



### GEODE Press Release

**GEODE is turning 25 this year and celebrated the anniversary on 12 May - showing that the energy sector can be lots more fun than some might say!**

For commemorating GEODE's history and achievements of the past 25 years, we brought together old and new friends across the energy community – decision-makers, stakeholders and of course our members.

The history and success of **GEODE** is built on the **enthusiasm and great efforts of our members** - experts from 15 countries across Europe who have committed themselves and contributed over 25 years to shaping Europe's policy debate making the voice of local energy companies and the networks heard in Brussels. Starting with few member companies in 1991 from only 2 countries – Spain and France – **GEODE has grown into an European-wide association** – with 100 members from 15 countries - and is nowadays highly recognised by **decision-makers and the Brussels-based energy community**. GEODE's members are our strength and we would like to take this occasion to send out a Big Thank You for 25 years of looking ahead with us. We are looking ahead to interesting times and new challenges – and the next 25 years with you!

Earlier the day, we were looking ahead to what opportunities and challenges the **“Digitalisation and the Energy Sector”** are brought upon when **GEODE** held its **annual Spring Seminar** in Brussels. High-level experts from the European Commission and Commissioner Oettinger Cabinet, Data Warehouse Companies and the energy industry



discussed whether the energy sector getting digitalised is nothing less than a new era and how much local energy companies and distributors already are involved in digital processes making use of the potential innovation and technology are offering.

## **GEODE**

GEODE is the voice of local energy distributors across Europe, representing the interests of 1200 private and public energy companies for both electricity and gas from 15 European countries, serving more than 100 million customers. These small and medium-sized companies are bringing intelligence to the grids and making thereby a major contribution to achieve Europe's climate and energy policy goals. GEODE promotes fair and competitive conditions for network operators giving them a strong voice to secure core values - namely providing a customer-focused service, with a high quality of supply and energy efficiency to homes, businesses and local communities. With 25 years' experience GEODE is recognised as a trusted partner by the European institutions.

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