDAY | EUROPEAN GAS MARKETS (1/2)

10.02.2026 10:00 – 17:00 Hall 6

MARKET MECHANISMS, SUPPLY SECURITY AND POLICY STRUCTURES: WHAT ROLE FOR GAS IN THE EUROPEAN ENERGY SYSTEM BY 2040?

10:00 – 11:00 

10:00 **Germany's Power Station Strategy and EU Power Mix 2040: Flexibility, Exports and Security of Supply**  
**Nathalie Gerl**, Research Lead Power, LSEG

10:30 **Gas Storage under Pressure: Market versus Regulation**  
**Michael Schmöltzer**, Head of Storage Regulation & Office Austria, Uniper Energy Storage GmbH

NATURAL GAS IN EUROPE'S ENERGY TRANSITION: BALANCING SECURITY, MARKETS AND CLIMATE GOALS

11:00 – 12:00 

#### Panelists:

**Elisabeth Aarrestad**, VP and Head of Gas Sales and Customer Relations, Equinor

**Clemens Karg**, Vice President Gas and Electricity Procurement & Trading, BASF

**Michael Lewis**, CEO, Uniper

**Alexander Lücke**, Deputy Director-General National economic security, energy security; natural gas; LNG, Federal Ministry for Economic Affairs and Energy

#### Moderator:

**Dr. Ludwig Möhring**, CEO, BVEG

GREEN GASES IN THE ENERGY SYSTEM OF THE FUTURE: NATIONAL QUOTA AS DRIVER OF TRANSFORMATION?

12:00 – 13:00 

#### Panelists:

**Dr. Stefanie Kesting**, CEO, Thyssengas

**Jörg Selbach-Röntgen**, CEO, biogeen

**Christian Seyfert**, Chief Executive, VIK

**Vanessa Tietze**, Market Development Manager, TES-H2

#### Moderator:

**Dr. Peter, Rügge**, Managing Director, beyondgas

EUROPEAN HYDROGEN BACKBONE – TECHNICAL AND ECONOMIC CHALLENGES ALONG HYDROGEN IMPORT PIPELINES

13:00 – 14:00 

13:00 **Developing a European Hydrogen Infrastructure – A Full Scale Model**

**Maximilian Heneka**, Head of the System Analysis Division, Engler-Bunte Institute of the Karlsruhe Institute of Technology (EBI)

13:20 **The H2med Corridor – Progress on Technical and Commercial Level**

**Nicolai Raß**, Head of Business Development Hydrogen International, Open Grid Europe (OGE)

13:40 **Nordic Hydrogen Imports from Finland: Infrastructure and Regulatory Pathways**

**Dr. Jan Feller**, CEO, German-Finnish Chamber of Commerce (AHK Finland)

#### Moderator:

**Björn Munko**, Head of Gas Technologies and Energy Systems, German Technical and Scientific Association for Gas and Water (DVGW)



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FROM CORRIDORS TO DEAD ENDS? POLITICS AND STRATEGY BEHIND EUROPE'S H<sub>2</sub> BACKBONE

14:00 – 15:00 

#### Panelists:

**Lucie Boost**, Secretary General, GIE

**Nico Bosnjak**, Head of Energy Policy & Communications, OGE

**Jesús Gil**, Director of Hydrogen, enagás

**Kirsten Westphal**, Member of the Executive Board, BDEW

#### Moderator:

**Dr. Thomas Hillig**, Managing Director, THEnergy





# CLIMATE SOLUTIONS FORUM

## TUESDAY | EUROPEAN GAS MARKETS (2/2)

10.02.2026 10:00 – 17:00 Hall 6

STORAGE INFRASTRUCTURE FOR THE H<sub>2</sub> RAMP-UP  
– WHAT NEEDS TO BE DONE NOW?

