

9 May 2023

18:30 Guided Tour and Beer Tasting **Brasserie de la Senne**  
Anna Bochdreef 19/21, 1000 Bruxelles

19:45 WELCOMING DINNER **Gare Maritime**  
Rue Picard 11, 1000 Bruxelles

10 May 2023

9:30 WELCOME & INTRODUCTION **Hans Kreisel** – CEO Nordion Energi (SE) & Chairman, GEODE

9:40 KEYNOTE SPEECH **Ricardo Renedo Williams** – Policy Officer, DG ENER European Commission

10:00 SETTING THE SCENE **ELECTRICITY MARKET DESIGN: REFORM OR EVOLUTION?**  
**Mark Copley** – CEO, EFET

**DISTRIBUTION GRIDS: THE ENERGY TRANSITION'S BACKBONE**  
**Hans Kreisel** – CEO Nordion Energi (SE) & Chairman, GEODE

Q&A

10:45 COFFEE BREAK

11:15 ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION **MAKING THE GRID WORK – THE KEY ROLE OF NETWORK PLANNING**  
MODERATOR **Ina Lehto** – Executive Senior Advisor Energy Networks and Services, Finnish Energy (FI)  
**Charles Esser**, Secretary General CEER  
**Dries Acke** – Policy Director, SolarPower Europe  
**Matthew Billson** – Policy and Market Strategy Director, Piclo (UK)  
**Joaquín P. Mas Belso** – CEO Enercoop Group – Energy Communities (ES)  
**Lucie Mattera** – Secretary General, ChargeUp Europe

12:45 LUNCH

13:45 SETTING THE SCENE **“H2 INFRASTRUCTURE MAP” PROJECT PRESENTATION**  
**Patricia Orglerova** – Regulatory Affairs Manager, ENTSOG

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14:00

ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION

MODERATOR

**Andrea Di Masi**, Policy Adviser  
GEODE

**NETWORK OPERATORS DECARBONISING THE GAS GRIDS**

**Hans Kreisel** – CEO Nordion Energi (SE) & Chairman, GEODE

**Anthony Lorin** – Policy Officer, European Biogas Association

**Michaela Holl** – Project Lead EU Green Deal, Agora Energiewende (DE)

**Thomas Merker** – Chief Financial Officer, GasNet (CZ)

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**PRESENTATION ON CORPORATE SUSTAINABILITY REPORTING DIRECTIVE**

**Tobias Sengenberger** - Public Auditor/Tax Advisor, Partner BBH and Board Member BBH AG Wirtschaftsprüfungsgesellschaft (DE)

**Carina Bönisch** - Counsel Corporate Finance, BBH (DE)

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CLOSING REMARKS

**Carmen Gimeno** – GEODE Secretary General

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# Distribution System Operators: The Cornerstone of the Energy Transition

## EVENT CONCEPT

DSOs are the cornerstone of the energy transition. The transformation of distribution networks – both in electricity and gas – will be crucial to achieving the EU’s climate and energy security objectives. In a moment of an unprecedented energy crisis, the Commission of the Green Deal is finalising its landmark Fit for 55 package and discussing impactful gas and electricity market reforms.

Taking this into account, GEODE will host a debate on the role and the key contribution of distribution system operators in this transition. The latter will be crucial to delivering the shift in the energy system as DSOs are at the core of the integration of renewable energy installations and other distributed energy resources (DERs) - while enabling active consumers and market services. DSOs will also be instrumental in the massive scale up of hydrogen and biomethane set out by the REPowerEU strategy.

Beyond discussing these elements, the seminar will be an opportunity for GEODE to present its latest work as well as its paper on “The Role of DSOs in this New Energy Context” within the framework of the adoption process of the new proposal on the Electricity Market Reform.