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01 EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

During October 2026, the Economic Cooperation Organization Clean Energy Centre (CECECO) continued to promote regional cooperation in renewable energy and energy efficiency through institutional engagement, stakeholder dialogue, and participation in national and international events.

Throughout the reporting period, CECECO held meetings with representatives of the Economic Cooperation Organization, the Parliament of the Republic of Azerbaijan, AHK Azerbaijan, the German Embassy in Azerbaijan, and Hydrogen Europe. These engagements focused on strengthening institutional and bilateral cooperation, exploring potential partnerships, and discussing legislative frameworks and initiatives supporting the green energy transition.

CECECO also participated in the German–Azerbaijani Connectivity Conference 2026 in Baku and the Azerbaijan–EU Think Tanks Forum in Brussels, benefiting from discussions on energy security, regional connectivity, green energy corridors, and emerging clean energy technologies.

A significant highlight of the month was the joint side event organized by CECECO, SOCAR Green, and Hydrogen Europe during European Hydrogen Week 2026 in Brussels. The event explored opportunities to advance green hydrogen cooperation between Europe and emerging clean energy markets, with a focus on infrastructure, investment, export potential, and regional connectivity.

CECECO further continued its knowledge-sharing and capacity-building activities by organizing a seminar at Baku State University on the role of hydrogen in the sustainable energy transition.

These engagements contributed to advancing CECECO’s institutional priorities and strengthening cooperation with national, regional, and international stakeholders in the clean energy sector.

02 MEETINGS

ECO Deputy Secretary General Visits CECECO in Baku



Mr. Çağatay Emrah Öngüt, Deputy Secretary General of the Economic Cooperation Organization (ECO), visited the Economic Cooperation Organization Clean Energy Centre (CECECO) in Baku and met with Ms. Aysel Yagubova, Executive Director of CECECO, and the Centre's team.

During the meeting, the parties exchanged views on CECECO's ongoing activities and planned initiatives in the fields of renewable energy and energy efficiency. Discussions also focused on CECECO's work in promoting clean energy cooperation across the ECO region and its engagement with national, regional, and international stakeholders.

Meeting at the German-Azerbaijani Chamber of Commerce (AHK Azerbaijan)

Ms. Aysel Yagubova, Executive Director of CECECO, met with Ms. Nargis Wieck, Executive Director of the German-Azerbaijani Chamber of Commerce (AHK Azerbaijan), to discuss potential areas of cooperation in the clean energy sector.

During the meeting, Ms. Yagubova presented CECECO's activities and initiatives aimed at advancing renewable energy and energy efficiency. The participants exchanged views on opportunities for collaboration, including joint initiatives, knowledge sharing, and engagement with relevant stakeholders.

The meeting was also attended by Ms. Nigar Shukurova, Project Coordinator, and Mr. Asif Mammadzada, Communications Manager at CECECO, as well as Ms. Ayan Mukhtarli, Economic Affairs and Market Analysis Officer at AHK Azerbaijan.



02 MEETINGS

Meeting with the Chairman of the Committee on Natural Resources, Energy and Ecology

On 19 October 2026, Ms. Aysel Yagubova, Executive Director of CECECO, was received by Mr. Sadig Gurbanov, Chairman of the Committee on Natural Resources, Energy and Ecology of the Milli Majlis (Parliament) of the Republic of Azerbaijan.

During the meeting, Ms. Yagubova expressed her appreciation to the Parliament of Azerbaijan for the ratification of CECECO's Charter and Host Country Agreement. She briefed Mr. Gurbanov on CECECO's ongoing and planned projects in renewable energy and energy efficiency, as well as its partnerships with national, regional, and international stakeholders.



Meeting with the Ambassador of Germany to Azerbaijan

Ms. Aysel Yagubova, Executive Director of CECECO, met with H.E. Dirk Lölke, Ambassador of the Federal Republic of Germany to Azerbaijan, on 21 October 2026 to introduce CECECO and discuss potential cooperation.

During the meeting, Ms. Yagubova presented CECECO's activities and initiatives in renewable energy and energy efficiency. The parties exchanged views on potential areas of collaboration and opportunities to strengthen cooperation through relevant authorities and international organizations.