15:00 – 16:00 

#### Panelists:

**Sabine Augustin**, Commercial Managing Director,  
RWE Gas Storage West GmbH

**Sebastian Heinemann**, Managing Director, Initiative  
Energien Speichern (INES)

#### Moderator:

**Dr. Peter Rosin**, Managing Director, Rosin Büden-  
bender Rechtsanwaltsgesellschaft mbH

HYDROGEN RAMP-UP – WHERE ARE WE NOW AND  
HOW CAN IT SUCCEED?

16:00 – 17:00 

#### Panelists:

**Anke Alvermann-Schuler**, Head of Stakeholder  
Management, Gasunie

**Dr. Anne Bendzulla**, Executive, enertrag

**Gilles Le Van**, Chairman VIK e.V., Chairman of the  
Supervisory Board Air Liquide Deutschland GmbH

#### Moderators:

**David Siegler**, Partner Counsel, BBH Consult

**Dr. Hanno Butsch**, Partner Counsel, BBH Consult

# CLIMATE SOLUTIONS FORUM

## WEDNESDAY | EUROPEAN ELECTRICITY GRIDS (1/2)

11.02.2026 10:00 – 17:30 Hall 5

FROM AGEING GRIDS TO SMART INFRASTRUCTURE:  
UNLOCKING FLEXIBILITY AND DIGITALIZATION  
THROUGH SMART METERING

10:00 – 11:00 

### 10:00 Welcome & Introduction

Tomás Llobet, Managing Director, ESMIG

### 10:10 Member Spotlights

- Managing Flexibility in Distribution Networks  
**Michael Bratovz**, Director Sales, Iskraemeco
- AMI: The Fast Track to Grid Visibility and Control  
**Monisha Das**, Product Manager Analytics, Landis+Gyr
- From Broadband to Gridband: Strengthening Europe's Grid Edge Connectivity, efficiency and flexibility through smart metering  
**Thomas Weisshaupt**, Regional Head Energy Market EU, Wirepas
- Smart & Secure at the Edge: When Interoperability Meets Data Security and Cyber Resilience  
**Eugen Mayer**, COO, PPC

### 10:40 Q&A / Moderated Discussion

#### Moderator:

**Tomás Llobet**, Managing Director, ESMIG and the speakers of the keynotes

### 10:55 Closing Remarks



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DIGITIZATION IN LOW VOLTAGE: CONTROL AND  
UTILISATION OF FLEXIBILITIES IN GRID OPERATION

11:00 – 12:30 

### 11:00 Impulses

- Creating Flexibility Today and Tomorrow  
**Dr. Rainer Frank**, Business Development, EMH Metering
- From the Local Network Substation to the Controllable Consumer Device or Energy Management System  
**Ludwig Gobleder**, Sales Representative, Swisstec
- Flexible Energy Grids– From Compliant Smart Meters to Intelligent Low-Voltage Grids  
**Ivan Kern**, Authorized Signatory, Iskraemeco Energy Service GmbH

- 11:00
- Low-Voltage Control in Practice: From Pilot to Scaling  
**Tina Hadler**, Senior VP Sales & Partnership, Metrify
  - Implementation of the Controllability Verification in the Low-Voltage Control System SGOP  
**Lutz Lehmann**, Business Developer/Specialist Sales Representative SGOP, VIVAVIS AG
  - Status of the Control Rollout and Success Factors for a Functioning Smart Grid  
**Dr. Roland Olbrich**, Partner, Horizonte Group
- Moderator:**  
**Claudia Lorenz**, Senior Manager Innovative Solutions Energy Grids, Energy Technology Association, ZVEI

### 12:00 Discussion

#### Panelists:

- Dr. Rainer Frank**, Business Development, EMH Metering
- Ludwig Gobleder**, Sales Representative, Swisstec
- Tina Hadler**, Senior VP Sales & Partnership, Metrify
- Ivan Kern**, Authorized Signatory, Iskraemeco Energy Service GmbH
- Lutz Lehmann**, Business Developer/Sales Specialist SGOP, VIVAVIS AG
- Dr. Roland Olbrich**, Partner, Horizonte Group

#### Moderator:

**Claudia Lorenz**, Senior Manager Innovative Solutions Energy Grids, Energy Technology Association, ZVEI



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GRID CONNECTION: HOW TO USE THEM  
STRATEGICALLY?

