

CIRCULAR 2035

Green energy. Circular industry. Resilient communities.

Aabenraa's annual conference showcasing how green energy deployment catalyses circular utilities, environmental benefits and derived growth.

8 October 2026 | Folkehjem, Aabenraa, Denmark

All-day moderator:

Nynne Bjerre Christensen, former news anchor, journalist and moderator.

Preliminary programme - subject to change.

09:00–10:00	Registration, coffee & breakfast
10:00–10:25 OPENING	Session 1: Welcome & setting the stage The Aabenraa Circular model: What is being built, why it matters, and why the model is replicable. What we will see examples of today, which big questions will be answered - setting the compass for the day. Welcome: Moderator Nynne Bjerre Christensen opens, setting the stage for the day Welcome address: Mayor of Aabenraa Municipality, Jan Riber Jakobsen Opening keynote: Hanne Klintøe, Head of PtX Development, Aabenraa Municipality
10:25–11:30 KEYNOTE + PANEL	Session 2: Building the Danish-German hydrogen economy First findings from the €1.6m EIB-funded project: a visualised mapping of the South Denmark - Schleswig-Holstein hydrogen ecosystem, pre-feasibility studies on critical infrastructure, and the hard questions of demand, transition mechanisms, and making a cohesive market happen through a dual use green fuels focus. Keynotes: Rikke Beckmann Danielsen, Global Financial Advisory Leader, Deloitte (EIB project) Nicola Knight, Director Low Carbon, Worley (pre-feasibility studies) Additional panelists: Steve Kelly, President and GM, 1PointFive International Knud-Erik Andersen, CEO, European Energy André Steinau, Head of Hydrogen Business Development, GP Joule Lars Hedemann, Partner, CoralPoint
11:30–11:45	Coffee break
11:45–12:40 KEYNOTE + PANEL	Session 3: Circular utilities - closing the loop in practice How wastewater becomes technical water for PtX and data centres, pyrolysis turns sludge into biochar, and surplus heat drives new industries - while cleaning the fjords and upcycling waste streams to new resources. Keynote speakers: Jakob Bjerregaard, Managing Director, Arwos Technical Water Dominique Helaine, Director, Carbon Solutions, Suez International Additional panelists: Ditte Lundgaard Jakobsen, Director of Planning, Technical & Environment, Aabenraa Municipality Hazel Reardon, PhD, Head of PtX & Lead Innovation Partnership for Technical Water, NIRAS Christian Døring, Hydrogen & E-fuels Lead, Veolia / Krüger
12:40–13:30	Lunch & networking (pre-arranged lunch meetings available)
13:30–14:20 KEYNOTE + PANEL	Session 4: The derived economy - the heat is on! The opportunity most energy conferences miss: surplus heat, CO ₂ and oxygen as feedstock for greenhouses, food producers, bio-based materials and more. Who is doing it, what does it take, and how do we accelerate? Keynote speakers: Mikkel A. Thomassen, Partner, CEO, Smith Innovation Simon Lander, Head of M&A, Selected Group Additional panelists: Kim Møller-Rasmussen, CEO, Aabenraa District Heating Martin Brander, Director Global Sector Coupling Solutions, Danfoss Simon Lauritzen, Founder, CEO, Nordic Shrimp

14:20–15:10 KEYNOTE + PANEL	Session 5: Building a grid for scale and energy security The grid infrastructure that makes the hub possible - and the resilience questions it must answer. Transformer stations, grid super-highways, microgrids and the governance gap no single actor will fund. Keynote speakers: Kim Willerslev, CEO System Responsibility, Energinet Karsten Plauborg, Partner, CEO, Plexar Additional panelists: (Martin Hansen, Deputy Director, Green Power Denmark, <i>not confirmed</i>) Lars Riis, Head of Market & Business Development, Siemens Energy Henrik Hansen, CEO, Danish Data Center Industry
15:10–16:00 CLOSING PANEL	Session 6: From blueprint to reality - who does what next? The closing panel translates the day's findings into commitments and clear asks. Not a summary - an action session. What must happen in the next 12 months, and who is responsible? Panelists: Joshka Knuth, State Secretary for Energy Transition & Climate, Land Schleswig-Holstein Andreas Wenzel, CEO, Danish-German Chamber of Commerce Hege Økland, CEO, Hy2Gen Nordic Jørgen Mads Clausen, Executive Chairman, Danfoss Patrick Gjelstrup Rosenquist, Director New Energy Generation, EIFO Kim Willerslev, CEO System Responsibility, Energinet
16:00–16:05	<i>Close & invitation to reception</i>
16:05–17:00	<i>Networking reception</i>

Appx 200 top-leader international participants

Site visits to Kassø e-methanol facility arranged by Danish-German Chamber of Commerce the day before, 7 October