

## Meet GEODE's Newest Members: IKB, UNELEG, and Trelleborgs Energi

At the **GEODE General Assembly** held on **20 May 2026**, we had the pleasure of welcoming our **newest members: Innsbrucker Kommunalbetriebe AG (Austria), Uneleg (France), and Trelleborgs Energi (Sweden)**. The new members had the opportunity to present their companies and activities and were warmly welcomed by the participants during the meeting.

**Innsbrucker Kommunalbetriebe AG (IKB)** provides integrated **energy and infrastructure services** that enhance the quality of life in **Innsbruck** and the surrounding region. Its history **dates back to 1888** with the founding of the Innsbruck Electricity Works and the construction of the Mühldorf Power Plant, followed in **1903** by the **Obere Sill Power Plant**, then the largest in the Austro-Hungarian Empire. Today, IKB employs around **830 staff** and seasonal workers across **16 locations** and trains up to **80 trainees** annually and **41 apprentices** across four apprenticeship programmes.

**IKB provides a wide range of services**, including energy, internet and IT, waste management, water and wastewater services, and public swimming pools. In the energy sector, the company focuses on **sustainable electricity generation** through **11 hydropower plants** and **41 photovoltaic systems**, which are currently being expanded. **Secure power supply** is another key priority: **IKB operates one of Austria's most reliable electricity networks**, with fewer than seven minutes of outages per customer annually and around **780 million kWh delivered** through the grid each year. The company supplies electricity to **82,000 residential and commercial customers**, with annual consumption **reaching 528 million kWh**, and provides customer service 24 hours a day, 365 days a year.

In addition, IKB owns and operates **644 facilities across Tyrol**, including district heating, heating and cooling, photovoltaic contracting, and tenant electricity supply systems. The company also provides **internet and telecommunications** services in **62 municipalities**, serving around 25,400 households and businesses. As a **certified water supplier**, IKB manages 320 km of supply and gravity pipelines and 147 km of household connections, while also operating **wastewater infrastructure** across 18 municipalities. Furthermore, it supports the circular economy by converting around 4,750 tonnes of organic waste into biogas each year and manages **several swimming pools** in the region.

The second new member is the **French association UNELEG** (Union Nationale des Entreprises Locales d'Électricité et de Gaz). In **France**, two types of **electricity distribution system** operators coexist: **Enedis**, the national operator and subsidiary of the EDF Group, which serves 95% of the territory, and around 100 **Local Distribution Companies (LDCs)**, which serve the remaining 5%. **UNELEG represents these local utilities**, which were established between 1840 and 1946 and operate as public or cooperative entities. The **75 companies** represented by UNELEG are **located throughout France** and serve a **wide variety of territories**, including major urban centres, suburban and rural areas, mountain and coastal regions, as well as overseas territories. UNELEG also represents several electricity network operators in the **French overseas territories** across the Pacific Ocean, the Indian Ocean, and the Caribbean, as well as in Monaco. Altogether, its members **serve around 2,800 municipalities and 3.8 million inhabitants**, while providing approximately **7,000 local jobs**.

The final new member is **Trelleborgs Energi**, based in the **southernmost part of Sweden**, in the historic town of Trelleborg, which dates back to a Viking settlement from the 10th century. Today, the town is known as the **Port of Scandinavia** and an **emerging hydrogen hub**. The company is strongly committed to **sustainable solutions** and **local community development**. It distributes **district heating and electricity** and offers **energy solutions** such as EV charging infrastructure and solar panels. In its core market in the Skåne region, Trelleborgs Energi serves approximately **18,000 distribution customers** and **14,000 electricity retail customers**, with annual energy sales of 330 GWh and a turnover of around

€40 million. **Hydrogen solutions** are at the heart of the company's strategy, particularly for energy storage and transport in Trelleborg.

Building on its commitment to sustainable and innovative energy solutions, Trelleborgs Energi is working towards **net-zero emissions in Trelleborg by 2045** while ensuring a **resilient electricity grid**. The company is developing smart-city energy solutions, including low-temperature district heating and hydrogen solutions, and already operates a **100% fossil-free district heating system**. Its network achieves an **accessibility rate of 99.9987%**, and its **customer-focused approach** has earned Trelleborgs Energi recognition for the best customer service in the Swedish energy sector in both 2025 and 2026. The company also maintains a strong local presence by **supporting cultural and sports initiatives** for disadvantaged children and young people.