2nd Joint mobilization and mutual learning (MML) online workshop

GEO-CLUSTER

“Accelerating Geothermal and Thermal Energy Storage Deployment in Europe: Policy, Regulation and Market Readiness”

Date: 6 October 2026
Duration: 3 hours
Time: 10:00 CET
Format: Free Online

Organizational Committee:
GEOSYN, in collaboration with Geo-Cluster partner projects and the 2Cool2Waste Cluster

REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED VIA LINK

What will we discuss?

The workshop will bring together experts and project representatives to explore the key conditions needed to accelerate the deployment of geothermal heating & cooling and thermal energy storage across Europe.

Key topics:

- European policy & strategic developments
- Regulation, permitting & environmental requirements
- Financing & market readiness
- Lessons learned from Geo-Cluster & 2Cool2Waste projects
- Social acceptance & stakeholder engagement

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Workshop Agenda

21 October 2025 - 10.00 CET

Presentation: max 10-15 min

Time	Speakers and Presentations		
10:00–10:10	**Welcome and introduction**	*Yuliia Demchuk, Geothermal Ukraine / Moderator*	
10:10–11:00	**Thematic Session 1** **Policy & Regulation**		
10:10–10:25	GreetGeo	*Giulia Cittadini, EGEC*	European Policy and Strategic Developments
10:25–10:40	GEOS-TECHIS	*Eloy Minano Alvarez / Daniel Checa Alias, LEITAT*	Unlocking Geothermal Decarbonisation through Policy Incentives and Support Mechanisms
10:40–10:50	GEOS-TECHIS	*Sarah Kaltenegger, Fraunhofer*	Stakeholder perceptions, public acceptance and community engagement as enabling conditions for geothermal energy deployment
10:50–11:00	**Q&A session**		
11:00–12:00	**Thematic Session 2** **Finance & Market Readiness**		
11:00–11:15	FlexGeo	*Giulia Conforto, e-think*	Market Framework conditions, including financial incentives and investment support mechanisms for geoH&C and geoDHC
11:15–11:30	*HeatInvest*	*István Nagy-Korodi, Ph.D.*	*HeatInvest: building interregional pathways for sustainable heating & cooling investments*
11:30–11:45	*INTERSTORES*	*Anne-Charlotte Gripoix, Project Director, Greenflex*	Underground Thermal Energy Storage: From Demonstration Projects to Market Deployment in Europe
11:45 –12:00	**Q&A & Coffee Break**		
12:00–13:00	**Thematic Session 3** **Deployment, Replication & Added Value**		
12:00–12:10	GEOSYN	*Dario Bonciani, COSVIG*	Evidence-based tools and methodologies to increase awareness and support geothermal H&C adoption and deployment in industry
12:10 –12:20	USE4HEAT	*José Acuña, KTH*	*Replication UTES sites, from theory to practice*
12:20–12:40	TREASURE	*Anja Gahleitner, Energieinstitut an der JKU Linz*	Non-market benefits of Large Thermal Energy Storage
12:40–12:50	SEEDS	*Natan Vandeginste, Sweco*	Barriers and solutions for sustainable heating projects, identified by local government actors, property managers and project developers
12:50-13:00	**Q&A and Closing remarks**		

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