

ENERGY RESEARCH TALKS DISENTIS 2026

Call for Papers

28.– 30. Januar 2026, Monastery of Disentis



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The annual Disentis Energy Research Talks are organised by the **Alpine Energy Research Centre AlpEnForCe** in collaboration with colleges, universities and research institutions. The Alpine Energy Research Centre AlpEnForCe, based in Disentis, was established to create, coordinate and disseminate knowledge for the benefit of the mountain cantons and other Alpine regions.

The **Energy Research Talks Disentis** provide a platform for the transfer of knowledge and qualified exchange between science, practice, politics and associations on current issues relating to energy in the Alpine region.

The 11th Disentis Energy Research Talks will take place from January 28 to 30, 2026. The event is dedicated to the challenges of the energy transition - particularly in relation to mountain regions - as well as the transdisciplinary scientific exchange on energy issues among the participants.

Topics relating to the question 'Is the energy transition a curse or a blessing, especially for the Alpine region?' such as the Solar Express, the expansion of wind power, the impact of expansion on biodiversity and competition for land will be prioritised and will also be discussed at the public event.

The conference includes:

- Organised thematic sessions: Under the direction of a session chair, questions are discussed transdisciplinarily by invitation.
- Paper sessions: Scientific presentations (basic and applied research) followed by a discussion, in English (Wednesday, January 28 2026 and Friday, January 30 2026) The conference aims to provide a platform for exchange between the SWEET projects. Contributions from young researchers of the SWEET projects are particularly welcome.
- Paper sessions: Scientific presentations prepared in a practice-oriented manner with subsequent discussion, in German (Thursday, January 29 2026)
- Public event: Presentations and panel discussion on a local topic related to energy and involving research, politics, administration and the energy industry (Thursday afternoon, January 29 2026)

CALL FOR PAPERS

We invite you to submit abstracts on the following topics:

Decarbonisation and climate positivity

- Mitigation
- Adaption
- Biodiversity
- Negative emissions and CO₂ capture and storage potentials
- Energetic and material use of biomass
- Legislation and obligations

New renewables

- Potential and production costs
- Storage options
- Competition for use of land
- Legal framework conditions

Security of supply

- Grids
- Energy self-sufficiency and resilience
- Winter electricity gap
- Utilisation of overproduction
- Future of base load energy
- Legal/political framework and trends in the European context

Heating / cooling

- Production and distribution
- New technologies and economic efficiency
- Construction
- Building regulations

User perspective

- Acceptance and risk aversion
- Cooperation in communities
- Energy efficiency

Other interesting topics

The Scientific Committee reserves the right to add other topics of interest that are submitted to it.

SUBMISSION OF ABSTRACTS

Papers can be submitted as abstracts by email to ivo.schillig@alpenforce.ch **until June 30, 2025**.

- Please use the template on our website.
- Abstracts must include the following information:
 - Title and abstract of the contribution (structure: content, methodology, results)
 - Name and title of all authors
 - Additional information:
 - a) Assignment to 1 - 3 subject areas
 - b) 3 additional keywords
 - c) If part of SWEET: SWEET project name
 - d) Presentation to representatives from the energy sector on Thursday, 29 January 2026 in German possible Yes/NO
 - e) Address, telephone number, email, website
 - Format: MS Word document, font size 10 point, max. 2 A4 pages
 - Graphics: *.jpg or *.png format, min. 300 dpi resolution, embed into the document
- Submissions will be reviewed by an international Scientific Committee.
- The abstracts of the accepted papers will be made available to the participants in a conference proceedings.

SCIENTIFIC COMMITTEE

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DATES

- **June 30, 2025:** Deadline for submission of the abstract (2 pages)
- By **August 30, 2025:** Review of the abstract, preparation of the programme for the Disentis 2026 Energy Research Talks, followed by communication on the decision of the Scientific Committee
- **January 28 – 30, 2026:** Energy Research Talks Disentis 2026

COSTS

- Participation fees: CHF 250.-
- Overnight stays are at the expense of the participants.

REGISTRATION, ORGANISATION, CONTACT

- The majority of the conference will be held in English on Wednesday and Friday. On Thursday the conference will be held in German. Individual presentations and discussions may be held in the other national languages.
- Please register by email to ivo.schillig@alpenforce.ch.
- Conference location: Disentis Monastery, Via Claustra 1, 7180 Disentis/Mustér.
- Further information and news can be found on our **website** www.alpenforce.com.

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