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OPEN ENERGIES AND EXPOBIOGAZ 2026: TWO EVENTS AT THE CENTRE OF TODAY'S ENERGY WORLD

Following the recent publication of the PPE3 multi-year energy plan setting out France's guidelines for energy production and the energy mix in the coming years, the **Open Energies and Expobiogaz** events were both keenly anticipated by the sector's stakeholders.

Nearly 6,000 professionals came together in Lyon to support the deployment of decentralised renewable energy at a key turning point for the industry. This turnout is testament to the robustness of energy ecosystems that are now mature and competitive, but also to their essential role in building an energy system that is less dependent on fossil fuels and provides greater energy sovereignty.



"Today's energy transition is no longer taking place sector by sector, but across the energy system as a whole. Bringing Open Energies and Expobiogaz together made it possible to focus the expertise of both shows on the big questions we now face: producing low-carbon energy, but also being able to control it, store it and integrate it with different energy uses and needs."

RAPHAËL GOERENS, EXHIBITION DIRECTOR

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Open Energies 2026: another edition that confirmed the dynamism of the energy sector

The second edition of Open Energies brought 3,200 professionals together on 10 and 11 March 2026 to meet 90 exhibitors and brands focused on smart energy systems. In a context marked by both the publication of France's PPE3 multi-year energy plan and continuing pressures on international energy markets, the show confirmed a profound transformation of the sector: as renewable energy expands and energy uses become increasingly electrified, the challenges of energy management, network integration and flexibility grow more and more important in order to guarantee the balance, resilience and sovereignty of the power system.

KEY FIGURES

- **1,200+** attendees at conference sessions
- **26** round-table discussions and workshops
- **65** speakers
- **12** institutional partners



Visitors: renewable energy installers, developers and project managers

The 2026 edition of Open Energies attracted **professionals from varied backgrounds**. This diversity reflects the rapid transformation of the sector, with the boundaries between energy production, consumption and management blurring in a shift towards a more integrated approach to energy systems.

Project managers visited the show in large numbers, looking for concrete solutions to support the deployment of renewable energy and uses of electricity in the regions. Open Energies offered them **an ideal setting for exploring technological innovations, forging new partnerships and moving their projects forward**.

Representing another major visitor category, **developers** came to the show to find an **exclusive forum for meeting industrial companies, identifying new technical solutions and anticipating the regulatory and market developments** that will shape the deployment of energy infrastructure.

On the implementation side, **installers** once again confirmed their central role in the mass adoption of energy solutions. They were able to explore the **latest innovations, speak to their manufacturing partners and share with the whole industry the technical, operational and training issues** that accompany the growth of renewable energy and the electrification of energy uses.

This level of interest confirms that the energy transition has entered an operational phase: as well as generating renewable energy, stakeholders are now seeking to overcome the challenges of **network integration, energy flow management and flexibility**, which have become essential to secure the energy system and accelerate decarbonisation.

"The show is a key opportunity for discussion with our whole ecosystem. We meet our customers, of course, but also our distributors, who help us make contact with new people. It's also a chance to talk to other solar PV players and develop cooperative arrangements."

TCL Sunpower – STEVEN BEAUFRERE, Country Manager and Sales Director France

An industry in action: the whole value chain represented

Open Energies 2026 confirmed the show's unique position by bringing together the **whole smart energy systems value chain**. Manufacturers of solar PV equipment, suppliers of storage solutions, electric mobility stakeholders, digital companies, integrators and smart building specialists were all in attendance to present their innovations.

This diversity of expertise illustrates the sector's evolution towards **increasingly interconnected energy systems**, where renewable energy production, storage, digital control and new uses of electricity are now operating in a coordinated way.



By bringing these different technology components and complementary stakeholders together, Open Energies promotes the cooperation that will be essential to accelerate the energy transition and meet the decarbonisation targets set for 2030 and 2050.

"Open Energies is a chance to discover all the diversity of the solutions offered by the exhibitors and create connections between the different links in the value chain, which don't always come together within a single project. The goal is of course to meet our members, but also to raise awareness about various issues among solar stakeholders."

AURA DIGITAL SOLAIRE – BILLAL MEDJOU, Executive Officer

Conference sessions, sector-specific events and demonstrations: content focused on core flexibility issues

As well as the exhibition space, Open Energies 2026 offered a programme of conference sessions and professional gatherings in line with the PPE and European energy sovereignty priorities.

