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SPE EUROPE ENERGY CONFERENCE AND EXHIBITION

**Innovating Together: Solutions, People, and Energy
for a Responsible Transition**

10–12 June 2025

Vienna, Austria

Post Event Report

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Conference Highlights



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“ Our conference theme, **“Innovating Together: Solutions, People, and Energy for a Responsible Transition,”** underscores the critical importance of collaboration in addressing the energy challenges of our time. We invited energy companies from around the world to join us in this endeavour, bringing their expertise, innovation, and commitment to sustainable practices. ”



Reinhard Oswald
SVP Tech Center, Energy,
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SPE Conference and Executive Committee Chair

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Conference summary

SPE Europe Energy Conference and Exhibition took place on 10–12 June 2025 in Vienna, Austria. We were honoured to be joined by our Host Organisation, OMV and focus on this year's theme, "Innovating Together: Solutions, People, and Energy for a Responsible Transition" reflects our collective responsibility and opportunity to influence the trajectory of our field. We came together to share knowledge, foster collaboration, and drive innovation within the industry.

We welcomed 500+ unique attendees, 188 companies and 39 countries this year and it was an opportunity for global operators, contractors, service companies, academia, industry professionals and technology providers to unite. It served as a platform to enhance training and knowledge management, showcase industry achievements, and attract young talent to our industry.

We also had the privilege of welcoming 40 enthusiastic high school students from across Europe to attend the SPE Young Student Programme. And finally, we were honoured to be joined by our 5 sponsors; OMV, Aramco, Shell, Resman and RomGaz and 14 exhibitors.

A huge thank you to everyone in the SPE team for their hard work and dedication in making the 2nd SPE Europe Energy Conference & Exhibition a success! This was a true multi-office effort, and it wouldn't have been possible without the collaboration between our colleagues in London, Dubai, and the US. From managing time zones to focusing on solutions and adapting to new models and regions, made a real impact.

We've received great feedback from committees, speakers, exhibitors, sponsors and our host, and we are so proud!



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REGISTRATION



500+

Unique Attendees



39

Countries



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Companies

PROGRAMME



9

Panel Sessions



24

Technical Sessions



122

Number of Presented Abstracts

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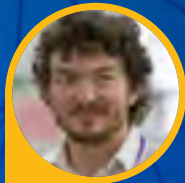
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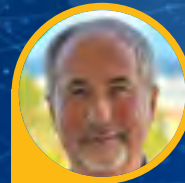
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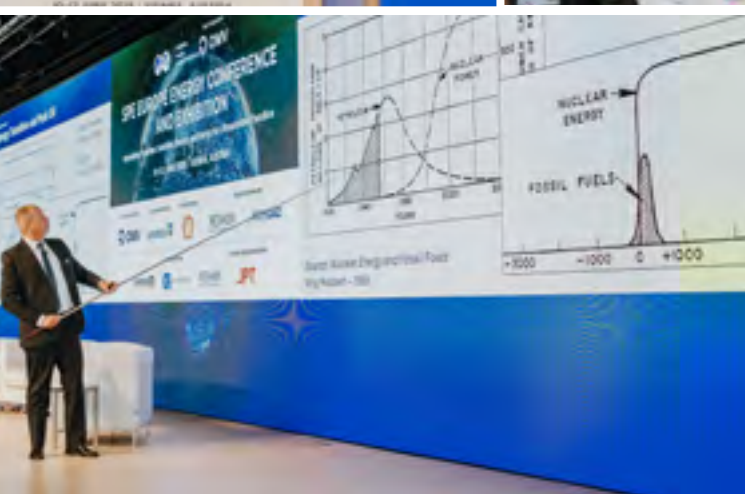
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Panel Session 1: CCUS: Transforming Emissions into Opportunities

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Panel Session 2: Talent Pipeline: Integrating Education, Diversity, and Industry Needs for the Transition

Moderator

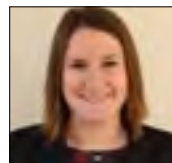


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Panel Session 3: The European Geothermal Perspective – Challenges, Opportunities and Solutions

Moderator



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Panel Session 4: Energy Investments for a Responsible Transition

Moderator



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Panel Session 5: From Subsurface to Surface: Accelerating Energy Sector with Innovative Technologies

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Panel Session 6: Hydrogen: Current state, technologies and applications

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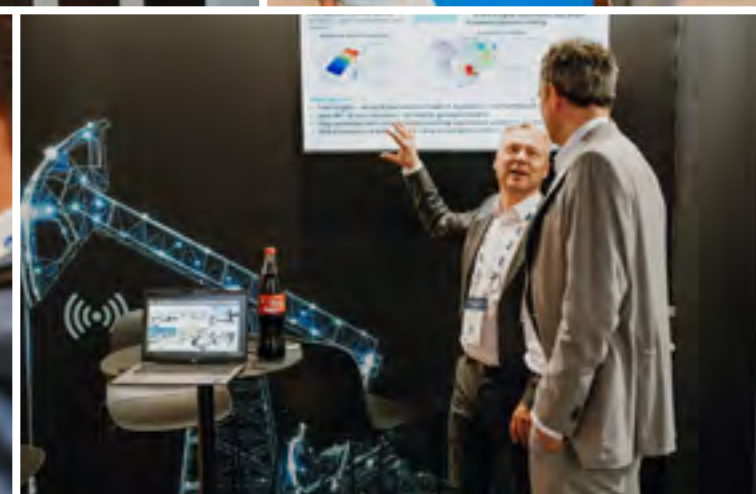
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Panel Session 7: Underground Storage: A Key Component of Europe's Energy Strategy

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Tim Davies
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Panel Session 8: The Intersection of AI, Data, and Energy: Challenges, Opportunities, and the Future of Our Data

Moderator



Pejman Shoeibi Omrani
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Panelists



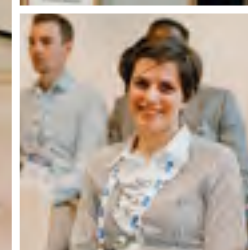
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SPE Conference Dinner – A Night to Remember!

