

GEO-ENERGY EUROPE Virtual Market Visit with Canada

On 26/05/2021, the partners of the GEO-ENERGY EUROPE metacluster met with representatives of the Canadian geothermal sector to exchange about the prospects of future cooperation between European and Canadian companies involved in the geothermal sector around the development of international projects. This virtual market visit, undertaken as such because of the restrictions due to the COVID 19 pandemic, is yet another step in the consolidation of the relationship between the Canadian geothermal sector and the European geothermal industry.

Both regions are something of an outlier in the geothermal world, putting a stronger emphasis on the development of geothermal heating and cooling than on conventional geothermal power.

Geothermal prospects are major in the Canadian West, for the development of geothermal district heating and cooling networks for cities, agricultural and industrial uses. The country also has a largely untapped potential for geothermal power production, relatively close to major urban and industrial centers in British Columbia. Europe in exchange, has long tapped into its geothermal resources with a focus on heating and cooling, developing a world leading expertise on this type of geothermal energy projects. The discussion was focused on what both sides can provide each other.

Agenda of the discussion:

- GEE Introduction and Overview – Andrew Gaynor, Business Development Manager, Geoscience Ireland
- Geological Survey of Canada - Dr Stephen Grasby, Research Scientist
- Geothermal Canada - Dr Catherine Hickson, Vice President
- Terrapin Geo - Marc Colombina, VP Operations
- GEE Project Partners presentations