

FORUM ENERGAIA 2024 CONFIRMS THE OUSTANDING VITALITY OF RENEWABLE ENERGY MARKET PLAYERS

Attendance rises by 32%, hitting a new high

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The 18th edition of Forum EnerGaia, held on 11 and 12 December 2024 at Montpellier Exhibition Centre, saw 22,000 participants pass through its doors. This attendance set a new record, up 32% on last year, and in line with the increase in exhibitor numbers which have doubled in the past three years, confirming the outstanding vitality of energy transition market players. Over the years, Forum EnerGaia has cemented its status as the highly anticipated and federating end-of-year tradeshow for the industry.

This year, the Forum also stood out for its distinctly international outlook, with around 100 exhibitors from outside France and a substantial increase in foreign visitor attendance. AD'OCC, the Occitanie region's economic development agency and partner of EnerGaia, mobilised and accompanied more than 60 international renewable energy sector decision makers from seven European and African countries (among which Morocco, Denmark, the UK and Germany).

By bringing together all the players in the vast renewables ecosystem, from production to applications and including all the associated services on key markets: energy, building, agriculture, industry and mobility, EnerGaia played its role of business crossroads to the full. The show provides developers and decision makers from the public and private sectors with tangible and cross-disciplinary responses for the deployment of their project.

EnerGaia is also a platform for exchange and debate to accelerate the energy transition underway and illustrated every year with increasing intensity. A particularly comprehensive live content programme was laid on over the two days, with more than 120 round tables, exhibitor and partner pitches, along with personal accounts and feedback from experience. Among the headline themes at this edition, the topic of employment and training, addressed by the opening round table, drew more than 200 spectators. The zero carbon city of the future and its integration in regional deployment policies was also examined through themes that included community self-consumption, solar heat and geothermal power. By offering an extensive programme of talks, Forum EnerGaia pursues the ambition of shedding light on the challenges and means of deploying renewable energy.

Caroline Gignon, exhibition director of Forum EnerGaia, said: "The increase in the number of participants at Forum EnerGaia bears testament to the show's continuing status as the must-visit gathering for renewable energy professionals. With our partners, we are particularly pleased and proud of the vitality and momentum that have been in evidence over these two days. The show reflects the plurality of the sector, and places itself at the heart of the issues as a catalyst to accelerate the transformation towards a resilient, sober and sovereign energy model."

The winners of the 1st Innovation Awards

Among the new development this year was the launch of the Innovation Awards (Trophées de l'Innovation), aiming to shine a light on technical innovations and breakthroughs in response to the major energy transition challenges of our time. Four awards were presented in four original and cross-disciplinary categories:

- **Deployability Award: FEEDGY for its agrivoltaic modules**

A French specialist in the optimisation of PV solar plants, FEEDGY offers a patented module specifically aimed at agrivoltaics.

- **International Award: FHE GROUP for Inelio®**

Inelio® technology constitutes a major breakthrough in the production of heat energy and cooling.

- **Circularity Award: THEVEN ENERGY for Ecologène®**

ECOLOGENE® offers self-standing solar power generators that can be installed on site or used on the go, as an alternative to conventional gen sets.

- **Ecosystem Award: SERENYSUN for Notre énergie La Soie**

Notre énergie La Soie is the largest renewable energy community in the Greater Lyon region, located in Vaulx-en-Velin.

- **Occitanie Regional Authority, the sponsor of Forum EnerGaïa, also awarded its 'judges' pick' award to SWEEN for its Linky TeeKY by Pilotic radio emitter.**

TeeKY by Pilotic is an innovative tool for energy data and smart grid management.

Further details on the shortlisted innovations can be found on the EnerGaïa website:

<https://www.energaia.fr/en/visit/innovation-awards-nominees/>

A charity fundraiser to help combat fuel poverty

This edition was also marked by the kick-off of the EnerGaïa 2024 'Grand Challenge Solidaire' organised by Energie Solidaire, and with the support of the Occitanie Regional Authority.

Designed to combat fuel poverty, which affects two million people in France and more than 14% of households in the Occitanie region, this initiative aimed to mobilise exhibitors, partners and visitors to raise funds and support the [Énergie Solidaire Occitanie](#) programme. Following its launch in 2023, the scheme has already helped support more than 100 households suffering from fuel poverty in their home renovation projects, thereby improving their living conditions.

Over the two days of the Forum, 82,000 euros were collected in aid of Energie Solidaire. The fund remains open to donations up until 31 December 2024.

The winners of the 2024 call for expressions of interest were announced during the results of the Grand Challenge Solidaire. Five new projects were supported in 2024:

- Terre de liens Midi Pyrénées for the renovation of the Rieucros farm in Aveyron
- Soliha Méditerranée for the creation of a dedicated fund aimed at supporting the most disadvantaged households in their energy renovation and heavy building projects (Gard)
- Service d'entraide Protestant (SEP) for 'Eco'loge Toit' which aims to support citizens in adopting environmentally friendly behaviours and practices (Gard)
- The Ecorce nonprofit for the 'chaud devant' project aiming to reduce the energy bills of disadvantaged households through tailored advice and awareness initiatives (Ariège)
- Territoire Zéro exclusion Énergétique, Carcassonne (Aude)

Next edition in 2025

Forum EnerGaïa invites all its participants to return for its 2025 edition, to be held on 10 and 11 December 2025 at Montpellier Exhibition Centre.

More information on the
[EnerGaïa official website](#)

About Forum EnerGaïa

An annual event with nationwide and international reach dedicated to renewable energy industry professionals, Forum EnerGaïa has been accompanying all the sector's stakeholders for 18 years. Initiated by the Occitanie/Pyrénées-Méditerranée Regional Authority, Forum EnerGaïa is today a showcase for the actions the authority is taking to promote the energy transition and achieve its objective of becoming the first positive energy region in Europe. SPL Occitanie Events, the organiser of Forum EnerGaïa, is committed to an eco-responsible approach. It has been ISO 20121 certified by AFNOR since January 2021 for all its activities.

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