



Call for Contributions for the 27th Edition of the European Conference on Energy Transition

Palais des Congrès and Opéra de Dijon

Submit your contribution from
September 16th, until 6pm on November 4th 2025

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THE 27TH EDITION OF THE ASSISES IN A FEW FIGURES

The must-attend event for
stakeholders in energy
transition!

-  **3-day:** 23, 24 and 26 June 2026
-  **3,000** participants expected
-  **12** conferences and plenary sessions
-  **70** workshops
-  **Masterclasses for newly elected officials** 
-  **Workshops to develop your argument during opinion battles** 
-  **Dedicated time for networking and professional exchanges among colleagues** 
-  **12** site visits have already been confirmed

THE SPIRIT OF THE CONFERENCE

At the Assises there is a spirit of openness, both towards Europe and through the institutional partnership that has been built up over the years. Innovation, spontaneity and conviviality have built their reputation.



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Illustrations from the 26ème European Energy Transition Conference in Strasbourg

WHY TAKE PART?

This call for contributions
is for you!

- ✓ You are a player in energy transition within a local authority, a consulting firm, a company, a university, a financial organisation, an association, a NGO or a local energy agency.
- ✓ Come and play a key role in showcasing your actions, sharing your projects and debating your ideas at the workshops.
- ✓ Workshop formats tailored to your subject

WOULD YOU LIKE TO TAKE PART IN THE NEXT EDITION?

- ➔ Read the guide
- ➔ Prepare your contribution
- ➔ Submit your contribution before

**November 4th 2025
6pm**

**[Link to the
registration form](#)**

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Each year, the Jury receives
300 entries : 70 70 will be
chosen this year.

Be punchy, be bold !

HOW TO PREPARE YOUR CONTRIBUTION

Here are a few tips to ensure that
your contribution is selected by the
Jury and attracts delegates

✓ **This year, theme-based tracks will be introduced. We invite you to submit a contribution within one of the following themes :**

- Supporting change and shared culture of the energy transition
- Adaptation to climate change
- Buildings
- Renewable energies and district heating
- Financing the transition
- Fair transition
- Urban–rural links
- Mobility
- Energy transition and land-use planning
- Sufficiency / Low tech
- Energy transition & Smart Cities / AI

✓ **Choose the workshop format that best suits your subject:**

- Challenge format : spaces for co-creation
- Serious game format : Offbeat ways to learn and relax
- Serious game format : sharing experiences

✓ **The title: A descriptive title is good, a catchy title that reflects the content is even better.**

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✓ **Description of your workshop :**

- Make sure it is clear and precise: participants will come to your workshop to talk about this subject and not another one
- Explain what your workshop will bring to participants
- Specify the event you are organising and whether you would like to run your workshop in a language other than French
- Between 1,000 and 1,500 characters maximum



Your workshop is a moment for exchange, not an advertisement.

✓ **Quelques conseils :**

- Surprise us!
- Tell your story, the successes as well as the difficulties
- Come showcase collaborative projects
- Invite participants to share their own experiences on the subject

COMPLETE THE ONLINE FORM

Is your contribution ready? All you have to do is complete the online form

[**Link to the
registration form**](#)

Les informations suivantes vous seront demandées pour décrire votre atelier :

- ✓ Your contact details
- ✓ The desired format for your workshop
- ✓ The title of your workshop
- ✓ The main theme of your workshop, to be chosen from a suggested menu
- ✓ A description of your workshop in 1000 to 1500 characters maximum: content and facilitation
- ✓ Website explaining your proposal (if available)
- ✓ Would you like to present your workshop in a language other than French?
- ✓ The names of any organisations you would like to host or co-host your workshop

You can submit several contributions: complete one form for each contribution

THE DIFFERENT WORKSHOP FORMATS

The different formats are shown below.

Choose your format according to your subject and the objective of your workshop.

Workshop formats tailored to your subject :

- Spaces for co-creation
 - ➔ **Challenge workshops**
- Sharing experiences
 - ➔ **Solution workshops**
- Time to learn and relax
 - ➔ **Serious game workshops**

After analysing all the contributions, the jury may suggest a different workshop format to the one you had chosen.

Or how to make others
work to solve your
problem!

YOUR CHALLENGE WORKSHOP

Invite delegates to
work together to
develop possible
courses of action in
response to a
question you have.



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*Illustration of a Challenge workshop
Edition 2024 in Dunkerque*



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*Illustration of a Challenge workshop
2023 edition in Bordeaux*



Do you have a problem to solve, a challenge to overcome that is probably shared by other territories? Suggest a workshop where we can work in small groups to answer this question. The workshop includes a presentation of the challenge, group work and a time for feedback.

