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**E-world**  
energy & water

FEBRUARY 10 – 12, 2026  
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Essen, February 10, 2026

### Facts and figures: E-world energy & water 2026

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| <b>Exhibitors</b>        | 1,134 exhibitors from 33 countries                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| <b>Area</b>              | Exhibition halls 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 and Galeria West, Central and South entrances                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| <b>Organizer</b>         | E-world energy & water GmbH                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| <b>Duration</b>          | Tuesday, 10th to Thursday, 12th February 2026                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| <b>Photos and videos</b> | <a href="http://www.messe-essen-mediacycenter.de">www.messe-essen-mediacycenter.de</a>                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| <b>Opening hours</b>     | Tuesday and Wednesday: 9 a.m. – 6 p.m.<br>Thursday: 9 a.m. – 5 p.m.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| <b>Parking</b>           | P1, P2, P3, P5, P6, P9                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| <b>Social Media</b>      | <a href="https://community.e-world-essen.com/home">https://community.e-world-essen.com/home</a><br><a href="https://www.linkedin.com/company/eworldessen/">https://www.linkedin.com/company/eworldessen/</a><br><a href="https://www.instagram.com/eworldessen/">https://www.instagram.com/eworldessen/</a> |
| <b>Key topics</b>        | Electricity industry; gas industry; services; energy technology/efficiency; renewable energies; smart energy; climate neutrality, hydrogen                                                                                                                                                                  |
| <b>Tickets</b>           | Day ticket: €75, reduced rate: €37.50<br>Season ticket: €225, reduced price: €112.50<br>School pupils/students:<br>free on Thursday, 12 February 2026                                                                                                                                                       |
| <b>Website</b>           | <a href="https://e-world-essen.com/en/">https://e-world-essen.com/en/</a><br><a href="http://www.messe-essen.de">www.messe-essen.de</a><br><a href="http://www.conenergy.com">www.conenergy.com</a>                                                                                                         |



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Europe's leading trade fair for the energy industry

### **E-world 2026 sets a new exhibitor record: More than 1,100 companies shaping Europe's energy future**

#### **Hall 6 and the Entrance Mitte open for the first time**

**E-world energy & water 2026 reinforces its position as the most important industry platform for the European energy sector with a new record number of exhibitors. From 10 to 12 February, more than 1,100 exhibitors from 33 countries will present their innovations and solutions for the energy transition in Essen. This 15 per cent increase compared with the previous year highlights E-world's growing international standing as a leading international trade fair.**

The strong growth is also reflected in the use of exhibition space. For the first time, E-world will open Hall 6 as well as the Entrance Mitte. As a result, the trade fair will occupy Halls 1 through 6 and the connecting Galeria, providing access via three entrances.

The exhibition halls showcase the full spectrum of the energy industry. International and regional energy utilities will be represented alongside leading industrial companies, consulting firms, research institutions, associations, and technology and IT providers. They will present products and services ranging from energy generation, trading, and sales to grids and infrastructure, metering and measurement systems, artificial intelligence, digitalization and platform models, the hydrogen economy, storage technologies, and electric mobility, as well as energy efficiency and climate protection.

Young, innovative companies also provide important momentum. As a result, the "Innovation" area in Hall 4 will occupy around 40 percent more exhibition space than last year, offering a prominent stage for numerous start-ups and founding teams.



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## **Artificial Intelligence and digitalization as the foundation for transformation processes**

Despite the wide range of exhibitors and topics at E-world, artificial intelligence and digitalization are omnipresent across nearly all segments of the industry. Intelligent forecasting, automated processes, and data-driven control help operate complex energy systems efficiently and reliably. E-world exhibitors demonstrate how artificial intelligence and digital twins support forecasting, load management, and grid planning, ensuring the secure integration of renewable energy sources into existing systems. Digital tools such as cloud-based IT infrastructures, smart meter and measurement systems, as well as solutions for market communication and billing, will also be presented, providing transparency and stability in day-to-day operations.

## **Comprehensive program: expert forums, events, and special formats**

Current industry topics are also reflected in the supporting program of E-world 2026, which complements the exhibition with a wide range of dialogue and networking formats. Across four expert forums—the Change Forum (Hall 4), New Energy Systems Forum (Hall 5), Future Forum (Hall 5), and Climate Solutions Forum (Hall 6)—industry experts will address key future challenges on all three days of the trade fair, directly in the exhibition halls. Access to the forums is included in the trade fair ticket.

The program is rounded out by additional events such as the Energy Leadership Meeting (February 9), the Fiber Optic Forum (February 10), the international exchange format Consulates Day (February 11), the young professionals event Career Day (February 12), and the Municipalities Day, which will take place for the first time on February 12. A daily updated overview of the program is available online in the [E-world Community](#).

