

DAY 1 | EUROPEAN CONFERENCE

Geothermal District Heating & Cooling Days 2026

Unlocking Geothermal Heating and Cooling Markets

DATE
Thursday, 3 September
2026

VENUE
The Gibson Hotel, Point Square, Dublin 1

TIME	PROGRAMME	SPEAKER / ORGANISATION
09:30 - 10:30	OPENING SESSION INDUSTRY AND POLICY KEYNOTES	
09:30 - 09:40	Industry's Role in Shaping Ireland's Geothermal Future	Rory Dunphy Chairperson, GAI
09:40 - 09:50	EGEC Welcome and EU Context	Philippe Dumas Secretary General, EGEC
09:50 - 10:05	Ministerial Address	Minister Darragh O'Brien Department of Climate, Energy and the Environment
10:05 - 10:15	Keynote Address: Ministry of Economy and Energy, Hungary	István Bart Deputy State Secretary for Electrification and Decarbonisation, Hungarian Ministry of Economy and Energy
10:15 - 10:30	Unlocking the Geothermal Giant under Dublin	Sarah Blake Geothermal Programme Head, Geological Survey Ireland
10:30 - 11:00	Coffee Break	
11:00 - 12:25	SESSION 1 SELLING GEOTHERMAL HEAT: MODELS, MARKETS AND LESSONS FROM EUROPE	Moderator: Sanjeev Kumar (EGEC)
11:00 - 11:20	From Energy Cost to Strategic Asset: The Value of Geothermal in the Built Environment	Erika Salmenvaara CEO and Co-Founder, QHeat
11:20 - 11:35	Unlocking the Full Potential of Geothermal Heat Across the Temperature Spectrum	Matteo Cameletti Heat Pump Manager, Exergy
11:35 - 11:50	From Mapping the Subsurface to Selling Heat: The Dutch Approach to Developing Geothermal Heat Markets	Nora Heijnen Programme Manager, EBN
11:50 - 12:05	Energy Accounting: Bringing Financial Discipline to Energy Infrastructure Decisions	Stephen Loughney OPNBuidings
12:05 - 12:25	Panel Discussion and Q&A	Session speakers
12:25 - 13:25	Lunch	
13:25 - 13:40	Keynote Address	Seán Kelly MEP Member of the European Parliament
13:40 - 15:00	SESSION 2 GROUND SOURCE HEATING AND COOLING AS A SERVICE: NEW MARKETS AND MODELS	Moderator: Joe Ireland (GeoServ Solutions / GAI)
13:40 - 13:55	Belgian Residential and Industrial Examples	Arnaud Latiers Co-Founder, KARNO
13:55 - 14:10	Beyond Technology: Scaling Geothermal Energy as a Service	Tuomas Humalajoki CEO, Geonova
14:10 - 14:25	Geothermal for Grid Optimisation: Berlin Infrastructure Planning	Rüdiger Grimm CEO, geoENERGIE Konzept

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14:25 - 14:40	Heat as a Service: Funding Geothermal Heating and Cooling in Healthcare and Social Infrastructure	Stephen Gallagher Managing Director, Centrus Healthcare Investments Limited
14:40 - 15:00	Panel Discussion and Q&A	Session speakers
15:00 - 15:30	Coffee Break	
15:30 - 16:50	SESSION 3 GEOTHERMAL AS INFRASTRUCTURE: FINANCING GEOTHERMAL DEPLOYMENT	Moderator: Terence McGovern (KPMG)
15:30 - 15:50	Overview of the ELENA Fund	Daniella Bachner European Investment Bank
15:50 - 16:05	Scaling Geothermal District Heating with Heat-as-a-Service	Elise Heath Investment and Business Development Manager, Kyotherm
16:05 - 16:20	Geothermal from an Investor Perspective	Julius McGillivray Principal, Pioneer Point Partners
16:20 - 16:50	Panel Discussion and Q&A	Diarmaid Kehoe (EIB) and Dawn Slevin (ELS Europe) with Session 3 speakers
16:50 - 17:00	Closing Remarks	Rory Dunphy Chairperson, GAI
19:30	Evening Event Welcome cocktail, guided distillery tour and whiskey tasting, followed by dinner and networking.	Jameson Distillery, Bow Street, Smithfield, Dublin 7