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**EGGC 2016**  
**European Geothermal Congress**

A unique opportunity for the entire geothermal community to come together and to learn, finding new ways to progress.

## Geothermal Energy: in focus, in Europe

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Strasbourg, this truly European city in the plains of the Rhine Graben, will provide the background for the next European Geothermal Congress, EGC 2016. After the highly successful EGC 2013 in Pisa, it is time to convene again and to take stock of the current deployment of geothermal energy in Europe, of the knowledge and experience gathered, of the potential still to unlock. EGC 2016 also will provide a stage to present and discuss new developments in science, technology, industry, and policy of geothermal energy on our continent.

The venue is in central Europe, located in one of the premier geothermal features in Europe outside volcanic areas, the Upper Rhine Graben. Spas famous since ancient times line the Eastern and Western faults of the Graben, with world famous Baden-Baden (the Roman “Aquae Aureliae”) just 60 km Northeast of Strasbourg.

The geothermal anomaly and hot waters in the Graben sediments are the basis of numerous geothermal plants, including the first operational EGS plants in Europe. Geothermal energy is used in this region for power, heat, and cold, in plants both deep and shallow. There are also areas in the Upper Rhine Graben where we have seen scepticism, poor public perception and even opposition to geothermal energy; public acceptance of geothermal projects will play a vital role for the future of the sector, and this is an excellent place to learn

Strasbourg is also not far from the areas of early geophysical well logging in the Pechelbronn oilfield in 1927, so contributions on the use

of such tools for geothermal energy would be appreciated.

We invite all players in the geothermal sector to contribute to EGC 2016, to present their newest findings and ideas, to discuss scientific results as well as new project developments, to consider the necessary steps in policy and regulation; in short, to help to grow the geothermal energy network in Europe. With a deadline for abstracts of 31 October 2015, we hope to enable many of you to respond to the call.

We are grateful to all those supporting the event and helping to make the congress successful, and would like to mention in particular the main sponsor, Groupe ÈS, for providing the support without which we could not have started organising EGC 2016!

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## Past editions:

EGC 1999, Basel, Switzerland  
EGC 2003, Szeged, Hungary  
EGC 2007, Unterhaching (Munich), Germany,  
EGC 2013, Pisa, Italy

## Call For Abstracts

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The organisers request the submission of abstracts for papers concerning all areas of geothermal energy use, from very shallow systems to deep drilling and high-enthalpy fields. Both the technological and the social-economic side will be covered.

The programme will be divided into three basic threads or “streams”, using the practises and standards appropriate to each respective target group.

We hope, however, that you will use this unique opportunity to look outside your own normal sphere or interest and learn about the work of those in other fields, all connected by the desire to give geothermal energy the spot on the energy landscape it deserves!

The three streams are

- [Politics and Market](#)
- [Technology and Best Practice](#)
- [Science](#)

Please consider which stream is appropriate for your proposal, as reviewing and acceptance procedures will vary according to the usual practice in these fields

## Politics and Markets

This stream covers the political, regulatory, financial, and economic framework in which geothermal energy operates, as well as public acceptance.

Policy and regulation can act both as a support and as a barrier to development, and we need to make sure the best suitable framework is created within the European countries. The politics and market sessions will feature invited speakers and as well as presentations from submissions, which will be selected according to their relevance to geothermal technology use. This stream is mainly organised by EGEC, with help from the Scientific Committee.

Topics falling under this stream are:

- Policy
- Legal aspects
- Socio-economic aspects of geothermal energy
- Financing, corporate structures, “bankability”, etc.
- Public acceptance issues, public relations
- Other

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## Technology and Best Practice

The technology required for making practical use of geothermal energy is at the centre of this stream.

We welcome R&D results, new technical ideas, reports from ongoing and finished projects, monitoring experiences, environmental issues, technical rules, plant design methods, and anything else relevant to the production of power, heat, and cold from geothermal sources. Submitted abstracts will be reviewed both for their technical soundness and their possible impact on the growth of geothermal energy. This stream is governed by the Scientific Committee, in cooperation with the Geothermal Panel of the RHC-Platform.

Topics falling under this stream are:

- Geothermal power in Europe – projects, ideas, experiences (low-temperature binary cycles, Enhanced Geothermal Systems (EGS), high-enthalpy fields, etc.)
- Direct geothermal uses in Europe – district heating, agriculture and more
- Geothermal heat pumps in Europe – the largest market sector in the geothermal field
- Underground thermal energy storage – design, system integration and operation
- Exploration and planning – geological subsurface data, documentation, access to data
- Environmental impacts and solutions
- Other

## Science

This stream provides a platform for the exchange of research results at the highest possible level.

We hope to learn the latest from Geology, Geophysics, Geochemistry, Thermodynamics – all with a clear focus on possible implications on geothermal energy use.

Scrutiny for scientific excellence will be used in review for this category. This stream is governed by the Scientific Committee, in cooperation with the EERA Joint Geothermal Programme.

Topics falling under this stream are:

- Geology
- Geophysics
- Geochemistry
- Thermodynamics (of geothermal systems, conversion cycles, etc.)
- Other



## Submitting an Abstract

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The language of the congress will be English almost exclusively.

For some sessions (opening, geothermal in France) simultaneous translation will be available. If you are considering submitting an abstract in French, please contact the secretariat to see if it would fit into a translated session. No guarantee can be given for the option to present a paper, once accepted, in any other language than English.

Please submit your 1-page-abstracts, using the template given on the website, via the online submission tool at [www.europeangeothermalcongress.eu](http://www.europeangeothermalcongress.eu). If you cannot use the online tool, please contact the secretariat to agree on an exceptional alternative submission method.

The authors will be informed of the decision on acceptance of their abstracts in January 2016. Final papers will be required by 30 April 2015. The papers (maximum 10 pages) will be published in the conference proceedings in electronic form.

## Conference fees:

To be communicated before the end of the abstract submission period



**Visit  
[www.european  
geothermalcongress.eu](http://www.european<br/>geothermalcongress.eu)  
to submit your abstract**

## Venue details:

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Strasbourg is located in the plains of the Rhine Graben, and is a true European place, home to many institutions like the Council of Europe and the European Parliament. Strasbourg for all of its past was at the crossroads of trade and politics, sharing both French and German heritage. And it is a conglomerate of truly beautiful spots - old houses, the stupendous cathedral (Münster), quiet corners at river Ill – and, above all, a place famous for excellent food and wine!

EGC 2016 will be held in the newly refurbished Strasbourg convention and exhibition centre and is easily accessed from around Europe and beyond, by all means of transport.

## Exhibition at EGC 2016:

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The European Geothermal Congress 2016 will be accompanied by an exhibition integrated into the conference venue. Dedicated information on the exhibition including space availability and prices will be available soon on the website, and the secretariat will be happy to respond to any enquiries and to assist with further information.



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