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vgbe/VÖU Expert Event

17/18 March 2027
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This international vgbe/VÖU Expert Event will bring together experts from leading operators, manufacturers, suppliers, authorities, research institutes and other relevant stakeholders to discuss crucial issues in the field of river management and ecology. Building on the success of previous editions, the programme will cover a range of topics, including integrated river basin management, environmental flows, river connectivity & restoration, fish migration, hydropeaking mitigation, climate resilience and social perceptions.

Main topics of the vgbe/VÖU Expert Event

- European legislative and political frameworks
- Forward-looking international and regional research
- Experience & good practice: practical implementation
  from various European regional perspectives
- Updates to River Basin Management Plans (RBMPs)

CONFERENCE VENUE

Messezentrum Salzburg
Am Messezentrum 1
5020 Salzburg | Austria

CONFERENCE LANGUAGE

English

EVENING EVENT

All conference participants are invited to the RENEXPO - Connect Energies Evening Networking Event on Thursday, 17 March 2027, starting at 17:00.

COOPERATION AND MEDIAPARTNER

CONDITIONS OF PARTICIPATION

Non-members of vgbe or VÖU	450.– €
Members of vgbe or VÖU	350.– €
Universities, Authorities	250.– €

The participation fees include the conference presentations (after the conference), coffee breaks, lunch on the first day, participation in the Evening Networking Event and a two-day ticket to the trade fair RENEXPO – Connect Energies

Austrian VAT will be shown in the invoice.

ONLINE REGISTRATION

All participants of the conference are requested to register online. It is not possible to accept credit cards or currency at the conference office.
Please make your registration online at:

https://register.vgbe.energy/32027/

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CONFERENCE OFFICE

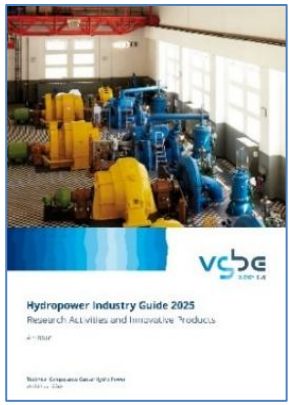
On Thursday, 17 March 2027, the conference office will open from 9:15.

PRIVACY POLICY & GENERAL TERMS

Detailed information on data protection as well as the general terms and conditions can be found at:
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CET	THURSDAY, 17 MARCH 2027
10:00	Welcome and opening of the Expert Event *Lee Estrellado, vgbe energy e.V., &* *Martin Schönberg, VÖU*
10:15	**SESSION 1** Lecture 1: Swedish hydro power and aquatic environment - a story from 100 years of conflict to 20 years of mitigation and restoration *Johan Kling, Swedish Agency for Marine and Water Management* Lecture 2: GOVAQUA: Integrating Environmental Flows and Water Allocation into European River Basin Planning *Eleftheria Kampa, Ecologic Institute, Berlin* Lecture 3: Hydropower and river management in Alpine headwaters: a social perspective *Terese Venus, University of Passau* Lecture 4: Longitudinal connectivity of the small rivers in Bavaria. Findings from the compound projekt Fluss.Frei.Raum - an NGO perspective *Doreen Detzner, WWF Germany*
12:00	Lunch break and visit to the Trade Fair
14:00	**SESSION 2** Lecture 5: Fish Popultion *Barbara Grüner, VERBUND Hydro Power GmbH* Lecture 6: "extremes" and "resilience" around hydropower *Christoph Hauer, BOKU - University of Natural Resources and Life Sciences* Lecture 7: TO BE CONFIRMED *XXX, XXX*
16:30	Q&A and closing words
17:00	Start of RENEXPO®'s Evening Networking Event

CET	FRIDAY, 18 MARCH 2027
09:00	Welcome *Martin Schönberg, VÖU, and* *Lee Estrellado, vgbe energy e.V.*
09:00	**SESSION 3** Lecture 8: LIFE GoodWater IP project *Jānis Šīre, Latvian Environment, geology and meteorology centre* Lecture 9: 18th Nov. Title (hydropeaking modeling, fish modeling....) *Clemens Dorfmann, Flow Engineering* Lecture 10: Hydropeaking Mitigation at TIWAG *Martin Schletterer, TIWAG - Tiroler Wasserkraft AG* Lecture 11: TO BE CONFIRMED *XXX, XXX*
11:00	Closing words and opportunity to visit the Research Session and Trade Fair



Hydropower Industry Guide 2025

Up-to-date and multi-faceted overview of products and services offered within the hydropower sector are published in vgbe's Hydropower Industry Guide.

Free download: here

CET	FRIDAY, 18 MARCH 2027
11:30	RESEARCH SESSION (Exhibition Hall) *Mario Bachhiesl, vgbe energy*

The research session will delve into the latest research outcomes from European projects. Attendees will gain insights into breakthrough technologies, innovative methodologies, and key findings that are shaping the future of river management, ecology and hydropower.

By showcasing these research projects, the session aims to provide valuable knowledge to enhance the operation, maintenance, and overall performance of hydropower plants while also reducing environmental impacts.

Join us to explore how these research outcomes drive progress and foster innovation.

11:45	Lecture 12 Climate change and small hydropower - simulations for the Traisen and Kamp rivers (KliWaSim --- Link to website: here) *Isabella Enne, USTP St. Pölten*
12:10	Lecture 13 XXX (Link to website: here) *Eduard Doujak, TU Wien IET*
12:35	Lecture 14 Innovative Sediment Management – Practical examples of sustainable and long-term reservoir management *Stefan Pfeifer, illwerke vkw AG*
13:00	Closing words and opportunity to visit the trade fair
15:00	End of RENEXPO – Connect Energies