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Career event at Europe's leading energy industry trade fair on February 12

### **E-world 2026 promotes young talent with Career Day**

#### **Free admission for university and school students**

**E-world energy & water is Europe's leading trade fair for the energy industry. From February 10 to 12, 2026, the sector will once again come together at Messe Essen. With the Career Day on Thursday, February 12, 2026, the trade fair places a strong focus on promoting young talent and offers a dedicated platform to inspire the next generation to pursue careers in the energy industry. University and school students will receive free admission on this day.**

The energy industry is undergoing continuous transformation. Job profiles and qualification requirements are changing, while the shortage of skilled professionals continues to intensify. The success of the energy transition therefore depends largely on the availability of qualified specialists. With the Career Day, E-world creates a platform where young professionals can gain first-hand knowledge of the energy sector, learn about career prospects and establish personal contacts at an early stage.

#### **Diverse program with practical relevance at the Change Forum**

The day's agenda is varied and highly practice-oriented. Experts will share their knowledge about careers, trends and challenges in the energy industry through presentations and panel discussions. The event kicks off at 10:45 a.m. with the keynote speech 'Job interviews in the era of ChatGPT – How can I make sure my preparation is structured?'

At 11:15 a.m., the panel discussion 'Your future with energy: Discover exciting ways into the energy industry' will follow. Here, HR managers from several companies outline their roles, present career paths and answer participants' questions about starting a career.

A special highlight is the popular 'CEO meets Student' format, where young talents meet industry leaders. Participants include Kristina Haverkamp from



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dena, Thomas Mehrer from Siegener Versorgungsbetriebe, and Jürgen Heidak from CURSOR.

Additional insights into entering the workforce will be offered at 12:30 p.m. by the presentation ‘The energy industry in transition – Where are the new jobs being created?’. It shows how job profiles are evolving and which new career opportunities are arising as a result of the sector’s transformation.

### **Interactive formats support career orientation**

Career Day offers participants numerous other opportunities for personal exchange and networking. Young professionals report on their everyday working lives and provide authentic insights into their career paths. The Career Day app guides young talents through the exhibition halls on an interactive rally.

Many exhibitors offer interactive challenges that bring the diversity of the industry to life. Participants include leading grid operators, energy companies, consultancies and technology providers such as Amprion, Trianel, MVV, Uniper, E.ON and ista. They all use the Career Day to connect with potential young professionals and to showcase the wide range of career opportunities in the energy industry.

Registration and further information: <https://career.e-world-essen.com/en>

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New format for Europe's leading energy industry trade fair

### **Premiere for Municipalities Day at E-world 2026**

#### **Free admission for local government employees on February 12**

**On February 12, 2026, a new format will be introduced for the first time at E-world energy & water: with the Municipalities Day, the organizers of Europe's leading trade fair for the energy industry are creating a new platform for cities, municipalities and municipal companies. The event offers municipal stakeholders valuable input for their current challenges and an opportunity to exchange ideas with each other and with the energy industry.**

As key players in the energy transition, local authorities and municipal companies are confronted with complex conditions: local peculiarities, limited human resources and tight budgets make it difficult to implement the wide range of tasks. This is where Municipalities Day comes in, supporting decision-makers from local authorities, municipal utilities, suppliers and housing associations with concrete, implementable solutions, practical success stories and networking opportunities.

#### **Diverse program with practical relevance**

Participants can expect a varied and diverse daily program. At its heart is an extensive stage program across three open forums. Experts will share their knowledge, best practices and promising solutions in three different subject areas: 'Heating & Building', 'Energy Transition in Cities' and 'Resilient Infrastructures'. These include presentations and discussion panels on strategies for municipal heat planning, financing instruments, IT and energy security, as well as a forum for sharing municipal experiences.

In addition, matchmaking sessions with speakers and discussions with exhibitors enable direct professional exchange, while a guided tour of the fair provides a compact overview of relevant offerings. At themed tables, municipal representatives can quickly obtain information on key issues, and a hackathon with start-ups provides additional impetus for innovative solutions.



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Local government representatives can register for this new event format online at <https://tag-der-kommunen.e-world-essen.com/> and will then receive their free ticket for Local Government Day. Admission to E-world on February 12 is included in the ticket price.

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### **E-world 2026 offers a strong conference program with an international focus**

#### **High-profile speakers from the energy sector, politics and industry**

E-world is accompanied by a high-caliber stage program. Below you will find selected highlights from the expert forums. The four forums are located in exhibition halls 4, 5, and 6 and are freely accessible at all times. Program sessions are held in English or are simultaneously interpreted into English.

