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RECHARGE Wind Power Summit 2025 to début in Germany

Top international conference will be accompanied by an exclusive exhibition

Hamburg, 29 October 2025 – With political uncertainty, regulatory shifts, and rising costs reshaping the global energy landscape, the wind industry faces both mounting challenges and new opportunities. The RECHARGE Wind Power Summit 2025 powered by WindEnergy Hamburg, taking place 27 November 2025 at the CCH – Congress Center Hamburg, will bring together global industry leaders to discuss the future of wind power, policy, and innovation.

The one-day event will feature three in-depth sessions exploring market outlook, technology transformation, and energy security, along with exclusive networking opportunities and an accompanying exhibition featuring leading companies from across the sector.

A crucial time for global wind

As the world's demand for clean, reliable, and affordable energy continues to rise, expanding renewable capacity has never been more vital. The International Energy Agency's *Renewables 2025 Report* projects that renewable energy capacity will increase 2.6-fold by 2030, with China and Europe maintaining strong growth and India rapidly scaling its investments. Bloomberg data shows wind energy alone attracted more than US\$126 billion in investment during the first half of this year.

"At the RECHARGE Wind Power Summit, leaders from across the international wind sector will share insights on how to secure a sustainable and competitive future for the industry," said Andrew Lee, Editor, *RECHARGE*.

Conference Programme

Registration and Welcome

9:30–10:30 Registration and networking

10:30–10:35 Welcome remarks – *Andrew Lee, Editor, Recharge*

Session 1 (10:35–12:15): Outlook for Wind – Where We Stand and What to Expect for 2026

As the wind industry navigates a rapidly changing global landscape, Session 1 takes a strategic look at where the sector is today and where it is headed through 2026.

10:35–10:50

Leadership spotlight: *In conversation with Dr. Niels Anger*, Head of Unit for European Energy Transition and EU Energy Legislation, Federal Ministry for Economic Affairs and Energy (BMWK)

Moderator: Andrew Lee

10:50–11:35

Panel: Geared for growth or hindered by policy?

Speakers:

- Melissa Read, Head of Regional Development for Renewables in the UK, Equinor
- Dr. Dennis Rendschmidt, Managing Director, VDMA Power Systems
- Pedro Araújo Vinagre, Head of North & Central Europe, EDP Renewables
- Fredrik Andrén-Sandberg, Head of Regulatory Affairs Europe & Asia-Pacific, RWE
- Benjamin Seifert, Regional Head – Central & Northern Europe (CNE), Enercon

Moderator: Andrew Lee

11:35–12:15

Head-to-head: 'It can't happen without China'

Should China be viewed as a key industry partner or a potential strategic risk?

Speakers:

- Shashi Barla, Head of Markets – International Strategy, Mingyang Smart Energy
- Paulo Fernando Soares, Managing Director, Sany Europe
- Viktoriya Kerelska, Director of Advocacy and Messaging, WindEurope

Moderator: Andrew Lee

12:15–1:15 Networking lunch

Session 2 (1:15–2:55): How Technology and Innovation Are Shaping the Future of Wind

Explore cutting-edge innovations and technologies that are redefining the future of wind, from advanced turbine design to AI-driven optimization.

1:15–1:30

Address from DNV: *Designing Tomorrow's Wind Today – From Turbine Blades to Floating Platforms in the AI Era*

Christian Wood, Executive Vice President, Renewables & Ocean Structures, Digital Solutions, DNV

1:30–2:15

Panel: What Are Wind Power's Next Technology Game-Changers?

