

PROGRAMME SCHEDULE

Monday, 2 November 2026

Workshops, short courses and field trips

Tuesday, 3 November 2026

08:45 - 10:25	GET Opening Ceremony - Welcome words from Axel Wenke, Director of New Energy & Business Development at Neptune Energy, GET26 Strategic committee chair - Keynote presentation From Ambition to Action: What It Takes to Accelerate the Energy Transition by Andreas Löschel, Professor of Environmental and Resource Economics at Ruhr-University Bochum Strategic Panel discussion: From Concept to Capital: Making Energy Transition Projects Happen Technical progress alone doesn't secure investment. This panel examines the commercial and policy levers that determine whether clean technology projects are investable and which ones reach FID. Drawing on perspectives from the policymakers, financiers, and project developers that have made it happen, the session will give cross-sector insight to how technical assurance fits into the wider bankability picture, and what investors and governments are really looking for.	
10:25 - 10:55	Coffee Break	
10:55 - 11:35	Hydrogen and Energy Storage conference Welcome and Opening Keynote "Salt Caverns for Energy Storage: From Established Design Principles to New Operational Demands" by Dirk Zapf, Leibniz Universität Hannover	
11:35 - 12:55	Energy Storage in Salt Caverns	
12:55 - 13:55	Lunch Break	
13:55 - 15:15	Dedicated Session: Hydrogen and Energy Storage Pilot Projects. Moderators: Karin de Borst, Shell, Tobias Rudolph, THGA Speakers: Christian Kosack, Uniper; Eddy Kuperus, Gasunie, Tom Bultreys, University of Gent	
15:15 - 15:35	Hydrogen and Energy Storage Poster Pitch Session	
15:35 - 16:20	Poster Session and Extended Coffee Break	
16:20 - 18:00	Hydrogen and Energy Storage Monitoring & integrity	Chemical and biological processes
18:00 - 20:00	Icebreaker Reception (Exhibition floor)	

Wednesday, 4 November 2026

08:45 - 10:05	Joint Dedicated Session Sharing the Subsurface: Co-location of Geothermal, CCS, Hydrogen Storage and Offshore Wind The energy transition is rapidly increasing demand for subsurface space. Geothermal heat and power (often with critical mineral extraction), CO2 storage, hydrogen and compressed-air storage, and offshore wind foundations are all competing for the same onshore and offshore domains — sometimes literally stacked above or beside one another. Co-location offers clear benefits: shared infrastructure, reduced surface footprint, and accelerated deployment. This dedicated session addresses potential synergies or conflicts including mechanical, thermal and hydraulic interference between neighbouring or overlapping projects; induced seismicity and pressure interaction; shared and discriminating monitoring strategies (geophysical, geodetic, geochemical); long-term integrity of wells and caprocks in multi-use settings; regulatory and liability frameworks across operators; and public acceptance where multiple developments concentrate in one region or community.	Dedicated Session: Hydrogen Infrastructure and Storage with Keynote presentation "Integrated Infrastructure Planning in Europe - EU Hydrogen grid and storage planning within the frame of the European Grids Package" by Mario Ragwitz and Keynote Presentation "To Store or Not to Store: Balancing the Benefits and Risks of Ammonia Storage in Salt Caverns" by Birgit Horvath, DEEP.KBB
10:05 - 10:35	Coffee Break	
10:35 - 11:35	Strategic Panel Discussion: Net Zero Industry Act: From Ambition to Deployment – Are Clean Technologies Scaling Fast Enough? The Net Zero Industry Act (NZIA) is moving from policy ambition to implementation, aiming to accelerate the deployment of strategic net-zero technologies across Europe. Despite differences between sectors such as CCS, hydrogen, geothermal, renewables and batteries, stakeholders face common challenges including permitting, financing, infrastructure, supply chains, cross-border coordination and public acceptance. This panel will explore whether Europe has the conditions needed to overcome these barriers and deliver industrial-scale deployment of net-zero technologies.	
11:35 - 12:55	Natural Hydrogen (part 1)	Energy Storage Overview, Risks and Regulations
12:55 - 13:55	Lunch Break	
13:55 - 15:15	Dedicated Session: Too Hot, Too Cold, or Just Right? Challenges for the Generation, Preservation and Production of Natural Hydrogen - part 1	
15:15 - 15:45	Coffee Break	
15:45 - 17:25	Hydrogen Eco Systems	
19:00 - 24:00	Conference Evening (Erlebnis-Zoo Hannover, Adenauerallee 1, 30175 Hannover, Germany)	

HYDROGEN & ENERGY STORAGE PROGRAMME SCHEDULE

Thursday, 5 November 2026

08:45 - 10:05	Dedicated Session: Too Hot, Too Cold, or Just Right? Challenges for the Generation, Preservation and Production of Natural Hydrogen - part 2
10:05 - 10:35	Coffee Break
10:35 - 11:35	Strategic Panel discussion: Stakeholder Engagement as a Catalyst for the Energy Transition This session will explore the critical role of stakeholder engagement in enabling energy transition technologies, including offshore wind, geothermal, CCS, hydrogen and critical raw materials. Drawing on real-world case studies, it will highlight practical lessons, cross-sector learnings, and strategies to build trust, accelerate deployment, and foster inclusive decision-making.
11:35 - 12:55	Natural Hydrogen (part 2)
12:55 - 13:55	Lunch Break
13:55 - 15:15	Dedicated Session: Hydrogen and Energy Storage Integrated Monitoring. Speakers: Benedikt Ahrens, THGA; Dirk Orlowsky, DMT Group
15:15 - 15:45	Coffee Break
15:45 - 17:25	Panel discussion and closing note

Friday, 6 November 2026

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