Kraków to host the 4th Congress of Distributed Energy

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How can the energy transition contribute to greater security, economic growth, and more effective use of local resources? These questions will be at the heart of the 4th Congress of Distributed Energy, which will take place on 4–5 November at the ICE Kraków Congress Centre. Once again, the City of Kraków will serve as host and strategic partner of the event, creating a platform for dialogue among representatives of local governments, academia, business, and public administration.

This year’s congress theme, “Energy in Action. Local, Secure, Sovereign”, highlights the fact that today’s energy transition requires not only ambitious plans but, above all, practical solutions, effective cooperation, and investments tailored to local needs.

The Congress is initiated and organised by AGH University of Science and Technology in Kraków, and the choice of the Małopolska capital as the venue underlines Kraków’s role in fostering discussions on the future of energy, innovation, and sustainable development.

The 4th Congress of Distributed Energy will focus on the practical aspects of the energy transition. One of the key topics will be the use of local energy sources, energy storage technologies, and smart management systems that can strengthen energy independence, improve supply security, and enhance economic competitiveness.

The programme includes discussions on:

- Energy efficiency in buildings
- Biogas and biomethane
- Digitalisation of the energy sector
- Artificial intelligence
- Cybersecurity
- Poland’s future energy mix

An important part of the debate will also focus on cooperation between residents and local governments in developing local energy initiatives and their role in shaping the future energy landscape.

The congress programme features four plenary sessions and more than 30 thematic sessions. This broad spectrum of topics will provide participants with an opportunity to examine distributed energy from technological, economic, social, legal, and local government perspectives.

During this year’s edition, local government representatives will have an opportunity to exchange experiences, learn about proven cooperation models, and discuss the conditions necessary for implementing new energy projects. Topics will include:

- Development of municipal energy initiatives
- Operation of energy cooperatives

- Utilisation of municipal infrastructure
- The role of cities in building local energy security

For Kraków, which is actively pursuing climate transition policies and striving to achieve climate neutrality, the event provides an opportunity to participate in a nationwide discussion about solutions that support modern and sustainable urban development.

The Congress is aimed at representatives of local authorities, entrepreneurs, investors, the scientific community, public administration, the energy sector, as well as energy communities and cooperatives. It is designed for everyone interested in developing new solutions, advancing projects, or finding partners for future cooperation.

Participants will learn about successfully implemented projects, discover available financing and implementation models, and discuss the barriers that continue to limit the development of distributed energy systems.

Free registration

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