

Planet Expo & Conference 2026

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Planet Expo

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CLIMATE PROTECTION FOUNDATION
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About Planet Budapest

An experience about life

- Unique theme park and business forum about sustainability
- Date and venue: 25 February and 29 March 2026, Hungarian Railway Museum, Budapest
- Goal: to link knowledge and experience and to encourage action
- The event is based on 5 programme elements:



Planet Expo

Business about life

The place where expertise, innovation and creative solutions serve a liveable future.

Planet Explorers

Exploring life

Interactive exhibition – Exploration for all ages

Planet Heroes

Mission about life

Interactive theatre and education for the youth.

Planet Expo EXPLORERS

Planet Ride

Journey about life

Time travel and an interactive walk through the history of Earth and humankind

Planet Lens

Moments about life

A spectacular exhibition of the 100 photos included in the final selection of the International Nature Photography and Film Festival

HEROES RIDE

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The place where expertise, innovation and creative solutions contribute to a livable future.

A main pillar of Planet Budapest is the 5-day Planet Expo, between 25 February and 1 March.

What is Planet Expo exactly?

- It is an exhibition and a 3-day conference on innovative, sustainable, viable and economical solutions.
- A true business catalyst where Hungarian companies, startups and institutions present how sustainability can become an opportunity and good business.
- The list of exhibitors includes 100 Hungarian companies, and the Planet Conference will offer inspiring an exciting presentations.

Planet Expo: areas of expertise

F dome

- Water management
- Construction industry
- Energy

G dome

- Agriculture

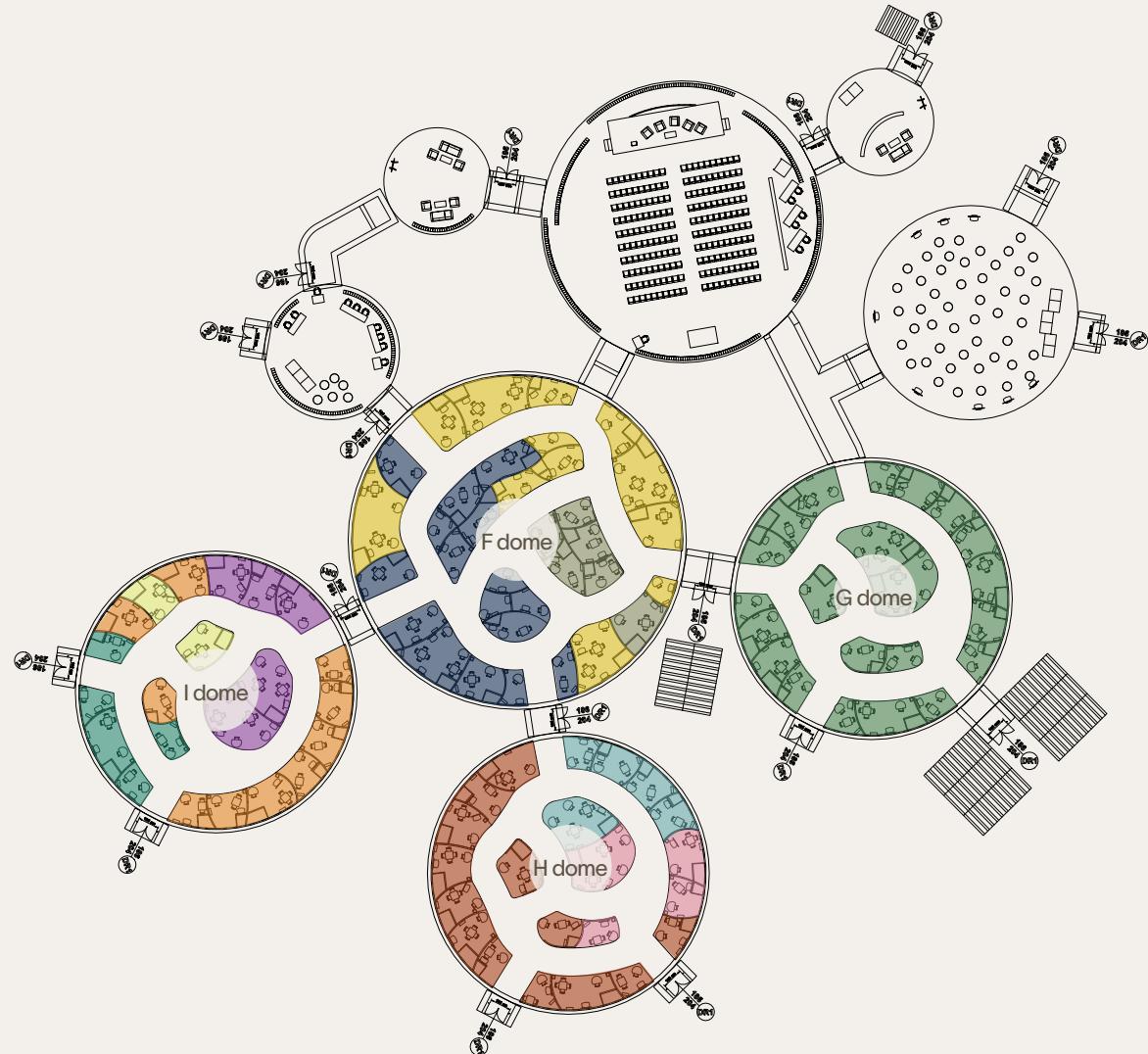
H dome

- Circular economy
- Smart cities
- Logistics and transport

I dome

- Education
- Food industry
- Awareness raising
- Sustainable tourism

There are nine dome tents of different sizes for district installation throughout the entire area of the Expo and Conference Center, covering a total area of 3,200 m².