Meeting with GEFF Azerbaijan Delegation

On 13 October 2026, CECECO hosted a delegation from the Green Economy Financing Facility in Azerbaijan (GEFF Azerbaijan), supported by the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (EBRD).

During the meeting, Ms. Aysel Yagubova, Executive Director of CECECO, presented the Centre's ongoing activities, initiatives and projects. The GEFF Azerbaijan delegation introduced activities and future plans, and the parties explored potential areas of cooperation.

The meeting was attended by Mr. Mesut Avcı, Team Leader; Mr. Fehmi Demirkol, Banking Expert; Ms. Aytaj Isayeva, Green Finance Expert; Mr. Gürhan Mamaklıoğlu, Lead Engineer; Ms. Afet Yagubova, Communication Expert; and Ms. Aysel Rahimxanova, Project Assistant.



CECECO Holds Seminar on Hydrogen's Role in the Sustainable Energy Transition at Baku State University



On 8 October 2026, CECECO held a seminar entitled "The Role of Hydrogen in the Sustainable Energy Transition: From Theory to Practice" at Baku State University, focusing on green energy solutions, particularly hydrogen. Students from the Faculties of Chemistry, Ecology and Soil Science, Physics, and Biology attended the seminar.

The programme featured opening remarks by Mirhuseyn Taghiyev, Specialist of the Protocol Sector, who highlighted the importance of renewable energy and green hydrogen in addressing climate and sustainable development challenges, as well as cooperation between Baku State University and CECECO. Ms. Nigar Shukurova, Project Coordinator at CECECO, introduced the Centre's activities and discussed hydrogen's role in the energy transition, sectoral challenges, and the importance of knowledge sharing and capacity building.

Ms. Elvira Kazimova delivered a presentation covering hydrogen's value, classification, storage, derivatives, and transportation, as well as Azerbaijan's National Hydrogen Outlook document. The seminar also featured a presentation of CECECO's Hydrogen Knowledge Guide: Key Terms and Definitions, outlining its structure and key topics across the hydrogen value chain.

CECECO Participates in German–Azerbaijani Connectivity Conference 2026

On 6 October 2026, CECECO Executive Director Ms. Aysel Yagubova and Project Coordinator Ms. Nigar Shukurova participated in the German–Azerbaijani Connectivity Conference 2026 in Baku, held under the theme "Mobilizing Finance for Infrastructure, Transport, Logistics, Green Energy, and Digitalization along the Middle Corridor."

A session entitled "Infrastructure and Energy – Powering Sustainable Connectivity," brought together energy sector experts to discuss sustainable connectivity and the role of energy infrastructure in supporting regional development.

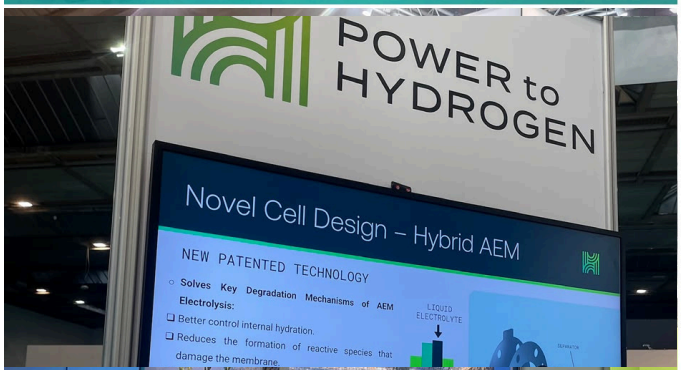


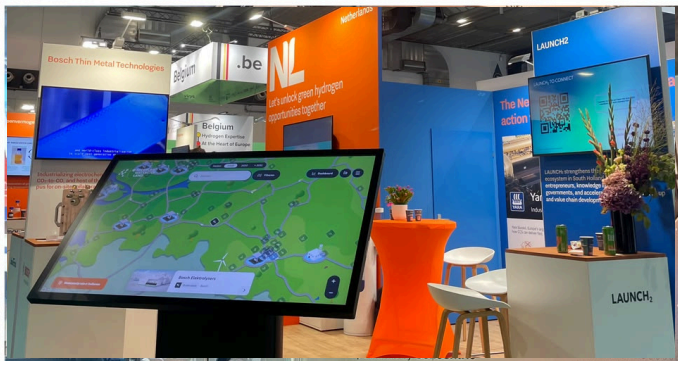
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CECECO Team Explores Hydrogen Technologies at European Hydrogen Week 2026









