

Energy Symposium 2025

Powering the Future –
Accelerating the Energy Transition

June 24th to 27th, 2025, Karlsruhe, Germany

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 Program Overview

Tuesday, 24 June 2025	
09:30 - 10:00	<i>Registration and Welcome Coffee</i>
10:00 - 10:20	Welcome and Opening Location: Aula, FTU
10:20 - 12:30	Session 1: From Electricity to Hydrogen to Power-to-X and Fusion Location: Aula, FTU
	Intermittent Renewables and Hydrogen Production in European Carbon-Neutral Energy Systems Patrick Jochem <i>German Aerospace Center (DLR)</i>
	Modularity: the game-changer for commercial scale e-Fuel production from Power-to-X/PtX Samantha Michaux <i>INERATEC GmbH</i>
	Hydrogen for the Energy Transition Daniel Banuti <i>Karlsruhe Institute of Technology (KIT)</i>
	Advancing the Frontiers of Fusion: Background, Breakthroughs, and Burning Ambitions Sophia Henneberg <i>Max Planck Institute for Plasma Physics (IPP)</i>
12:30 - 14:00	<i>Lunch break</i>
14:00 - 15:30	Session 2: Innovations for Energy Storage Location: Aula, FTU
	Storing Energy: The Different Roles of Storage Technologies in Energy Systems Analysis Theresa Klütz <i>Forschungszentrum Jülich (FZJ)</i>
	Harnessing Heat: Advancements in High-Temperature Thermal Energy Storage Annelies Vandersickel <i>German Aerospace Center (DLR)</i>
	Exploration of cathode materials for Li-S batteries Yan Lu <i>Helmholtz-Zentrum Berlin (HZB)</i>
15:30 - 16:00	<i>Coffee Break</i>
16:00 - 17:30	Session 3: Pathways to a Resilient Energy Future Location: Aula, FTU
	Rethinking Electricity Market Design: Lessons Learned and Future Needs Antonio Conejo <i>The Ohio State University</i>
	Planning the Net Zero Grid of 2050 Robert Cox <i>University of North Carolina at Charlotte</i>
	Power Hardware In the Loop: how experiments can accelerate the energy transition Giovanni De Carne <i>Karlsruhe Institute of Technology (KIT)</i>
18:00	<i>BBQ</i>
Wednesday, 25 June 2025	
09:00 - 12:00	Lab Tours and Site Visits 1 Location: Campus North, Campus South
12:00 - 13:30	<i>Lunch break</i>
14:00 - 16:00	Postersession and Get together Location: Pavilion and Foyer FTU
16:00 - 16:30	Greetings from Helmholtz Vice President Bernd Rech, KIT President Jan Hesthaven Location: Aula, FTU
16:30 - 17:30	Presentation of the Heinrich Hertz Award Location: Aula, FTU
17:30 - 18:30	Science Slam Location: Aula, FTU
19:00 - 23:00	<i>Conference Dinner</i>

Thursday, 26 June 2025

09:00 - 10:30	Session 4: Advanced Materials and Circular Processes Location: Aula, FTU	
	Material Bottlenecks of the Energy Transition – Exemplary Case Studies from a Systems Perspective Heidi Heinrichs <i>Forschungszentrum Jülich (FZJ)</i>	
	The Role of Information and Energy for Closing Material Cycles Karl Gerald van den Boogaart <i>Helmholtz-Zentrum Dresden-Rossendorf (HZDR)</i>	
	A hybrid workflow to discover optimized materials and processes for the energy transition Christoph J. Brabec <i>Forschungszentrum Jülich (FZJ)</i>	
10:30 - 11:00	<i>Coffee Break</i>	
11:00 - 12:30	Session 5: Energy Economics and Perspectives Location: Aula, FTU	
	Flexibility in the electricity system – surplus or bottleneck? Wolf Fichtner <i>Karlsruhe Institute of Technology (KIT)</i>	
	Energy Innovations N.N.	
	Energy System Transformation N.N.	
12:30 - 12:40	Closing of the presentation part	
12:40 - 14:00	<i>Lunch, Get-together</i>	
14:00 - 16:00	Lab Tours and Site Visits 2 Location: Campus North, Campus South, Campus East	Open Space Location: Pavilion, FTU
16:15 - 17:45	Science-Policy Dialogue: insights from scientists and politicians	

Friday, 27 June 2025

Helmholtz Energy Workshops for Young Scientists

09:00 - 10:30	Women at Helmholtz Energy Breakfast and Networking event <i>Helmholtz Energy Office</i> Location: Pavillion, FTU	Good Leadership in Teams - First Aid for Getting Started <i>Britta Hoffmann</i> Location: Room 164, FTU	Career Compass: Where You Are and Where You Want to Go <i>Patrizia Köhler, Katrin Hess</i> Location: Aula, FTU
10:30 - 11:00	<i>Coffee break</i>		
11:00 - 12:30	Clear Communication <i>Simone McInturff</i> Location: Room 163, FTU	Ideas on Demand. Strategies for Creative Problem-Solving <i>Stefan Götze</i> Location: Room 164, FTU	Deep Dive into Your Network: Analyze, Reflect and Strengthen Your Career Connections <i>Patrizia Köhler, Katrin Hess</i> Location: Aula, FTU
12:30 - 13:30	<i>Lunch break</i>		
13:30 - 15:00	How to Network and Make Valuable Connections <i>Simone McInturff</i> Location: Room 163, FTU	Your Personal AI-SSISTANT has arrived: Using Generative AI as a Professional Tool in <i>Stefan Götze</i> Location: Room 164, FTU	Leading with Responsibility - First Aid for Getting Started <i>Michael Stolle</i> Location: Aula, FTU
15:00	End		