

## KeyGeothermal presentation at the Geothermal Roundtable in Slovenia December 12 -13 2023

Orkustofnun attended the Geothermal Roundtable in Ptuj in Slovenia 12-13. December and presented the KeyGeothermal project. The organisers were the Ministry for Regional Development in Slovenia, the Geothermica Initiative, Geothermal Implementation Working group (Under the SET-plan) and the CET Partnership.

The organisers requested an introduction from KeyGeothermal and the EEA Grants for this event as an example of a successful geothermal project that has been implemented recently.



The event was attended by a variety of geothermal experts from several countries in Europe, both from the public sector and industry. The first day was dedicated to presentations focused on country updates and geothermal projects, as well as panel discussions, while the second day was a field trip.



(Photos: Geothermica).

The importance of capacity building and awareness raising was a big topic at the event, as many developers and decision makers have faced difficulties concerning this issue.

Several experts in attendance were from EEA Grants beneficiary countries and were interested in learning how the mechanism works and how they can get funding for geothermal projects.



During the field trip we visited several sites of geothermal utilisation in the eastern part of Slovenia, including spas and greenhouses. We also visited a pilot project where a discontinued gas well is being used for its geothermal capacity to boil a coolant which then runs a turbine to produce 50 kW of electricity, a project that has immense potential considering the number of abandoned or unused oil and gas wells all over Europe.

Link to the roundtable can be seen [here Geothermal Roundtable in Ptuj in Slovenia](#) 12-13 December. Presentation on success stories can be seen here [KeyGeothermal](#).