

8 November

14:30	VISIT TO HYDROPOWER PLANT	St. Anton – Eisackwerk Ltd. https://www.eisackwerk.it/it/ The visit is estimated to last two hours
19:00	WELCOME DINNER	Bad Schörgau https://www.bad-schoergau.com/en

9 November

Mercantile building Via Portici 39 – 39100 Bolzano, IT

09:00	WELCOME	Dr. Rudi Rienzner , CEO SEV & GEODE Deputy Chairman Hans Kreisel , CEO Nordion Energi & GEODE Chairman Dr. Alfred Aberer , General Secretary of the Chamber of Commerce of Bolzano
09:15	OPENING SPEECH	
09:30	SESSION I PROJECTS PRESENTATION AND ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION Moderator: Gudrun Esser , Journalist	Local renewable energy developments – The South Tyrol model <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Hydropower Dr. Walter Gostner, Managing Partner, Patscheider & Partner Engineers Ltd.• Biogas & Biomethane Dr. Manfred Gius, CEO of Biogas Wipptal srl Agricultural Society• Hydrogen Dr. Walter Huber, Funder, Centre for Hydrogen and E-Mobility Bolzano• Italian Economic Law in Transition – The Energy Challenge Prof. Dr. Peter Hilpold, Professor of Public International Law, European Law and Comparative Public Law, University of Innsbruck <p><i>Roundtable Discussion</i></p>

10:45	COFFEE BREAK	
11:15	SESSION II PROJECTS PRESENTATION AND ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION Moderator: Carmen Gimeno , GEODE Secretary General	GEODE Members: Driving renewable energy projects across Europe <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Biomethane Peter Kristensen, Chief Strategy Officer, Evida (Board Member GEODE) • Hydrogen Sebastian Kirchmann, Managing Director, Stadtwerke Schwerte • Hydrogen Bottnia Bay Project Hans Kreisel, Chairman, GEODE <p><i>Roundtable Discussion</i></p>
12:15	SESSION III PERMITTING – A GAME CHANGER FOR RENEWABLES?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Update on EU regulatory framework on permitting – Focus on Renewable Energy Directive Prof. Christian Held, Partner, BBH (Deputy Chairman, GEODE) <p><i>Discussion</i></p>
12:35	SESSION IV Emergency measures, Fit For 55 & REPowerEU – LATEST DEVELOPMENTS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • From the Green Deal to Energy Crisis - An EU energy policy journey Andrea Di Masi, Policy Adviser, GEODE <p><i>Discussion</i></p>
12:55	CLOSING REMARKS	Hans Kreisel , GEODE Chairman
13:00	LUNCH	

Event Concept

On 8 and 9 November South Tyrol will set the scene for this year's **GEODE Autumn Seminar**. Hosted by GEODE's Member SEV (South Tyrol Energy Association), the Seminar will explore – starting from the best practices in the hosting region – the role of renewables and grids in promoting local development and paving the way for the energy transition.

The core of the programme will consist of **presentations on renewable energy projects** by local energy companies and grid operators in South Tyrol and across Europe. Showing how these actors are leading the way towards a sustainable future, the presentations will cover some of the key renewable energy solutions ranging from **hydropower** and **district heating** to **hydrogen** and **biomethane**.

Discussing on **existing projects** and exchanging on **real life experiences** is indeed essential to better understand how the EU's energy and climate objectives are concretely implemented at national and local level. This is even more important at this stage when the EU is working on ambitious plans – **Fit for 55 Package** and **REPowerEU** above all – to decarbonize its economy and stop its reliance on Russian fossil fuels. In this regard, the Seminar will also address some of the most relevant provisions of these plans, including the recent proposals to **accelerate permitting procedures** for renewable energy projects in Europe.

Beyond providing insights on these projects and policy developments, the event will also be an opportunity for local energy companies across Europe to share and exchange on **new ideas** on the central role of grids in this new energy era.