A highlight of this year's show, **the first Flexibility and Renewable Energy Meeting organised by the Syndicat des Energies Renouvelables (SER)** attracted over 300 participants to examine a central question for the future of the energy system: how can renewable energy be integrated on a massive scale while guaranteeing network stability and security of supply? The discussions highlighted the key tools – **energy storage, demand management and flexibility mechanisms** – that have become essential in transforming the variability of renewables into an asset for the energy system.

Another special feature of the exhibition, the European Solar Games put solar installers in the spotlight. The teams faced each other over two days in a technical competition involving installing solar panels under real-life conditions. They were assessed on installation quality, safety and speed. **In the final between R Green Energy and O2 Toit, the R Green Energy team secured the title of Champion of the European Solar Games France and the golden clip award.** ■



Expobiogaz 2026 confirms the momentum in the renewable gas sector

A safe bet! Returning to Lyon, Expobiogaz – the only trade show in France dedicated solely to renewable gas – assembled over 2,500 professionals from across the sector. This latest edition, organised at the heart of a particularly dynamic region for anaerobic digestion, confirmed the growing interest in biomethane among farmers and local authorities. Project managers, farmers, manufacturers and local authorities all came to discuss the sector's development prospects and the conditions required to accelerate its deployment.

"Expobiogaz is an essential forum for the whole renewable gas sector. It's an opportunity for everyone involved to come together, share their experience and make collective progress on the projects that will accelerate biomethane development."

BASTIEN PRAZ, AURA/PACA biomethane development manager – GRDF

"The renewable gas sector has ambitious prospects ahead of it. At NaTran, we are working hard to support this momentum alongside industry players. That's why we were delighted to take part in Expobiogaz 2026, and we'll see you at the next edition."

NATHALIE CLOATRE, producer market manager – NaTran

KEY FIGURES

- 130 exhibitors and brands
- Over 2,500 professionals in attendance
- 30% of visitors from AuRA
- Over 1,000 attendees at conference sessions



As always, professional visitors came from across the sector

Expobiogaz 2026 welcomed professional visitors from all over France and from several European countries. They came to find information about market developments, discover technological innovations and identify partners for their projects. As in previous editions, the show attracted an audience of farmers, project managers, design offices, local authorities, manufacturers and experts in the sector covering all types of projects: agricultural (private or local authority), industrial, treatment plant sludge, waste (household and biowaste).



A range of exhibitors covering the whole sector

Expobiogaz 2026 once again attracted exhibitors representing the whole biogas value chain, illustrating the sector's richness and organisation. Producers, technology suppliers, energy specialists, engineering firms and equipment manufacturers were all in attendance to present their solutions and innovations. This diversity of stakeholders enabled visitors to discover the technology components necessary to develop biogas, biomethane and bioCNG and discuss concrete projects to further the energy transition.

→ [2026 exhibitor list](#)

Conference sessions and workshops popular with visitors

With a programme rich in conference sessions, workshops and demonstrations, Expobiogaz provided opportunities to address the sector's major challenges and the growth prospects of renewable gas. The Conference Space, the editorial heart of the show, staged over a dozen presentations across the two days on key subjects such as biomethane production, network injection, emerging technologies, recovering biogenic CO₂, regulatory developments and funding models.



Hosted by Biogaz Vallée® on the first day and ATEE's Club Biogaz on the second, the sessions were a big hit with visitors, attracting large audiences and inspiring fruitful discussions between experts and professionals. The Exhibitors' Forum and the Agricultural Village also contributed to the show's dynamism, offering concrete, operational formats rooted in reality on the ground. In all, over 1,000 visitors attended the show's conference sessions and events, confirming the industry's interest in these opportunities for discussion and the relevance of an editorial programme dedicated to the sector's strategic priorities. ■

ABOUT THE JOINT ORGANISER

Association Technique Énergie Environnement (ATEE)

ATEE, the Energy and Environment Technical Association, is a not-for-profit body founded in 1978 to promote energy management from a technical standpoint. Committed to advancing energy management and reducing greenhouse gas emissions, the association aims to encourage more effective energy management among businesses and local authorities. More generally, it helps to make energy users more aware of how they can save and manage energy, contributing to the national objective of reducing greenhouse gases while improving their own profitability. At present the association has 2500 members.

ATEE's Club Biogaz

Created in 1999, ATEE's Club Biogaz promotes the growth and development of biogas production and use. Working with the public authorities, it defines itself as the inter-professional association for biogas in France. Club Biogaz brings together the main French players involved in biogas (over 300 organisations) and encourages its members to pool their experience and skills.