During European Hydrogen Week 2026, the CECECO team engaged with representatives of leading companies, research institutions, and industry stakeholders, gaining valuable insights into technological advancements, innovative applications, and emerging opportunities across the hydrogen value chain.

The week featured a series of high-level sessions, conferences, and forums addressing key developments in hydrogen policy, research and innovation, market prospects, and the challenges of scaling up hydrogen technologies. Bringing together representatives from industry, academia, public authorities, and international organizations, the programme provided a valuable platform for exchanging expertise, exploring potential areas of cooperation, and discussing pathways towards accelerating the development of the hydrogen economy. Through its participation, the CECECO team had the opportunity to deepen its understanding of the evolving hydrogen landscape and examine innovative solutions relevant to advancing regional clean energy cooperation.

Meeting with Hydrogen Europe CEO

Ms. Aysel Yagubova, Executive Director of CECECO, met with Mr. Jorgo Chatzimarkakis, Chief Executive Officer of Hydrogen Europe on the sidelines of European Hydrogen Week 2026. The meeting focused on opportunities for bilateral cooperation between CECECO and Hydrogen Europe, particularly in advancing green hydrogen development and strengthening clean energy partnerships.



03 EVENTS & ENGAGEMENTS

CECECO Participates in Azerbaijan–EU Think Tanks Forum



During her working visit to Brussels, CECECO Executive Director Ms. Aysel Yagubova participated in the Azerbaijan–EU Think Tanks Forum entitled “Azerbaijan and the European Union: New Perspectives.”

The forum was organized by the Egmont Institute and the AIR Center. Discussions addressed regional security, energy security, and connectivity, including Azerbaijan’s role in green energy corridors linking Central Asia to Europe and the potential of clean energy in the region.

CECECO, SOCAR Green and Hydrogen Europe Organize High-Level Side Event

On 28 October 2026, CECECO, SOCAR Green, and Hydrogen Europe jointly organized a high-level side event entitled “Connecting Europe with Emerging Clean Energy Markets: Accelerating Green Hydrogen Development” on the sidelines of European Hydrogen Week 2026 in Brussels.

The event featured opening remarks by H.E. Mr. Mammad Ahmadzada, Ambassador of the Republic of Azerbaijan to the Kingdom of Belgium, and a panel moderated by Ms. Ipek Tekdemir. The panel brought together Ms. Petra Schwager, Climate and Technology Partnerships (CTP) Division Chief at UNIDO; Mr. Adam Green, Regional Development Director, Caspian–Black Sea & Eastern Europe at Xlinks; Dr. Marcus Kappler, Lead Hydrogen & Energy Markets Analyst at Uniper; Mr. Elmir Musayev, General Director of SOCAR Green; and Ms. Aysel Yagubova, Executive Director of CECECO. Concluding remarks were delivered by Mr. Jorgo Chatzimarkakis, CEO of Hydrogen Europe.

Discussions focused on green energy corridors connecting the ECO region with Europe, green hydrogen export opportunities, investment, infrastructure, and cross-border energy cooperation. The event also featured presentation of CECECO’s publication “Hydrogen Knowledge Guide: Key Terms and Definitions”, supporting knowledge-building and capacity development across the region.



