

From 24 to 26 June 2025, the City and Eurométropole of Strasbourg are organising for the first time the European Conference on Energy Transition for over 3 500 delegates!



The City and Eurométropole of Strasbourg are co-hosting the 26th European Conference on Energy Transition for the first time. This Conference is to be held from 24 to 26 June 2025 at Strasbourg's Palais de la Musique et des Congrès. This major event will bring together 3 500 delegates, consolidating Strasbourg as a key player in energy transition on a cross-border and European scale.

Driven by a strong commitment towards energy transition, this year Strasbourg becomes the host city and co-organiser, alongside the Urban Community of Dunkirk, the Métropole of Bordeaux, the Métropole of Dijon and the French Environment and Energy Management Agency (ADEME).

An unprecedented edition under the banner of territorial and European commitment

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The theme of this 2025 edition is 'Energy, a common good! From territories to Europe', it will highlight the importance of shared energy governance and cooperation at all levels, from local to international. More than just an economic resource, energy will be seen as a pillar of collective well-being and environmental balance. Through this common thread, Strasbourg will become a space for collective reflection on the challenges of energy, thanks to the mobilisation of a diversity of stakeholders, public institutions and citizens on the need for greater collaboration to guarantee a fair access to energy for all.

'This 26th edition will also focus on the issues of citizen involvement and social justice, which are essential if energy transition is to succeed' **Jeanne BARSEGHIAN** - Mayor of Strasbourg, **Pia IMBS** - President of the Eurométropole of Strasbourg, **Danielle DAMBACH** - Deputy President of the Eurométropole of Strasbourg.

Over the course of 3 days, 30 plenary sessions and conferences will provide a forum for sharing ideas and inspiration **on energy as a common good**, built around several themes that bring together local authorities, scientists and experts in ecological transition, economic stakeholders and associations for debates and meetings:

Competitiveness: The energy market and taxation – Society and economic competitiveness – Citizen concentration at European level,

History & governance: Energy governance: evolution or revolution? – The history and role of States in energy transition,

Cooperation and pooling: Cooperation at all levels – Towards pooling renewable energy platforms?

Energy equity: Defining energy needs – Access to energy for all (precariousness, inclusion),

Citizens & energy: The role of women in energy transition – The development of ‘energy communities’ and citizen involvement.

An unprecedented sequence planned at the European Parliament for the presentation of a petition

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After 2 days of exchanges and commitments in the European capital, the closing day, scheduled for Thursday 26 June, will take on a unique dimension with a plenary session and the official presentation of a petition in the European Parliament. This event will mark a key moment for the participants and stakeholders of the Conference.

Drawn up in advance by the City and Eurométropole of Strasbourg and their partners, this petition will present a series of concrete measures on crucial issues such as financing the energy transition and the involvement of young people. In particular, the petition will address the gradual reduction in European funds and allocations to the regions, which are undermining the implementation of ambitious local energy projects. Its unveiling in the Hemicycle, a symbol of democratic debate and European legislative decisions, will reinforce the impact of the proposals put forward.

A programme that is as close as possible to current events, and exchange formats that encourage co-construction and commitment beyond borders.

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More than 100 workshops designed in collaboration with European stakeholders committed to energy transition will explore local and European initiatives, feedback and innovative solutions. These sessions, led by associations and businesses, will provide an opportunity to discuss and reflect on the fundamental notion of energy as a common good.



The Transition Village, the heart of the event, will this year be showcasing innovation in mobility, housing, waste recycling and new sources of energy. Specific areas will be devoted to European funds, cross-border partnerships and the fight against energy poverty. To go further, delegates will be invited to discover sustainable energy initiatives implemented by the host region and its cross-border partners, through 10 field visits.

Lastly, a careers fair will be organised during the Conference to showcase the diversity of jobs in energy transition. Professionals with different levels of training will be there to present their jobs. The event will bring together people involved in training, career guidance and employment in Strasbourg, and will be aimed at students, jobseekers, and people undergoing retraining.

A host region at the heart of European and cross-border issues

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Pioneer in sustainable mobility since 1989, when it became one of the first European cities to promote sustainable transport policies, the Eurométropole of Strasbourg drew up its first climate plan in 2009. By declaring a state of climate emergency in 2020, the City and Eurométropole of Strasbourg placed energy transition at the heart of the development of its public policies and set the objective of becoming a '100% renewable energy, carbon neutral and resilient territory by 2050'. This trajectory, now enshrined in all local public policies, makes Strasbourg a model of territorial governance in terms of energy transition.



THE EUROPEAN CONFERENCE ON ENERGY TRANSITION : 26 YEARS OF INNOVATION BY LOCAL AND REGIONAL AUTHORITIES AND THEIR PARTNERS

Launched in 1999 by the Urban Community of Dunkirk, together with the French Environment and Energy Management Agency (ADEME), then co-organised by the Métropole of Bordeaux and Greater Geneva, and joined by the City and Eurometropole of Strasbourg (2025) and the Métropole of Dijon (2026), the European Conference on Energy Transition celebrated its 25th anniversary in 2024. From the outset, the Conference was intended to be a laboratory of ideas and a hub of experience, and today it is an accelerator of inspiration for any region committed to energy transition. Industrial ecology, sobriety, resilience, new modes of governance, transport, urban planning, agriculture, new technologies, new forms of solidarity and cooperation... Organised in the wake of key government events - in particular the UN Climate Summits (COP) - the Conference is an opportunity for local governments and stakeholders to take collective ownership of the new national and international challenges, and above all to share successful experiences and practical solutions for implementing energy transition in their territories.

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