GARTENPALAIS LIECHTENSTEIN | GARDEN PALACE

On Tuesday 10 June 2025, during the SPE Europe Energy Conference and Exhibition, over 140 delegates gathered for an unforgettable evening at the stunning Garden Palace Liechtenstein in Vienna. The dinner was a huge success – full of great conversations, cultural flair, and celebratory vibes.

Set in one of Vienna's most iconic venues, the Garden Palace brings with it a rich history and breathtaking surroundings, it was the perfect backdrop for networking, laughter, and a few memorable selfies.

Thanks to everyone who joined us – it was truly a special evening!



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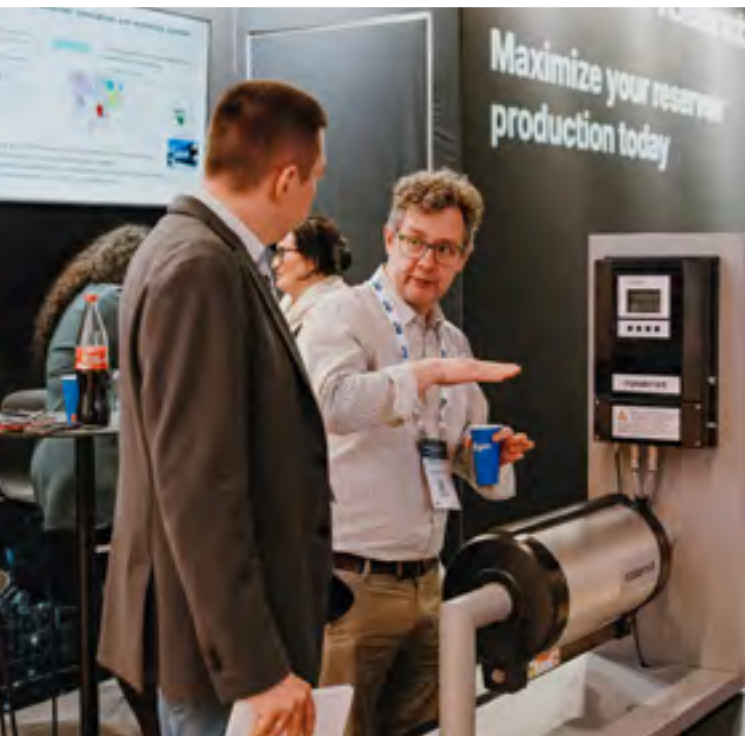
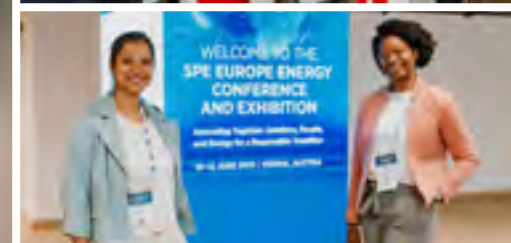


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Student Development Summit

The SPE Europe Student Development Programme, held during the SPE Europe Energy Conference in Vienna, Austria from 10–12 June 2025, was a resounding success. The programme drew 40 enthusiastic students and young professionals from across Europe. On the first day, participants took part in an engaging team-based challenge titled “You Are the CEO”. They were divided into groups and tasked with solving complex business scenarios, culminating in presentations before a panel of judges. The competition was intense, with the judges noting the high calibre of ideas and delivery. The winning team was rewarded with tickets to the conference dinner.

Day two featured the highly anticipated SPE Europe Student Paper Contest, with participants competing in the undergraduate, master’s, and PhD categories. The quality of the research and presentations was exceptional, and the judges carefully selected winners in each category. The final day concluded with a visit to the OMV Innovation Centre – a field trip that was so popular it exceeded capacity, reflecting the strong interest and enthusiasm among the students.



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SPE Exclusive Field Trips

We were delighted to host 2 Field Trips on Friday 13 June 2025 alongside our Host Organisation, OMV.

Innovation & Technology Center (ITC) & TECH Center Lab (TCL) & OMV Austria Operations (Polymer Injection)

We welcomed 11 attendees to explore cutting-edge energy technologies and innovative polymer injection techniques at OMV's facilities in Gänserndorf, Austria. The Innovation and Technology Centre showcased OMV's outstanding technologies developed in the Weinviertel region.

The field trip commenced with a tour around the ITC and attendees had the chance to explore OMV's showcase of technologies and innovation in the area of upstream activities, corrosion and produced water. The group also had an option to visit the smart oil recovery plant.

Find out more

- > Innovation & Technology Center | OMV.com
- > TECH Center Lab | OMV.com

Aspern – First deep Geothermal project in Vienna & Green Hydrogen Production Site

We hosted 15 delegates who attended and had the opportunity to discover Vienna's pioneering deep geothermal energy project in Aspern, located close to the extensive Seestadt urban development area. This is the first project to be designed to provide climate-neutral district heating for up to 20,000 households by 2028.

There is also a visitor's centre for the general public to tour and is located next to the wellsite and gives comprehensive background information to geothermal energy, the first deep geothermal project and future plans, local geology and drilling technology.

In addition, our experts took the time to address questions about project specifics, and discussions during the field trip.

Find out more

- > Aspern – First deep Geothermal project in Vienna
- > Green Hydrogen Production Site





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