



# IEA Energy Innovation Forum 2026

Held in conjunction with the IEA Ministerial Meeting

## Agenda

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## Background

Promoting international cooperation on technology RD&D is a key area of IEA work ever since the 1970s as one of the means to enhance energy security, alongside other energy policy goals.

The [first IEA Energy Innovation Forum](#) was organised as part of the IEA's 50th Anniversary Ministerial meeting in February 2024 in response to an invitation to the IEA from G7 leaders at the 2023 Hiroshima Summit. It addressed the main challenges facing technologies moving from the innovation phase to early adoption, and how to bolster support for the developers and innovators on this journey. Topics for deep-dive discussions included embracing opportunities in emerging markets and developing economies; driving emissions abatement in industrial heat; leveraging best practices for large-scale demonstration programmes; and identifying priority actions for the IEA and the international community.

The 2024 IEA Energy Innovation Forum engaged 250 participants, including from 70 companies/start-ups, and 15 investors. Around 45 countries were represented, from 6 continents. [A photo exhibition of 50 Technologies that Changed Energy](#) was displayed at the margins of the Forum and the entire IEA 2024 Ministerial meeting.

The [second IEA Energy Innovation Forum](#), co-hosted by the IEA and the Government of Canada on 29 October 2025, convened more than 250 attendees from around the world, including policy makers, innovators from around 40 different start-ups, investors, researchers and other energy sector stakeholders from almost 30 countries. The event's primary objectives were to identify key opportunities and risks facing energy technology innovation, inform senior decision-makers about high-impact actions for prioritisation in the near term, and highlight the importance of international cooperation. The Forum was held the day prior to the G7 Energy and Environment Ministers' Meeting in Toronto, and its outcomes informed the G7 Ministerial discussions.

## 3<sup>rd</sup> Energy Innovation Forum at the IEA Ministerial

The 2026 Energy Innovation Forum will build on the success of the 2024 and 2025 editions by bringing together senior representatives from governments with senior executives from corporates and start-ups as well as investors to review recent advances in energy innovation and engage in deep-dive discussions on selected topics related to energy innovation policy and ecosystem development to accelerate innovation progress.

To inform deliberations at the 2026 IEA Energy Innovation Forum, the IEA is launching the next edition [The State of Energy Innovation](#) report in the run-up to the event.

<b>08:30</b>	<b>Welcome and keynote speeches</b>		
Room CC1 Plenary	<p>Moderator: <b>Akshat Rathi</b>, Senior Reporter, Bloomberg</p> <p><b>Welcome:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>H.E. Sophie Hermans</b>, Minister of Climate Policy and Green Growth, Deputy Prime Minister, The Netherlands</li> <li>• <b>Dr. Fatih Birol</b>, Executive Director, International Energy Agency</li> </ul> <p><b>Energy Innovation Forum Opening Video</b></p> <p><b>Fireside chat</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Kiki Lauwers</b>, CEO, Thorizon</li> <li>• <b>Aurore Belfrage</b>, Co-Founder, SusTechable</li> <li>• <b>Sorin Grama</b>, CEO, Transaera</li> </ul>		
<b>09:30</b>	<b>The State of Energy Innovation 2026</b>		
Room CC1 Plenary	<p>Moderator: <b>Akshat Rathi</b>, Senior Reporter, Bloomberg</p> <p><b>Video highlights from the IEA report “State of Energy Innovation 2026”</b></p> <p><b>High-level plenary panel</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>The Hon. Tim Hodgson</b>, Minister of Energy and Natural Resources, Canada</li> <li>• <b>H.E. Terje Lien Aasland</b>, Minister of Energy, Norway</li> <li>• <b>H.E. James Opiyo Wandayi</b>, Minister of Energy and Petroleum, Kenya</li> <li>• <b>Stephen Rowan</b>, Vice President, European Patent Office</li> </ul>		
<b>10:30</b>	<b>Networking break</b>		
<b>11:00</b>	<b>Three breakout sessions on the latest priorities</b>		
Roundtable format	<b>Technology innovation for resilient electricity grids</b>	<b>From here to gigawatts of fusion energy</b>	<b>Scaling up emerging sustainable fuel pathways</b>
	<i>Breakout room 1 (CC4)</i>	<i>Breakout room 2 (CC6)</i>	<i>Breakout room 3 (CC10)</i>
	<i>Listening room: OECD Auditorium</i>		
	<p>Moderator: <b>Julia Reinaud</b>, Senior Director, Breakthrough Energy</p> <p><b>H.E. Dan Jørgensen</b>, European Commissioner for Energy and Housing</p> <p><b>Elena Fjørtoft</b>, Head of Department, R&amp;D - Grid</p>	<p>Moderator: <b>Greg de Temmerman</b>, Director Deeptech and Spin-Off Excellence, Techleap</p> <p><b>Lee McDonough</b>, Director General, Net Zero, Nuclear and International at the Department for Energy Security and Net Zero, United Kingdom</p>	<p>Moderator: <b>Vaitea Cowan</b>, UK Lead, Fifty Years</p> <p><b>Shintaro Matsumoto</b>, Executive Director, NEDO, Japan</p> <p><b>Selda Gunsel</b>, CTO, Shell</p>

