

EnerGaïa 2025: collective intelligence and innovation, drivers of the energy transition

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For its 19th edition, Forum EnerGaïa, held on 10 and 11 December 2025 at Montpellier Exhibition Centre, once again confirmed its position as a leading industry event for renewable energy. A true bellwether for the sector in France, the Forum has established itself as the headlining end-of-year event. With 22,600 professionals attending over two days, the event reflects the growing interest in energy transition, as the Government presented its long-awaited draft National Low Carbon Strategy (SNBC 3) last Friday.

With more than 560 exhibitors, 22,600 participants, 120 round tables, talks and exhibitor pitches, and the addition of two extra halls (seven in total), the 2025 edition illustrates how Forum EnerGaïa continues to gather momentum. By bringing together all public and private players involved in the renewable energy ecosystem, the exhibition enables developers and decision-makers to share their experiences, identify tangible solutions and move forward with operational, cross-cutting responses tailored to the challenges on the ground.

Speaking as she inaugurated the 2025 edition, Carole Delga reaffirmed the Occitanie Regional Authority's ambitious goal of becoming Europe's first energy-positive region by 2050. This objective entails tripling renewable energy production, halving per capita energy consumption and ensuring 100% of demand is covered through local, carbon-free production. The Regional Authority Chairwoman emphasised that this is not just a technological trajectory, but a genuine social project: "We must all be mobilised for this absolutely essential transition. It is through science and progress that



we can respond to current challenges and build a new model of development: sustainable production, sustainable growth and a better distribution of the wealth created."

The central theme of this edition was the acceptability of renewable energy projects in communities, a particularly strategic issue in the run-up to the 2026 municipal elections in France. This theme was the focus of the opening plenary session and fuelled all the round tables, recalling the importance of local dialogue and co-construction in accelerating the energy transition.

Winners of the second edition of EnerGaïa Innovation Awards



The **EnerGaïa Innovation Awards** were repeated in 2025 to pay tribute to new developments and technical advances in response to the major challenges of the energy transition. Five prizes were awarded:

- **International Award:** Héliorec for **W300A**, a floating solar power system suitable for coastal areas, designed to withstand high waves and strong winds.
- **Deployability Award:** Celsius Energy for its patented **inclined geothermal probe** technology, making geothermal energy accessible both urban and rural areas.
- **Ecosystem Award:** Valorem for the co-development of the very first **community wind farm in Charente-Maritime**, located in Andilly-les-Marais, alongside the municipality, COOPEC Aunis Atlantique and TERRA ENERGIES.
- **Circularity Award:** Voltec Solar for **Tarka Diamant**, a tempered, antimony-free solar glass designed for photovoltaic modules exposed to severe hail.
- **Occitanie Regional Authority**, the sponsor of Forum EnerGaïa, also presented its **Special Award to SNEF for the Boat to Grid concept**, developed in collaboration with Littoral Énergies Partagées. The project seeks to transform marinas into energy hubs.

Full details of the winners on the EnerGaïa website:

<https://www.energaia.fr/en/visit/the-winners-of-the-2024-innovation-awards/>

Stepping up mobilisation against fuel poverty

For the second consecutive year, the Forum EnerGaïa hosted the **Grand Challenge Solidaire**, organised with **Énergie Solidaire Occitanie** and supported by the Occitanie Regional Authority. This fundraising campaign, aimed at financing community energy renovation projects, broke a new record with more than **€100,000 in pledges**, far exceeding the €82,300 raised in 2024.

In three years, the Énergie Solidaire Occitanie programme has already raised **€400,000**, supported **11 charities** and come to the aid of **more than 400 households** experiencing fuel poverty. This is essential work, given that fuel poverty affects **one in five French people** and **more than 15% of households in Occitanie**.

The 2025 edition also provided an opportunity to announce the three winners of the call for expressions of interest:

- **Quatorze**: experimentation with temporary housing renovated using bio-based and reused materials to provide decent housing for families awaiting permanent accommodation.
- **Bâtir Vivant**: the *Rénova-Terre* project for bio-based energy self-renovation through charitable projects, complemented by the creation of shared housing to tackle the isolation of elderly people.
- **Gefosat**: 'Yes she can' project to empower women by enabling them to carry out repairs or small energy/water saving improvements in their homes.

With the Grand Challenge Solidaire and the Region's renewed commitment, Forum EnerGaïa confirms its determination to **advance the energy transition** by mobilising the entire sector around a common goal.

About Forum EnerGaïa

Organised by SPL Occitanie Events, the holder of ISO 20121 certification from AFNOR, and initiated by Occitanie Regional Authority, Forum EnerGaïa espouses a **proactive eco-responsibility policy**. It has been accompanying renewable energy professionals for 19 years by bringing together all industry stakeholders: businesses, local government, decision makers, manufacturers, researchers and innovators.

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