Examples of Challenge workshops organised during the last edition:

- ▶ Biomass: assessing the adequacy of current ambitions
- ▶ Developing a framework to guide the path toward industrial decarbonization
- ▶ Building renovation: challenges, resilience, and beyond

As a rough guide, your workshop should last about 1h30, with 1 or 2 speakers.

Practical details will be provided at a later date.

Come up with a workshop that will leave a lasting impression!

YOUR SERIOUS GAME WORKSHOP

If you want to raise awareness of a subject in a fun way, this workshop is for you! Board games, role-playing, quizzes, storytelling, theatre, one-man shows... give your imagination free rein and surprise delegates with some serious games.



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*Illustration of a Serious Game workshop
Edition 2024 in Dunkerque*



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*Illustration of a Serious Game workshop
Edition 2025 in Strasbourg*



In your workshop, you can raise awareness, inform participants or create a debate on a subject in a format that will energise your audience.

Examples of Serious Game workshops organised during the last edition:

- ▶ Discussions on the social acceptance of methanization and odors: do you have a sharp nose?
- ▶ The race for electricity: imagine France's electricity mix for 2050!
- ▶ Tasty food that respects health, the climate, and your wallet? It's possible!

As a rough guide, your workshop should last about 1 hour, with 1 or 2 speakers.

Practical details will be provided at a later date.

Good or bad: come and share your experiences!

YOUR SOLUTION WORKSHOP

Do you have a tried and tested a solution that could inspire delegates? In these workshops, the floor is given to project leaders who share the stages of construction and the results obtained.

Projects, initiatives, technologies, etc. We give the floor to those who are driving forward the energy transition.



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*Illustration of a Solution workshop
Edition 2024 in Dunkerque*



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*Illustration of a Solution workshop
Edition 2025 in Strasbourg*



Your workshop brings together a number of project leaders working on the same theme. These projects are being implemented and the results can be shared. To avoid a boring succession of power points, you have identified a facilitator who will ensure that the proceedings are participative and dynamic and facilitate exchanges between speakers and participants.

Examples of Solution workshops organised during the last edition:

- ▶ Public-private synergies to scale up high-performance renovation: dare to build bridges!
- ▶ Which pathways to make the next mandate a turning point for achieving the ecological transition?
- ▶ How to redirect cultural policies toward ecology: the Climate Class and the P.O.T.E.s of culture

As a rough guide, your workshop should last about 1 hour, with the number of speakers between 1 and 4.
Practical details will be provided at a later date.

2025

- 16 September : Launch of the call for contributions
(Preparing and submitting your contribution)
- **4 November at 6pm : call for contributions closes**
(Analysis and selection of contributions by all the co-organisers)

2026

- 20 to 27 January : candidates are informed whether or not they have been selected
- **17 February : deadline for confirming your participation by e-mail**
(Preparation of your final contribution, validation of speakers' participation and final submission)
- **17 March : deadline for submitting your final contribution**
(as it will appear in the conference programme)
(Preparing your workshop schedule with the speakers, finalising the delivery method and preparing any support materials you may need.)
- **31 March** : publication of the programme on the conference website
- **17 June : time to send your materials to the organisers**
- 23, 24 and 25 June 2026 : Welcome to Dijon for the 27ème Assises!

HOW DOES THE SELECTION PROCESS WORK?

- ✓ **The jury, made up of the co-organisers, will analyse your contribution according to the following criteria:**
 - Link with the identified themes
 - The link with current events
 - The European dimension
 - Respect for the chosen format and originality of the planned animation
 - The originality of the contribution (content)
 - The potential for replication in other areas
 - The diversity and profile of the speakers

- ✓ **Other terms and conditions :**
 - To encourage diversity among workshop leaders, a maximum of 2 contributions per organisation will be accepted.
 - Balance between the different workshop formats, as envisaged in the CAA.
 - Depending on the number and nature of the contributions received, the organisers may exceptionally propose a change of format and grouping of workshops if the subjects addressed are similar.

✓ **You are the PILOT in the preparation and running of your workshop! You commit to :**

- **Make sure you are present at the conference (videoconferencing will not be accepted for workshops). The organisers will cancel any workshop planned with one or more remote speakers.**
- Identify a single correspondent who will act as a link with the conference organisers
- Prepare and run your workshop on the big day
- Provide a description of your workshop to be included in the programme distributed to participants
- Respect the deadlines set by the organisers
- Use the European Energy Transition Conference graphic charter to develop your communication materials (a presentation template will be provided by the organisers).
- Send your presentation to the organisers by the end of June 2025
- Authorise the organisers to publish these materials on the Assises website and to transfer your image rights.

✓ **The organisers will ensure to :**

- Provide you with a space suited to the format of your presentation (videoconferencing system not provided)
- Promote your workshop by posting it on the Assises website
- Free registration for speakers on the day of the event. See website rates for other days. Speakers are responsible for their own travel and accommodation costs.

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