



Cleantech Forum **Europe**

Lyon | April 11-13, 2016

Cleantech Tours

Itinerary and Timings

Time: April 11: 13:00 – 16:00

Meeting spot:

Cleantech Forum Registration Desk
Palais du Commerce et la Bourse
20 rue de la Bourse
69002 Lyon 2ème

For the 8th year running, Cleantech Forum Europe will offer a pre-Forum opportunity to see some of the cleantech sights of our host city/area. This year, we are offering an afternoon cleantech tour in Lyon. The participants will take a bus from the Forum's conference center (please report to the registration desk).

We are offering participants two tour options:

Option 1: Green Chemistry Tour

Visit the cradle of French Chemistry, the [Chemical Valley](#), which is undergoing profound change. Boosted by the development of the chemistry cluster, [Axelera](#), many projects are emerging in the field of the environment. Representing more than 6,500 direct jobs, the Chemical Valley is a strategic region for the establishment of cleantech-related businesses. It also gathers 6 research centers of major industrial groups such as Bluestar Silicones and Total.

The itinerary for this tour is the following:

- [Axel'One](#) is a collaborative innovation platform, dedicated to chemistry and the environment. The platform is focused on two areas of excellence: innovative materials and innovative processes. One of the key missions is to provide a platform for innovative ways of approaching collaborative research. The Axel'One platform provides support and hosting services for companies and R&D projects (both French and European). On our visit to Axel'One, we will meet some of the interesting projects and companies that are part of the platform as well as tour its leading facilities.
- [Solvay](#), the international chemical group, has its biggest research and innovation center in the Chemical Valley in Lyon. During the tour, we will visit the center and learn more about their innovation activities.

Option 2: The Clean Energy Tour

The Rhône-Alpes region is France's foremost region for energy and electricity production (20.6% of the national total) and employs approximately 25,000 people. The Lyon region contributes significantly to research in the energy sector and is now in a promising position for the development of renewable energies.

The itinerary for this tour is the following:

- [Smart Electric Lyon](#), the first stop on the tour, is an urban laboratory designed to test and develop new ways of using energy. The laboratory comprises 21 partners as well as 25,000 homes and business participants in Greater Lyon who are looking to identify innovative services and products that allow energy consumers to better control and minimize their electricity consumption. We will visit the Smart Electric Lyon showroom where we will be able to interact with exhibits and learn about the activities and results of the project.
- [CNR](#) is the next stop on the tour. CNR is the regional utility in the Rhône-Alpes and is the first French energy utility to generate its energy from 100% renewable sources (hydro, wind and sun). It is the chief operator of the most powerful river in France, The Rhone. In addition to sourcing its electricity from exclusively renewable sources, CNR is part of a groundbreaking project called [Hyway](#) that will result in the rollout of a fleet of 50 hybrid electric/hydrogen-powered vehicles. We will visit CNR's multi-fueling station in Lyon to learn more about their project and test drive some of the hydrogen cars in their fleet.