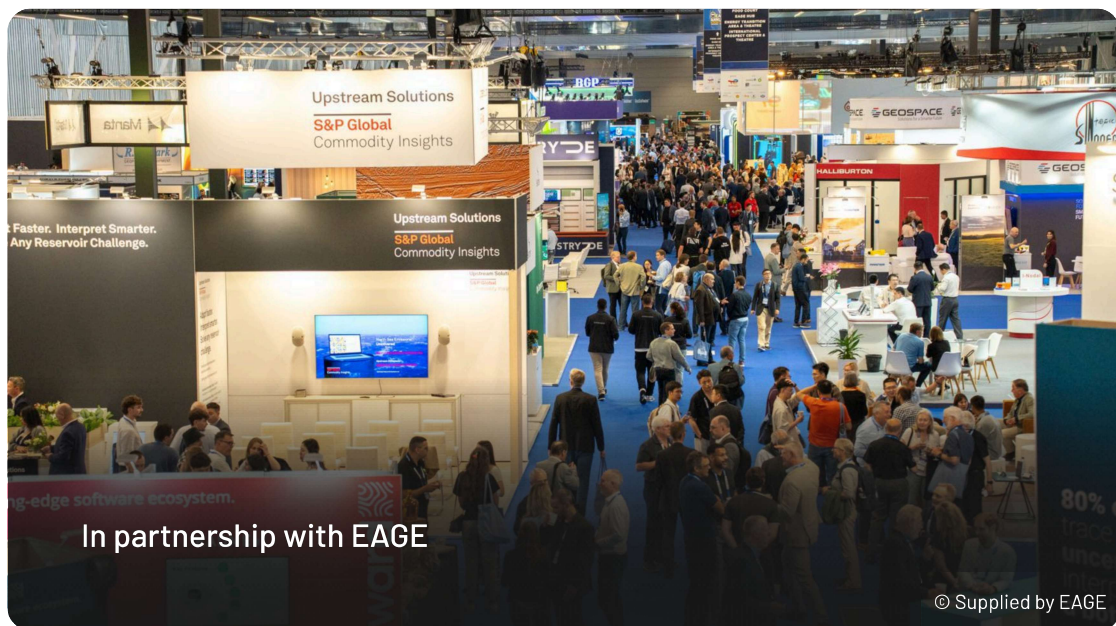


# Focus on EAGE 2026: Why this could be the most comprehensive event yet

Expanded line-up offers unique opportunity to explore geoscience's hot topics

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The 87th EAGE Annual Conference & Exhibition (EAGE Annual) is set to make its highly anticipated debut in Aberdeen, Scotland, from June 8-11 2026. Hosted at the state-of-the-art P&J Live venue, this premier event marks the first time the conference has visited the Granite City since its inception in 1951.

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Supported by energy major BP as the official host and main sponsor, the 2026 edition centres on the theme: 'Maximizing Value Through Technology & Partnership'. This theme reflects Aberdeen's unique position as a global energy hub transitioning from a storied legacy in oil and gas toward a future as Europe's 'Net-zero Capital'.

Martin Widmaier is Vice President of Seismic Acquisition Design Solutions at energy data experts TGS and the Technical Programme Officer (TPO) at EAGE.

As chair of the technical programme committee, he helps coordinate paper submissions and composes technical sessions, ensuring diversity and balance across topics.

Martin took us through what we can expect from the technical programme at this year's event and the key topics to be discussed.

## EAGE 2026 Technical Programme is bigger and better than ever



Martin Widmaier is Vice President of Seismic Acquisition Design Solutions at energy data experts TGS and the Technical Programme Officer (TPO) at EAGE.

The 2026 conference is set to have the most comprehensive program in many years. In total, 1630 paper submissions have been received, up around 10% on 2025. The number of 1630 submissions doesn't include the dedicated sessions, which is another 120 papers.

Martin said: "In Aberdeen, we will have 19 parallel tracks over three days, which is two more compared with Toulouse last year. You have to go back to pre-COVID conferences to find this high number of technical sessions at an Annual EAGE Conference."

It means the range of topics covered will be broad and topical. Geophysics has always been the core theme of EAGE. But this year will again see an increasing focus on other areas.

Martin added: "We've campaigned to attract more papers related to geology and you'll see a huge increase from last year, going from 155 to over 200 submissions. We've also got a significant increase in reservoir and production engineering papers, as well as many papers addressing geoscientific aspects of the energy transition."

In total the areas covered include geophysics, geology, petroleum and reservoir engineering, integrated subsurface, energy transition, environment, minerals, infrastructure and computer science.

## Hot topics for EAGE 2026 programme

So, what are the subjects likely to spark the most debate this year?

Of course, the energy transition will be to the fore. A significantly larger portion of the program is dedicated to sustainable energy related topics compared with 10 years ago, broadening the conference focus beyond traditional oil and gas. Growth areas include CCS, geothermal exploration, site characterisation for offshore wind, hydrogen and minerals.

Nothing is more under the spotlight at the moment than AI and it will be a major theme at EAGE 2026, with applications across various disciplines like seismic processing and characterisation, geology, as well as production optimisation.

Another major talking point will be full waveform inversion (FWI) and its impact on subsurface imaging, particularly in complex geological areas.

Martin continued: "There will be in-depth discussions of FWI, with expert presentations on state-of-the-art velocity model building and subsurface imaging. We'll also be looking at themes like CCS across sectors with collaboration between industry, academia and government."

One exciting and perhaps surprising topic will be space exploration.

Martin said: “The first dedicated session is about geosciences for space resources exploration. That’s a very new and exotic theme for an EAGE Annual.”

## **EAGE communities and Local Advisory Committee help with local focus and discipline expansion**

As host sponsor, BP has had a leading role in shaping the EAGE 2026 programme. The energy firm has worked with the EAGE and is chairing the local advisory committee (LAC) of the Annual 2026. The LAC has provided guidance on various elements of the conference programme. For example, the dedicated sessions were created jointly with EAGE’s scientific communities to broaden the range of geoscience and engineering applications in the technical programme.

On top of that, EAGE local chapters, the LAC and BP have ensured the event has a regional or even local focus, keeping developments in the UK and more specifically Aberdeen in the spotlight.

That means there will be a look at subjects such as offshore carbon capture and storage, a major developing industry in the Aberdeen area.

Martin said: “BP contributes a lot to the content of the conference and it ensures there is regional content. So, having an active host sponsor is very appreciated.

“You’ll see a number of sessions which are related to the UK and Aberdeen. We have a dedicated session called We Built This City on Rock and Oil, which is about the history of Aberdeen. You’ll also find a technical session dedicated to UK CCUS Projects.”

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The EAGE Annual 2026 is expected to attract over 6,000 delegates and more than 200 exhibitors, providing a world-class platform for geophysicists, geologists and reservoir engineers to discuss energy and resource challenges. Don’t miss the opportunity to be part of Europe’s largest multidisciplinary geoscience event. Visit [www.eageannual.org](http://www.eageannual.org) to learn more or register.



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