#### **Selected Highlights**

##### Tuesday, February 10, 2026

11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. | Panel | Climate Solutions Forum, Hall 6

#### **Natural gas in Europe's energy transition: balancing security, markets and climate goals**

- 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 and LNG, Federal Ministry for Economic Affairs and Energy (BMWE)
- Moderator: Ludwig Möhring, CEO, German Association for Gas, Oil and Geoenery (BVEG)

12:00 p.m. | Booth 3R120, Hall 3

Joint visit to the North Rhine-Westphalia regional pavilion by Mona Neubaur, Minister for Economic Affairs, Industry, Climate Action and Energy of the State of North Rhine-Westphalia, and Tobias Goldschmidt, Minister for Energy Transition, Climate Protection, Environment and Nature of the State of Schleswig-Holstein.

1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m. | Panel | New Energy Systems Forum, Hall 5



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### **Price zone split in Germany – a blessing or a curse?**

- Tobias Goldschmidt, Minister for Energy Transition, Climate Protection, Environment and Nature, Schleswig-Holstein
- Holger Lösch, Deputy Director General, BDI
- Maximilian Rinck, Head of Trading and Procurement, BDEW
- Moderator: Anne Köhler, Managing Director, EFET Germany – Association of German Energy Traders

2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. | Panel | Future Forum, Hall 5

### **European transmission grids at risk: how to reinforce resilience?**

- 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
- Moderation: Roman Dudenhausen, CEO, con|energy ag

2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. Uhr | Panel | Climate Solutions Forum, Hall 6

### **From corridors to dead ends? Politics and strategy behind Europe's H2 backbone**

- Lucie Boost, Secretary General, Gas Infrastructure Europe (GIE)
- Nico Bosnjak, Head of Energy Policy & Communications, OGE
- Jesús Gil, Director of Hydrogen, enagás
- Kirsten Westphal, Member of the Executive Board, BDEW
- Moderation: Dr. Thomas Hillig, Managing Director, THEnergy

**The full program is available online in the E-world Community at:**

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### **E-world 2026 offers a strong speaker program with an international focus**

#### **High-profile experts from the energy industry, politics and industry**

**As the central platform for the energy industry, E-world energy & water sets strong thematic impulses with its extensive and varied speaker program. From February 10 to 12, visitors at Messe Essen can look forward to a wide range of expert forums, panel discussions and live podcasts featuring high-profile representatives from the energy industry, politics, industry and science. The complete program is available in the [E-world Community](#).**

The four expert forums in the exhibition halls are among the most popular elements of the E-world program. They offer practical insights into current market developments and strategic issues in the energy industry. At the same time, the stage program reflects the trade fair's growing internationalization. For example, experts will present insights into the energy industry in several European countries, such as Poland, the United Kingdom, the Netherlands, Spain and France. Topics range from smart energy hubs and Poland's energy transition to PPAs and FPAs in Spain and Germany, reflecting the international perspectives of the energy industry.

#### **Energy Leadership Meeting: Perspectives for tomorrow's energy world**

Energy Leadership Meeting marks its 15th edition on February 9. The event brings together leading representatives from the energy sector, industry, politics and science. It focuses on current energy policy decisions and strategic questions for the future, such as the expansion of renewables, security of supply beyond 2030 and the financing of grid expansion.

Speakers include Dr. Nina Scheer, Member of the German Parliament and energy policy spokesperson for the SPD parliamentary group; Andreas Mundt, President of the Federal Cartel Office; Julia Bläsius, Germany Director of Agora Energiewende; Dr. Markus Krebber, CEO of RWE AG; and Holger Lösch, Deputy Managing Director of the BDI – Federation of German Industries.



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### **Fibre Optics Forum in its eighth edition**

The Fibre Optics Forum, organized by Bundesverband Breitbandkommunikation (BREKO), conenergy and Micus Strategieberatung, will offer practical insights into fibre optic expansion on February 10. Participants can expect best practice examples, expert presentations and panel discussions on topics such as the TKG amendment, network densification strategies, and legally compliant proof of use.

Speakers include Gertrud Husch, Head of Digital Connectivity at the Federal Ministry for Digital Affairs and State Modernization; Sebastian Firl, Chief Operating Officer at fiber to the people; and Stephan Schneider, Head of Regional Policy for North Rhine-Westphalia at Vodafone.

### **Podcast Lounge: Live recordings with top guests**

A special highlight is the Podcast Lounge in Hall 4. Live recordings of various podcasts will take place here on all three days of the fair, including Energopolis, Handelsblatt Green & Energy, Effizient vernetzt and Aurora: Energy Unplugged. Listeners will have the opportunity to follow the recordings live and then talk to the podcasters and guests afterwards.

Guests feature, among others, Mona Neubaur (Minister for Economic Affairs and Energy of North Rhine-Westphalia), Michael Lewis (Uniper), Dr. Hendrik Neumann (Amprion) and Barbie Haller (Federal Network Agency).

### **Municipalities Day with free admission**

On the third day of the fair, Municipalities Day introduces a new offering for cities, municipalities, and municipal companies. An extensive stage program with presentations and panel discussions will be complemented by personal matchmaking with speakers and discussions with exhibitors. Municipal employees will receive free admission to E-world on this day.

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