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“RENEXPO” – The trade fair for the energy of the future

With a new name, an expanded concept and a clear focus on the future, the “RENEXPO” trade fair is responding to the growing demands of a changing energy system and will take place again in Salzburg in March 2026. What was still known as “Renexpo Interhydro” in 2025 as the leading trade fair for hydropower is now presented as **“RENEXPO – connect energies”**: a platform that goes far beyond hydropower and focuses on the entire future of energy.

On 19 and 20 March 2026, Messezentrum Salzburg will once again become the central meeting place for companies, experts, research institutions and political decision-makers who are involved in shaping a sustainably networked energy supply and discussing concrete solutions for practical applications.

From hydropower specialist to platform for modern energy management

The new RENEXPO is returning to its roots: hydropower remains an important part of the trade fair and demonstrates why it continues to form the backbone of the Austrian energy market. From Kaplan, Pelton and Francis turbines to control and measurement technology and revitalization measures for existing systems, the trade fair demonstrates the innovative power of this proven technology.

But in 2026, the spectrum will broaden: the “connect energies” philosophy makes it clear that the future energy supply can only function through the interaction of all renewable sources.

More diversity: storage, grids, sector coupling and new technologies

With the increasing volatility of wind and solar power, system integration is coming into focus. RENEXPO 2026 will therefore focus on storage and grid technologies for the first time:

- Pumped storage plants and power-to-X solutions
- Battery storage for industry, commerce and energy systems
- Smart grid and control technologies
- Networking models, capacity distribution and cross-sector coupling

The strong response from the market shows that this thematic expansion strikes a chord with the industry: the new focal points have already been very well received in advance – RENEXPO 2026 has around 20% more exhibitors than last year. Over 80 companies will be presenting

their solutions and innovations. This is a clear signal of the relevance of the trade fair and its importance as a central platform for the future of energy.

“The energy world is changing rapidly. With the new RENEXPO, we are creating a trade fair that recognizes the strengths of hydropower while also opening up a view of the overall system. Our goal is to connect industries, make innovations visible and create a place where the future is shaped.” —
[Christoph Schrammel, Exhibition Director]

Drivers for networking and progress

One of the highlights of the trade fair is the moderated panel discussion on the “RENEXPO Forum” stage on the topic of **“Renewable energies in interaction – storage solutions as the key to security of supply”**. Representatives from politics, the energy industry, associations and research will express their views on the prerequisites for a reliable energy future and the role of storage capacities.

In addition to the trade fair, RENEXPO offers an extensive conference program. In cooperation with vgbe energy e.V. and the Association for Ecology and Environmental Research, highly specialized conferences are organized to share the latest know-how, research results and best practices in hydropower.

The annual members' meeting of the Small Hydropower Association for the province of Salzburg will take place as part of RENEXPO in Salzburg. The trade fair thus ties in directly with its history and at the same time creates a platform for exchange, networking and future dialogue in the Austrian small hydropower scene.

A meeting place for everyone driving the energy transition

RENEXPO – connect energies 2026 is more than just a trade fair. It is a forum for exchange, innovation and strategic partnerships. Companies from the fields of renewable energies, grid integration, energy storage, digitalization and infrastructure will find an environment here that offers inspiration and opens up concrete business prospects. RENEXPO 2026 is aimed at trade visitors from business, research and the public sector.

FACT BOX

RENEXPO – connect energies

19–20 March 2026 at Messezentrum Salzburg

Opening hours:

Thursday | 19 March | 9 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Friday | 20 March | 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Information and tickets:

www.renexpo.at/en/

Admission prices on site:

Day ticket: €30.00

2-day ticket: €50.00

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