12:30 – 13:30  

### 12:30 Strategic Use of Grid Connection Through Battery Storage and Trading

- Jerome Fischer**, Project Manager, Omexom Smart Technologies GmbH
- Erik Tiedke**, Head of Product Management, Voltfang

### 13:00 Overcoming the Grid Bottleneck: BESS as Enabler and Business Model for EV Charging

- Markus Hackmann**, Managing Director, P3 automotive GmbH
- Daniel Reichert**, Senior Consultant, P3 automotive GmbH



# CLIMATE SOLUTIONS FORUM

## WEDNESDAY | EUROPEAN ELECTRICITY GRIDS (2/2)

11.02.2026 10:00 – 17:30 Hall 5

EU DIGITAL PRODUCT PASS: WHAT ROLE DOES IT PLAY IN EFFICIENT GRID EXPANSION?

13:30 – 14:30

**Panelists:**

**Stefan Kilb**, Director Industrial Affairs Power Systems Division Energy Management Business, Schneider Electric

**Jan Patrick Linossier**, Managing Director, Technical Network Services Division, RheinNetz GmbH

**Johannes Stein**, Senior Principal Expert Horizontal Topic Development, DKE

**Moderator:**

**Arvid Gillert**, Senior Manager Energy Technology, ZVEI e.V.



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DATA CENTRES: HOW CAN SYSTEM INTEGRATION BE ACHIEVED SUCCESSFULLY?

14:30 – 15:30

**Panelists:**

**Kai-Uwe Besir**, Senior Professional Datacenter, STACKIT

**Dr. Florian Heesen**, Speaker: Federal Grid Agency

**Bärbel Heidebroek**, Chairwoman, BWE

**Prof. Dr. Lars Jendernalik**, Lead Assetmanagement, Westnetz

**Moderator:**

**Dr. Nadine Kanu**, Vice President Energy Policy, enertrag

SECTOR COUPLING IN GERMANY AND FRANCE: POTENTIAL FOR ELECTRICITY DEMAND AND GRID STABILITY

15:30 – 17:30

15:30 **Reception of Participants**

**Sven Rösner**, Managing Director, Franco-German Office for Energy Transition (DFBEW)

15:35 **Electricity Demand and Flexibility Potential in the Context of Sector Coupling**

- Potential of Sector Coupling for Demand-Side Flexibility

**Renato Luise**, Senior Researcher, EIFER

- Development of electricity demand and sector coupling in Germany

**Nils Namockel**, Head of Research Area, Energie-wirtschaftliches Institut an der Universität zu Köln (EWI)

- Development of Electricity Demand and Sector Coupling in France

**Michel Béna**, Deputy Head of Research & Development, RT

- Q&A

16:30 **Regulation, Price Signals & Digitalisation: What Framework Is Needed To Leverage the Flexibility Potential of Sector Coupling?**

**Norman Gerhardt**, Head of Energy Economics and System Analysis, Fraunhofer IEE

16:45 **How Can Demand-Side Flexibility Potential Be Optimally Exploited To Contribute to Grid Stability? Challenges and Practical Solutions**

**Munib Amin**, Managing Director, Foresight & Academia, E.ON Group Innovation

**Eglantine Kunle**, Head of the Prospective Department, NaTran

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# CLIMATE SOLUTIONS FORUM

## THURSDAY | HEATING & BUILDINGS (1/2)

12.02.2026 10:00 – 15:15 Hall 6

→ GREEN PORTFOLIO: HOW CAN EXISTING HEATING CAPACITIES BE DECARBONIZED?

