

Third Swiss conference on decentralized energy

11 November 2026, Welle 7 in Bern

Agenda

Language: English, German, or French

[Registration link](#)

9h15 *Morning coffee*

9h45 **Welcome and introduction** (Evelina Trutnevyte, University of Geneva; Michael Lehning, EPFL and WSL)

9h50 **SWEET EDGE highlights**

- Third Renewable Energy Outlook (Evelina Trutnevyte, University of Geneva)
- EDGE insights on public acceptance (Isabelle Stadelmann-Steffen, University of Bern)
- Q&A

10h30 **Renewable generation or new nuclear power in Switzerland?**

- Moderator: Philippe Thalmann (EPFL)
 - Marius Schwarz (Axpo Group)
 - Patrick Hofstetter (WWF)
 - Regina Betz (ZHAW)
 - Thomas Nordmann (TNC Consulting)
 - Annalisa Manera (ETHZ)

11h30 *Coffee break*

12h00 **Effective and just policies for the renewable energy transition**

- Moderator: Michael Lehning (EPFL/WSL)
 - White paper on cantonal policies (Jonas Schmid, UNIBE)
 - White paper on distributional impacts (Florian Landis, ZHAW)
 - Distributional impacts of residential sector transition (Alexandre Torné, UNIGE)
 - Perception of distributional impacts (Gracia Brückmann, UNIBE)
 - Q&A

13h00 *Lunch break*

14h00 **Deep dives**

1. Session 1: Navigating the social and technical landscape of community energy planning

- Session moderator: Philipp / Claudia
- Where are the drivers and obstacles in communal energy planning? (EPFL)
- Challenges in communal energy planning: the case of Buttisholz (Manuel Hebler, neoverwa gmbh)
- How does the Recommender Tool help communities (HSLU)
- Panel discussion:
 - TBD

2. Session 2: Closing winter electricity gap with wind and solar power

- Session moderator: Michael Lehning, EPFL/WSL



- EDGE presentation from the technical perspective I: Nicolas Stocker (ZHAW)
- EDGE presentation from the technical perspective II: Albin Cintas (EPFL/WSL)
- EDGE presentation from the social perspective: Jonas Schmid (UNIBE)
- Panel discussion:
 - Nicolas Stocker (ZHAW)
 - Albin Cintas (EPFL)
 - Jonas Schmid (UNIBE)
 - Katja Maus (SFOE)
 - TBD

3. Session 3: Grids and flexibility for the Swiss energy transition

- Session moderator: Giovanni Sansavini
- Distribution grids and grid stabilization (20min)
 - David Joss (BFH)
 - Efstratios Taxeidis (BKW)
- Resource aggregation and flexibility (20min)
 - Lorenzo Zapparoli (ETHZ)
 - Raphael Wu (Swissgrid)
- EDGE presentation from the social perspective II:
 - Cristian Pons-SeresdeBrauer (UNISG)
- Panel discussion:
 - David Joss (BFH)
 - Stratos Taxeideis (BKW)
 - Lorenzo Zapparoli (ETHZ)
 - Cristian Pons-SeresdeBrauer (UNISG)
 - Raphael Wu (Swissgrid)

15h30

Coffee break

16h00

Legacy of EDGE and open questions for the future

- Moderator: Rolf Wüstenhagen (UNISG)
- Panel discussion:
 - Jan Flückiger (VSE)
 - Leonore Hälg (energie Stiftung)
 - Andreas Haselbacher (SFOE)
 - Roberto M. Borsotti (TNC Consulting)

16h45

Farewell (Evelina Trutnevyte, Michael Lehning)

16h50

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