

PRESS RELEASE  
July 2024

### **2024 DIARY DATE:**

**Save the dates of 11 and 12 December, in Montpellier (France),  
for the 18<sup>th</sup> edition of Forum EnerGaïa,  
flying the flag of innovation**

The only gathering in France dedicated to all renewable energies, Forum EnerGaïa has, over the years, gradually emerged as the premier tradeshow for players and solutions in support of a zero-carbon and more sustainable economy. Local authorities, city councils and industry will be there to find innovative, practical and cross-disciplinary solutions to their transition challenges. Forum EnerGaïa will be held on Wednesday 11 and Thursday 12 December 2024 at Montpellier Exhibition Centre. This 18th edition will be all about innovation!

#### **New developments for the 2024 show**

**Launch of the Innovation Awards:** a competition highlighting exhibitors' innovations, new products and technical breakthroughs in response to the major challenges of transition.

Four prizes will be awarded in four new, cross-disciplinary categories:

- International Award: for a project or solution with strong international development potential
- Deployability Award: for a project providing quick and easy implementation
- Ecosystem Award: for a project that has created a dynamic with local players and/or sectors
- Circularity Award: for a project incorporating a circular economy component and/or leading to major advances in this area.

The Occitanie Pyrénées / Méditerranée Regional Authority will also be awarding its special *Coup de Cœur* (Judges' Pick) award to one of the 12 nominated projects.

Forum EnerGaïa exhibitors and co-exhibitors can submit their entries for the Innovation Awards up until the closing deadline of 6 September 2024. The awards ceremony will take place on Thursday 12 December at 12.30pm, following the nominees' pitch sessions with the jury in the morning.

**Bolstered by its success and steadily growing attendance, the Forum is expanding this year: an additional 3,500 m<sup>2</sup> hall will be opened** to continue to best represent the diversity of the renewable energy sector and promote innovation, know-how and business expertise.

#### **EnerGaïa: the all-renewable event to accelerate the transition**

More than 500 exhibitors are expected to attend, spread over five exhibition halls covering more than 24,000 m<sup>2</sup> and with four themed pavilions:

- The Sustainable Building Pavilion, part of the French Sustainable Building Plan
- The Employment and Training pavilion, in partnership with France Travail Hérault
- The Derbi pavilion, an innovation accelerator serving the energy transition

- The Cemater pavilion, a cluster responsible for structuring the renewable energy and sustainable construction sectors.

The extensive programme of almost 100 talks, round tables, workshops and pitches featuring expert speakers remains at the heart of the exhibition's strategy and unique positioning.

In 2023, Forum EnerGaïa welcomed 450 exhibitors and nearly 17,000 participants (+24% vs. 2023), consolidating its position as the premier all-renewable energy BtoB event.

EnerGaïa is more than just an exhibition: it is also:

- The unmissable end-of-year business event
- A solutions laboratory to help professionals in the sector, public players and local authorities take action to promote the energy transition
- A growing community of experts who examine and analyse the profound changes taking place in our economy and put forward proposals.

This meeting is all the more essential given that the challenges of transition have never played such an important role in shaping the future of our economies, particularly with the European Union's target of carbon neutrality by 2050.

#### Practical information

- Free visitor registration, opens in September
- Dates and times: Wednesday 11 December 2024 from 09:00 to 18:00 / Thursday 12 December 2024 from 09:00 to 17:00
- Venue: Montpellier exhibition centre - Route de La Foire - 34470 Pérols (France)
- Two entrances: Reception A (North) and Reception B (South), new this year to offer visitors better conditions
- Website: <https://www.energaia.fr/>
- Social media: [LinkedIn](#) and [X](#)

#### About Forum EnerGaïa

*An annual event with nationwide and international reach dedicated to renewable energy industry professionals, Forum EnerGaïa has been accompanying all the sector's stakeholders for 18 years. Initiated by the Occitanie/Pyrénées-Méditerranée Regional Authority, Forum EnerGaïa is today a showcase for the actions the authority is taking to promote the energy transition and achieve its objective of becoming the first positive energy region in Europe. SPL Occitanie Events, the organiser of the Forum EnerGaïa, is committed to an eco-responsible approach. It has been ISO 20121 certified by AFNOR since January 2021 for all its activities.*

#### Media enquiries

Agence Hikou - presse.energaia@hikou.fr

Marion CHANSON - +33 6 15 71 16 76

Anne-Florence BLANGIER - +33 6 59 49 20 58