🕒 10:00 – 11:00 

10:00 **Heat Transition: How Municipalities Are Decarbonizing Their Portfolio**

- Municipal Non-Residential Buildings – How Can Municipalities Use Data To Achieve Energy Savings and Ensure Efficiency?"

**Gregor Jaschke**, Senior Regulatory Expert, dena

- Measures & Results: Decarbonization via Sector Coupling in Real Estate, Neighborhoods and Portfolios

**Yüksel Sirmasac**, CEO & Founder, ROCKETHOME GmbH

**Moderator:**

**Frank Brachvogel**, Managing Director, Open District Hub e.V.

10:30 **Best Practices for Decarbonizing District Heating in Denmark**

**Kathrin Lemke**, Team Leader District Energy & Biogas, Royal Danish Consulate General Hamburg

→ DECARBONIZATION OF HEATING NETWORKS – HOW FAR CAN ELECTRICITY TAKE US?

🕒 11:00 – 12:00 

11:00 **Insights From Consulting Practice: What Role Can Electricity Play in the Decarbonization of Heating Networks?**

**Andreas Görtz**, Head of Competence Team Electricity & Heat Generation, BET Consulting GmbH

11:10 **Decarbonizing Heating Networks – How Far Can Electricity Take Us?**

**Panelists:**

**Dr. Jana Bosse**, Senior Expert Renewable Heat, dena  
**Andreas Görtz**, Head of Competence Team Electricity & Heat Generation, BET Consulting GmbH

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**Jan Wullenweber**, Head of Energy Systems and Energy Generation, VKU



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→ STRATEGIES FOR MUNICIPAL HEAT PLANNING – WHAT ARE THE PATHS TO SUCCESSFUL IMPLEMENTATION?

🕒 12:00 – 14:00 

12:00 **Municipal Heat Planning: How Do You Move From Scenario to Implementation?**

- Geothermal Energy for the Heat Transition With Water Protection and Heat Protection

**Michael Viernickel**, Corporate Strategy & Project Coordination, eZeit analytics

**Stefan Söchtig**, Attorney at Law, HFK Rechtsanwälte PartGmbH



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## THURSDAY | HEATING & BUILDINGS (2/2)

12.02.2026 10:00 – 15:15 Hall 6

- The Effects of Digital Connection of Buildings on Existing Heat Supply Concepts and Infrastructures

**Christian Gronwald**, Senior Manager Business Development, Kieback & Peter GmbH & Co. KG

**Moderator:**

**Frank Brachvogel**, Managing Director, Open District Hub e.V.

12:30 **New Ways of Energy Planning: Digital Municipal Data Funnels and User-Centered AI for Municipalities, Planners, and Citizens**

**Prof. Tanja Kneiske**, Scientific Lead of the Competence Center "Integrated Energy Infrastructures", Fraunhofer IEG

**Dr. Ella Middelhoff**, System Transformation Technology Transfer, Fraunhofer IEG

13:00 **District Heating Essen – the New Generation of Heating Networks**

**Tim Reus**, Head of Corporate Strategy and Development, Stadtwerke Essen

13:30 **Heat Transition in the District: Planning Local Heating Networks With the Housing Industry**

**Alexander Rychter**, Association Director, VdW Rheinland Westfalen

**Dr. David Wilde**, CEO, hwg eG Hattingen

→ TALKING ABOUT MONEY: FINANCING INSTRUMENTS FOR GREEN HEATING

14:00 – 15:15 

14:00 **Municipal Heat Transition – Financing in Transition**

**Dr. Eva Bode**, Head of Department, Deutscher Städte- und Gemeindebund (German Association of Towns and Municipalities)

14:15 **The Transformation of Heating Networks Requires New Pricing Systems**

**Bianca Lehmann**, Manager, con|energy consult gmbh

**Johannes Predel**, Project Manager, con|energy consult gmbh

14:45 **Financing as an Enabler of the Heat Transition: Success Factors for Municipal Projects**

**Malte Neumeier**, Manager Energy and Mobility, plenum AG

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