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## PONTON Conference on 10 September 2026

Dear colleagues in the energy industry,

we are excited to announce the upcoming edition of our PONTON Conference, once again held in the Open Space format. We believe that each of our clients, partners, and stakeholders have unique insights worth sharing and look forward to discussing the latest developments and innovative ideas in the energy industry.

To kick off the conference on Thursday, 10 September 2026, three long-term industry partners will share their decades of joint experience with us and for the energy industry.

We will hold **Open Space sessions** in the afternoon, allowing you and your colleagues to shape the program. Last year, we saw spontaneous collaboration between grid operators, traders, and energy suppliers, leading to inspiring discussions across the normally separate domains in our industry.

In the evening of the conference day, we invite you to enjoy **dinner and a social event celebrating 25 years of PONTON** with a scenic view of the Elbe. On the following day, Friday, 11 September 2026, we will host **focus workshops** for different expert groups.

This invitation is for clients, partners, and friends. We are looking forward to seeing you on 10/11 September 2026. Should you have any questions, please contact us at [events@ponton.de](mailto:events@ponton.de).

With best regards from Hamburg,

Tilo and Michael

## Agenda for the PONTON Conference on 10 September 2026

**Venue:** [Hotel Hafen Hamburg](#), Room Ellipse 2+3,  
By Public Transport: S- and U-Bahn station Landungsbrücken (S1/S5/U3).

**Dress code:** business casual.

Time	Topic			
12:00 – 13:00	Light Lunch			
13:00 – 14:15	Clients Presentations with PONTON, Opening remarks: Michael & Tilo <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Walter Zandomeneghi (EDA GmbH): “EDA – 14 Years of market Communication in Austria”</li> <li>• Florian Gutekunst (TransnetBW): “DA/RE - Unlocking Distributed Flexibility for Congestion Management”</li> <li>• Geert van Wijngaarden (EWE Trading GmbH): „Standardisation, integration, innovation – 20 years of OTC post deal processing”</li> </ul>			
14:15 – 14:30	Tilo Zimmermann: Introduction, explaining the Open Space format			
14:30 – 15:00	All: Writing up proposals for discussion, voting, assigning to slots and networking break			
15:00 – 16:00	Open Space conference, three tracks in parallel with the following themes:			
	<table border="1"> <tr> <td>Track 1: Powering the Future – Networks, Markets &amp; Resilience in an Age of Disruption and Decentralization</td> <td>Track 2: High-Level Security in the Cloud – System Operators and IT Safety in the Context of Cloud Operations and Migration</td> <td>Track 3: AI in Software Development and Operations: What is the impact on project size, organisation, and culture.</td> </tr> </table>	Track 1: Powering the Future – Networks, Markets & Resilience in an Age of Disruption and Decentralization	Track 2: High-Level Security in the Cloud – System Operators and IT Safety in the Context of Cloud Operations and Migration	Track 3: AI in Software Development and Operations: What is the impact on project size, organisation, and culture.
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16:00 – 16:15	Presentation of results from first set of three tracks, discussion			
16:15 – 16:45	Networking break			
16:45 – 17:45	Open Space conference, second set of three tracks in parallel, continue themes as above or topics proposed by you!			
17:45 – 18:00	Presentation of results from second set of three tracks, discussion			
18:00	Michael Merz: Closing Remarks, end of first conference day			

The venue for the **social event** on Thursday, 10 September 2026 is **am kai** Restaurant, Große Elbstraße 145c, 22767 Hamburg. Doors open 18:30, official reception starts at 19:00.

Dress code: “business casual”.

Time	Dinner reception and party at am kai Restaurant
19:00 – 20:00	Sunset reception
20:00 – 21:30	Welcoming address and dinner buffet
21:30 – 01:00	Party with open bar and dance floor

## **I Workshop on “PPAs: From standards to automated use cases” on Friday, September 11, 2026**

Venue: PONTON GmbH, Dorotheenstraße 64, 22301 Hamburg

The energy crisis of 2020/2022 led to a substantial increase in Power Purchasing Agreements (PPAs), increasingly replacing traditional instruments in forward trading. While the growth in PPA volumes has not been steady since then, PPAs are here to stay.