Speakers:

- Lucy Craig, Senior Vice President and Director of Growth, Innovation and Digitalization, Energy Systems, DNV
- Martin Gerhardt, Head of Offshore Product Management and Managing Director Germany, Siemens Gamesa
- Felipe Cornago, Offshore Wind Commercial Director, BayWa r.e.
- Alfredo Parres, Senior Vice President, Head of Renewables, Hitachi Energy

Moderator: Andrew Lee

2:15–2:25

Address from Nexans: *"Wind of Change" – How the Offshore Wind Farm Market Is Driving Industrial, Technology and Innovation Cycles in the Cable Industry*

Sebastian Schick, Sales Director – PWR-Transmission, Nexans

2:25–2:55 Networking break

Session 3 (2:55–4:30): Future-Proofing Wind Power

What will it take to keep wind power resilient, reliable, and competitive in the years ahead?

This session explores key industry challenges from wake effects to energy security and system resilience.

2:55–3:05

Address from Jotun: *Enabling the Future of Energy – Bringing Experience and Adapting to New Industries*

Anders Skilbred, Global Sustainability Manager, Jotun

3:05–3:40

Panel: ‘Wind Theft’ – The Industry’s Big Wake-Up Call

Exploring the challenge of wind wakes: why they are such a problem and how the industry can overcome them.

Speakers:

- Eirik Finserås, Ph.D., Associate, Wikborg Rein
- Scott Urquhart, CEO, Aegir Insights
- Dr. Martin Dörenkämper, Group Manager Numerical Yield and Site Assessment, Fraunhofer IWES

Moderator: Cosmo Sanderson, Head of News, Recharge

3:40–3:50

Address from Polytech: *News from IEC Standards – IEC61400-32 Blade O&M and IEC61400-24 Lightning Protection of Wind Turbines*

Lisa Carloni, Lead LPS Specialist, Polytech

3:50–4:30

Panel: Energy Security – Turbines on the Frontline

How can wind farms and energy systems be protected effectively against physical and cyber threats?

Speakers:

- Stefan Thimm, Managing Director, Federal Association of Offshore Wind Energy (BWO)
- Anu Eslas, Head of European and Baltic Affairs, Ignitis Group
- Laura Watson, Energy Transition Leader, Risk Consulting, AXA XL
- Adrian Del Maestro, Global Energy Advisory Lead, AECOM

Moderator: Andrew Lee

4:30–4:35 Closing remarks – *Andrew Lee*

4:35–6:00 Networking reception

Exclusive exhibition

Running alongside the conference, an exhibition at the CCH – Congress Center Hamburg will feature leading companies showcasing innovation and expertise, including Mingyang Smart Energy, Enercon, Nordex, Waveshelter, UNIVERS, ADS-TEC Energy, Lynxco, wpd, and Deutsche

Windtechnik. Moreover, VDMA (German Mechanical Engineering Association), The German Wind Association (BWE) and Renewable Energy Hamburg (EEHH) are taking part.

“We are delighted to host such a diverse and forward-thinking group of exhibitors. Their contributions will add real value to the event and provide participants with insights into the technologies shaping the next generation of wind power,” said Claus Ulrich Selbach, Vice President Exhibitions, Hamburg Messe und Congress.

About the RECHARGE Wind Power Summit 2025 powered by WindEnergy Hamburg

The RECHARGE Wind Power Summit 2025 will take place on 27 November 2025 at the CCH – Congress Center Hamburg, forming an ideal bridge between WindEnergy Hamburg 2024 and its next edition in September 2026. The event will welcome over 25 speakers, 250 delegates, and 20 exhibitors from around the world. Previous editions of the conference were held in Oslo and Washington, D.C.

For more information, visit:

<https://www.windenergyhamburg.de/konferenzen-programm/recharge-wind-power-summit>

About WindEnergy Hamburg

From 22 to 25 September 2026, WindEnergy Hamburg, the world’s leading wind industry fair, will once again bring together 1,600 companies from 40 countries and 43,000 participants from 100 nations at Hamburg Messe und Congress. Covering 80,000 m² of exhibition space, the event offers a complete overview of the onshore and offshore wind value chain, including a dedicated Energy Storage expo area. More than 300 experts will take to five open stages as part of a free-to-attend conference programme organised in partnership with GWEC, WindEurope, VDMA, BWE, and leading media.

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