	<p>Infrastructure Onshore &amp; Offshore, Statnett</p> <p><b>Gerhard Salge</b>, CTO, Hitachi Energy</p> <p><b>Vera Silva</b>, Chief Strategy &amp; Technology Officer, GE Vernova</p> <p><b>Marc Spieler</b>, Senior Managing Director, NVIDIA</p> <p><b>Mart Duitemeijer</b>, Managing Director, Global Business Development, VEIR</p>	<p><b>Sara Moradi</b>, Deputy Head of Fusion Science, EUROfusion</p> <p><b>Satoshi Konishi</b>, CEO, Kyoto Fusioneering</p> <p><b>Rick Needham</b>, Chief Commercial Officer, Commonwealth Fusion Systems</p>	<p><b>Greta Drumstaite</b>, Head of Policy &amp; Advocacy, Raizen</p> <p><b>Marco Arcelli</b>, CEO, ACWA Power</p>
<b>13:00</b>	<b>Networking break</b>		
<b>13:30</b>	<b>Technology innovation and supply chains at the heart of national competitiveness strategies</b>		
Room CC9 Roundtable format	<p>Moderator: <b>Akshat Rathi</b>, Senior Reporter, Bloomberg</p> <p><b>Keynote:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>H.E. Teresa Ribera Rodríguez</b>, Executive Vice-President, Clean, Just and Competitive Transition, European Commission</li> </ul> <p><b>Lead speakers</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Shinichi Kihara</b>, Director-General for Energy and Environmental Policy, Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry, Japan</li> <li><b>The Hon. Stephen Jones</b>, Ambassador and Permanent Representative to the OECD, Australia</li> <li><b>Kjetel Digre</b>, CEO, Aker Solutions</li> </ul>		
<b>14:30</b>	<b>The IEA Ministerial Meeting Opening</b>		
<b>Room CC9</b>	<b>Transmission</b>		
<b>14:50</b>	<b>Networking break</b>		
<b>15:20</b>	<b>Progress with large-scale first-of-a-kind projects</b>		
Room CC9 Roundtable format	<p>Moderator: <b>Joanna Drake</b>, Deputy Director-General, Directorate-General for Research and Innovation, European Commission; Chair, Steering Committee, Mission Innovation</p> <p><b>Lead speakers</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Dorus Bakker</b>, CFO, Porthos</li> <li><b>Charlotte Roule</b>, Chief Executive Officer, Storengy</li> <li><b>Ola Hansén</b>, Public Affairs Director, Stegra</li> <li><b>Stephan Köhne</b>, Managing Partner, Hylron</li> </ul>		



<b>16h20</b>	<b>What to watch and where to act over the next 12 months</b>
Room CC9 Roundtable format	Moderator: <b>Akshat Rathi</b> , Senior Reporter, Bloomberg  <b>Lead speakers</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>H.E. Sara Aagesen Muñoz</b>, Third Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for the Ecological Transition and the Demographic Challenge, Spain</li><li>• <b>The Rt. Hon. Ed Miliband M.P.</b>, Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero, United Kingdom</li><li>• <b>H.E. Elisabeth Zehetner</b>, State Secretary for Energy, Startups and Tourism, Federal Ministry of Economy, Energy and Tourism, Austria</li><li>• <b>H.E. Ambassador André Correa do Lago</b>, COP 30 President</li></ul> Reporting: <b>Timur Gül</b> , Chief Energy Technology Officer, IEA  Tour de table
<b>17:45</b>	<b>Forum Close</b>
<b>18:00</b>	<b>Networking reception</b>
Salon du Parc	The reception at 18:00 is open to all Energy Innovation Forum participants and will finish around 19:30.
<b>19:30</b>	<b>Close</b>