EVENT BRIEF

Energy Innovation Summit 2026

Finding value in volatility.

Which flexibility is worth using? How should it be traded? And what makes an optimized decision reliable enough to act on? Two days with the people actually working on these questions, connecting energy trading, asset operations, and system planning. The agenda spans practitioner talks, two panels, technical breakouts, and a networking dinner.

DATES	DOORS AND CLOSE	LOCATION	HOSTS
17 and 18 November 2026	Day 1 from 08:00, day 2 ends 17:00	Empa, Dübendorf (Greater Zurich Area)	Gurobi and Empa

FEATURED SPEAKERS

Pascal Van Hentenryck
Gurobi

Olivier Megel
Alpiq

Raphael Wu
Swissgrid

Azzurra Casali, Stefanos Delikaraoglou
Axpo

Line Roald
UW–Madison, Google

Quinten de Wit
Eneco

Nadya Chernyavskaya
TotalEnergies

Sebastian Wehrle
Wien Energie

01 Day 1, 17 November: Finding value in volatility

Technology, Market, and System Layers. Registration opens at 08:00, the programme starts at 09:00.

MORNING **Opening and Technology Layer**	Welcome from the hosts, then the opening talk: **TSO-DSO coordination: unlocking grid and system value from distributed flexibility**, Raphael Wu (Swissgrid). The asset operations block follows: **scheduling coupled assets under uncertain prices and heat availability**, and **embedding machine learning surrogate models for real-time optimization of industrial energy systems**. Speaker Q&A closes.
LATE MORNING **Market Layer**	Capturing value from flexibility and volatile markets. Three talks from the trading floor and the portfolio desk: **replacing fragmented, local decisions with portfolio-wide intelligence**, and **where Optimization already earns its place in short-term power trading**. Closes with speaker Q&A, then lunch.
AFTERNOON **System Layer**	Decentralized energy systems, in four talks covering, among others, **how much breadth and how much depth a large-scale energy system study can afford at once**, and **overcoming roadblocks in the adoption of open-source energy modelling.** Speaker Q&A closes the block.
LATE AFTERNOON **Panel: Finding value in volatility**	Opened by **Line Roald (UW–Madison, Google)**: how emerging environmental constraints and large electricity consumers are reshaping grids and markets, and what this means for Optimization in energy decisions. Speaker panel and closing words follow.
EVENING **Networking dinner**	Standing dinner venue near Empa, location to be communicated. Day 1 ends at 21:00.

02 Day 2, 18 November: From models to trusted decisions

Production readiness, AI, and deep dives. Sessions start at 09:00, the summit closes at 17:00.

MORNING

Machine learning and Optimization

What it takes to move from a promising model to a system people rely on. **What changes when solver developers and support engineers innovate together. AI and Optimization: the next frontier of decision-making** from the Gurobi AI Innovation Lab. And **the path from a first idea to a decision the business can rely on.**

LATE MORNING

Panel: The energy decision system

Opened by **Nadya Chernyavskaya (TotalEnergies)**: what it takes for a team of experts to deliver Optimization's value to the trading desk and turn technical capability into decisions the business can use. The panel follows and invites industry experts and speakers from days 1 and 2.

AFTERNOON

Two parallel breakout rooms

Two hours after lunch. Switching rooms is possible in between sessions.

Gurobi Optimization deep dive — GUROBI ROOM

Making a solution explainable. What is new in 14.0.0. How 14.0.0 performs on the open energy benchmark. Nonlinear modeling. Open Q&A to close, with the product and support team in the room.

Sector coupling and urban energy — EMPA ROOM

Sector coupling across carriers, urban energy systems, and multi-energy models, built around open-source energy system modelling with ehubX and its platform-based design. Hosted by the Empa research team and Sympheny.

LATE AFTERNOON

Closing exchange

Open exchange with three roundtables, one each for the technology, market, and system layer. The summit ends at 17:00.

ALSO SPEAKING

Turhan Demiray ETH Zurich, FEN	**Saverio Bolognani** ETH Zurich	**Sebastian Angerhausen** Quantum/SWK	**Harry van der Weijde** Open Energy Transition	**Joshua Schäfermeyer** Iqony
Helen Heinz Rapp AG	**Matthias Sulzer** Empa	**Georgios Mavromatidis** Empa	**Mashael Yazdanie** Empa	**Oliver Bastert** Gurobi
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