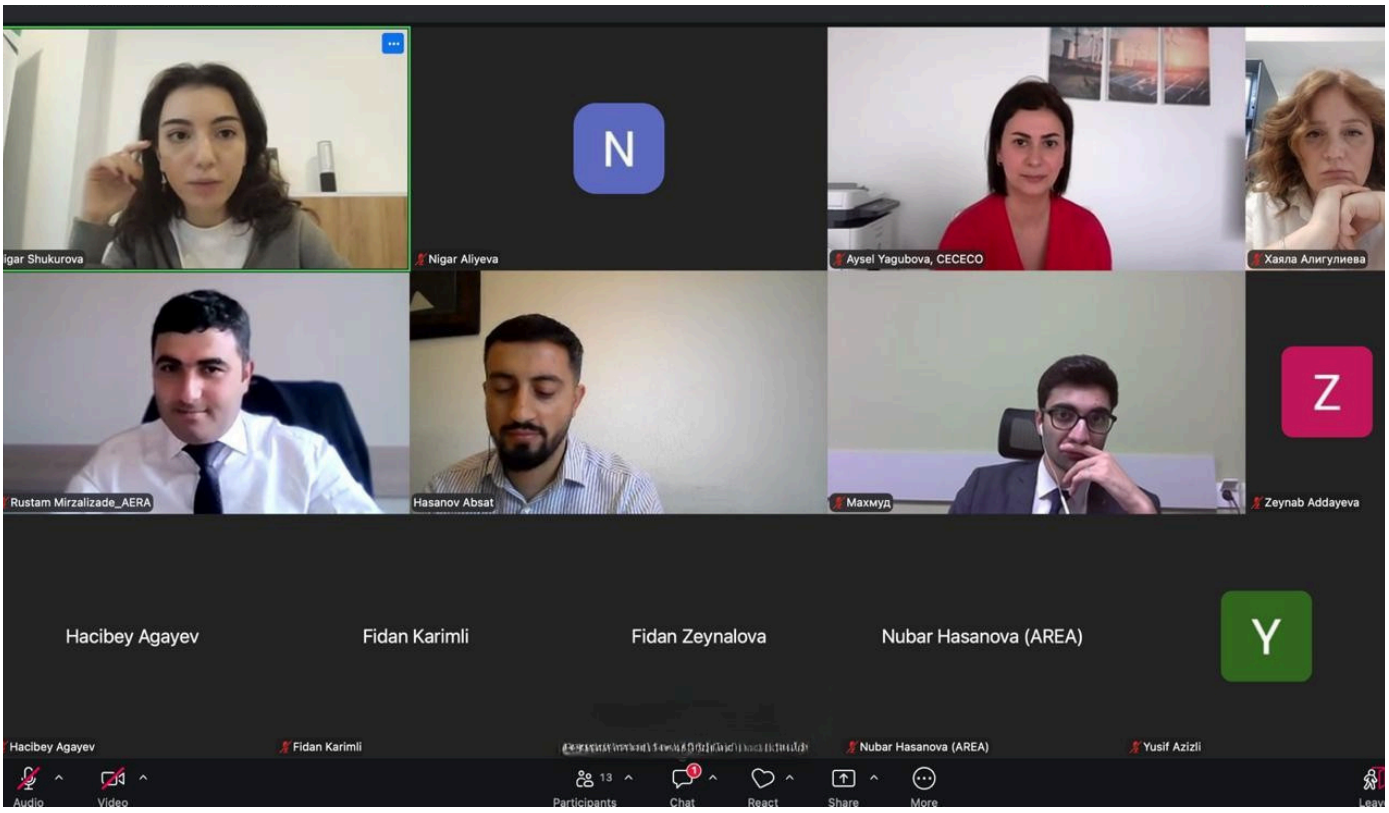
Clean Energy Academy Programme

CECECO continued to oversee the implementation of the Clean Energy Academy Programme.

CECECO maintained regular communication and held an online meeting with participants of the Training of Trainers module of the CECECO Clean Energy Academy programme to discuss their progress in the self-paced online learning component and identify any challenges they encountered.

Participants also shared their perspectives on the programme's implementation to date, provided feedback on the learning process, and offered recommendations for further improving the training. These insights will be taken into consideration in the preparation and delivery of the programme's upcoming phase.

The meeting also provided an excellent opportunity for peer-to-peer networking among participants from diverse professional backgrounds, enabling them to establish professional connections, exchange experiences and perspectives, and foster relationships that may contribute to future knowledge sharing and collaboration in the clean energy sector.



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