



Call for abstracts!

12th GERG Young Researchers' Awards



*In association with the MARCOGAZ-GERG EGATEC 2026 Conference,
hosted by the Austrian Association for Gas and Water (ÖVGW).
25/26th of November 2026, Hotel Marriot (Vienna, Austria)*

*Are you a postgraduate student or a PhD candidate conducting research
in the field of renewable, low-carbon gases or energy systems?
What about presenting your project in front of a high-level
audience and possibly win a substantial prize?*

The European Gas Research Group (GERG) invites **early-career European researchers** to submit abstracts for the **GERG Young Researchers' Awards 2026**. The Awards recognise and encourage outstanding scientific research that contributes to excellence, innovation, and the development of solutions for the future European energy system.

The Young Researchers' Awards aim to **promote interaction and knowledge exchange between European universities, research centres, and industry** on R&D topics related to the role of **renewable and low-carbon gases, as well as gas infrastructure**, in the transition towards a sustainable energy future. Particular emphasis is placed on fostering dialogue between academia and industry practitioners and strengthening cooperation across the European research and innovation ecosystem.

Selected young researchers will have the opportunity to **present their work to a high-level audience**, gain visibility within the European gas and energy community, and engage directly with industry experts and policy-relevant stakeholders.

The **GERG Young Researchers' Awards 2026** will take place **in association with the 7th European Gas Technology Conference (EGATEC 2026)** on **25–26 November 2026 in Vienna, Austria**. EGATEC 2026 is jointly organised by **MARCOGAZ, GERG, and the Austrian Association for Gas and Water (ÖVGW)** as local host, and will bring together senior representatives from the European gas industry, universities, technology providers, and other key stakeholders.



Early-career researchers working on relevant topics are warmly encouraged to submit their abstracts and contribute to shaping the future of Europe's energy system.

- The Role of Renewable and Biogases in the Future Energy System
- H2NG Admixtures and Network Integrity
- Hydrogen Infrastructure
- The Role of Biogas and Biomethane in Decarbonising the Energy System
- Carbon Capture and Storage (CCS) & Carbon Capture, Utilisation and Storage (CCUS)
- Next Steps for the Gas Industry

How will you benefit:

- If you succeed in the first selection round, you will:
 - Be invited to the EGATEC conference, with support for travel and accommodation provided up to a limit of 700€.
 - Hold a Poster presentation session, allowing informal discussion with the jury and EGATEC audience members.
 - Present your project on stage in a 5-minute pitch, in front of a jury of senior industry professionals and the conference attendees.
- After the presentations, the jury will select one winner and award them a prize of 1000€ to support their future research.

How to apply:

- You must be a post-graduate student working towards a PhD or Master's degree. Different student profiles will be considered as a way of exchanging different perspectives (economics, chemistry, engineering...).
- Please send to contact@gerg.eu before **30th of June**
 - **A one-page abstract** describing the work you would like to present (Word or OpenOffice format),
 - **A short bio** a 100 words maximum.
- Successful finalists will be notified three months before EGATEC 2026.
- The final selection will be made during the conference, following pitches by finalists and the poster session

We hope to hear from you soon! We are looking forward to helping you showcase your work in front of an audience of enthusiastic professionals in your field and even potential employers.

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and [EGATEC website](#) for information on the conference.