Volume, complexity and variability between PPAs make deal capture, settlement, risk assessment and valuation difficult and time intensive. PPAs need simplification and standardization, followed by automation along the PPA value chain. To this end, PONTON started a pro-bono project in 2024, bringing together experts from trading, back-office operations, legal, IT, and risk management. Version 1.0 of this technical PPA standard was released during E-world 2026.

We would like to use this workshop to look at emerging use cases of the PPA standard and sketch out the future of technical standardization of PPAs. Your insights and expertise are crucial to this endeavour. We look forward to your participation.

<b>Time</b>	<b>Topic</b>
10:00 – 10:15	Introduction by Tilo Zimmermann
10:15 – 11:15	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Geert van Wijngaarden (EWE): Taking the PPA standards from contract to maturity.</li> <li>• Martin Geipel (Osborne Clark): using the PPA standard term sheet in practice</li> </ul>
11:15 – 11:30	Coffee break
11:30 – 12:30	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Franziska Danz (ION): Road map for building PPA standard support into ETRM products</li> <li>• Tilo Zimmermann (PONTON): Using AI to build PPA tools – practical demonstration.</li> </ul>
12:30 – 13:30	Lunch
13:30 – 14:30	Discussion: Next steps, general discussion

## **II. Workshop “Getting ready for REMIT II and outbound Confirmation Matching” on Friday, September 11, 2026**

**Venue:** PONTON GmbH, Dorotheenstraße 64, 22301 Hamburg

This workshop is designed for current and prospective users of PONTON integration products who want to prepare for upcoming regulatory changes—particularly REMIT II, which is scheduled to go live at the end of 2027—and improve operational efficiency. Participants will also receive an update on current developments and future enhancements across the PONTON product landscape.

The workshop will cover:

- **PONTON E/A** – an integration platform connecting ETRM systems with processes such as eCM, eRR (REMIT and EMIR reporting), and eSM.
- **PONTON X/D** – a mapping solution for transforming XML documents to and from database formats.
- **PONTON oCM** – a cloud-hosted confirmation matching solution for counterparties that do not use electronic matching, co-located with the CMS.

We will present the latest product developments, new business functionalities, and our product roadmap. In addition, we look forward to gathering your feedback, requirements, and ideas to help shape the future of PONTON integration products.

Time	Topic
10:00 – 10:15	Holm Hinrichs: Welcome, introductions, goals for the workshop
10:15 – 10:45	Stefanie Gräwe-Volger, Jörg Harm: Preparing for REMIT II: Changes and Timeline
10:45 – 11:45	Holm Hinrichs: Making REMIT II Work in Practice: ETRM Integration and Edge-Case Management
11:45 – 12:30	Stefanie Gräwe-Volger: oCM Standard and Enterprise: Enable seamless counterparty matching beyond the eCM process.
12:30 – 13:30	Lunch
13:30 – 14:30	Collecting wishes and priorities for development

### III. AI Hackathon for Energy Solutions, on Friday, September 11, 2026

**Venue:** PONTON GmbH, Dorotheenstraße 64, 22301 Hamburg

**Is there a nut to crack in your business?** In this workshop, we will equip you with the right nutcrackers — a human one and an agentic one. In teams of 2–3 humans and a group of agents, we will find a solution to your problem. And we will learn how AI-supported projects work: **fast prototyping and short feedback loops, but also software quality, usability and long-term maintainability.**

PONTON's experts are on hand to help you experience the next level of software development:

- gain hands-on experience with AI-assisted prototyping and agentic engineering tools,
- get a clearer view of where AI accelerates delivery — and where QA stays non-negotiable,
- and exchange experiences with your peers and the PONTON team.

If you'd like to participate, please contact PONTON in advance so we can form the right team for your problem.

#### **Hackathon agenda**

Time	Topic
10:00 – 10:30	Welcome and team set-up
10:30 – 13:30	Let's hack! ( <i>Lunch is available between 12:30 and 13:30 — while your AI is thinking ...</i> )
13:30 – 14:00	Presentation of results
14:00 – 14:30	Takeaways and closing