Planet Conference

– Schedule and topics

The Planet Conference will take place during the first 3 days of the Expo, with a number of renowned international and Hungarian speakers.

SCHEDULE

Day 1: The agricultural sector in the grip of climate change (Wednesday, 25 February 2026)

Summary

János Áder, founder and chair of the board at the Blue Planet Climate Protection Foundation, will give an opening speech. After that, starting from a global perspective, the topics will close in on Hungary: a keynote speech by world-renowned economist Sir Partha Dasgupta will be followed by talks by Hungarian experts. The topics include agricultural financing in times of climate crisis, sustainable technologies, methods and opportunities, the risks of climate change (draught, frost, varietal conversion) adaptation practices in crop production. Finally, the challenges and solutions of global and local food supply chains, processing and waste management will be discussed.

The conference is free to attend, but registration is required:
[Registration link](#)

Sir Partha Dasgupta



- The guest of honour of the Planet Conference, Sir Partha Dasgupta, a renowned and multiple award-winning Indian-British economist, will give a talk on the first day.
- A Professor Emeritus at the University of Cambridge and author of several papers and books; he is considered a pioneer in modern economics for his findings about the relationships between the environment and economic systems.
- Sir Dasgupta drew attention to the climate crisis and the importance of protecting biodiversity and our resources by introducing the concept of "natural capital" into professional discourse and public thinking.
- As a result of his work, the aspect of sustainability has now been integrated into microeconomic and macroeconomic models.

Day 1: The agricultural sector in the grip of climate change**9.00 – 9.20 Opening speech by János Áder**

founder and Chairman of the Board of Trustees at the Blue Planet Climate Protection Foundation

9:20 – 10.00 Nature and Economy – Presentation by Sir Partha Dasgupta

Frank Ramsey Professor Emeritus of Economics at the University of Cambridge

**10 – 10:20 Q&A
10.20 – 10.45 Coffee break****Morning presentations:****10.45 – 11.10 Sustainability, competitiveness or growth?**

How to find the balance between growth and sustainability? How to find the balance between economic interests, natural capital and social considerations?

11.10-11.20 Adaptation to climate crisis in light of investment projects

What do financing trends show? How do farmers respond to the challenges of climate crisis?

11.20 – 12.15 Agrifinance under the pressure of climate crisis – Race or damage control?

How can adaptation be financed? What subsidies, loans and risk management tools can contribute to green transition?

Afternoon presentations:**1 – 1:20 To what extent is the agricultural sector responsible for climate crisis and how can it be a part of the solution?**

The emission effects of agriculture, the potential of carbon sequestration and sustainable technologies.

1:20 – 1:35 The tools of resilience – irrigation, regenerative soil practices, choice of varieties – Where are the opportunities for breakthrough?

Technologies and methods that allow for sustainable production even in unpredictable weather conditions.

1:35 – 2:20 Let's learn from the vagaries of weather in recent years – Best practice in adaptation

What specific solutions do farmers use to mitigate climate risks? What has been learned from extreme weather in recent years in agricultural production?

2:20 – 2:55 The fruit and vegetable sector at a crossroad – Survival strategies in the shadow of regular frosts

How does climate crisis affect our most sensitive sectors? What technological and organisational solutions can help fruit and vegetable growers to survive? How can you prepare for frost, drought and hail? How do the insurance sector and the agricultural sector respond to the increasing risks?

2:55 – 3:10 The vulnerability of global food supply chains and the role of Hungary – challenges, solutions and lessons learned

How independent can Hungary be with global inputs (e.g. energy intensive fertilisers, seeds) and what green, domestic solutions can ensure strategic control over the whole food chain?

3:10 – 3:45 From soil regeneration in agriculture to waste management – Opportunities for increasing value sustainably in the food value chain

How does soil health pay off? With extreme weather and the increasing price of inputs, how can soil regenerative practices in agriculture be used in the food value chain as a primary risk management tool that can be financed? How do large corporations integrate sustainability aspects into their production and supply chains? What is the connection between waste management and agriculture?

3:45 – 5:00 Networking and Planet Expo tour

SCHEDULE

Day 2: The future of clean energy (Thursday, 26 February 2026)

Summary

The day starts with the announcement of a Hungarian innovation in battery development. Following that, the future of the Hungarian energy production and the transition of industries to clean energy will be discussed, with a focus on topical issues like the financing of the green transition, energy storage, the potential in various renewable energy sources in Hungary and the role of energy communities.

The conference is free to attend, but registration is required:
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Day 2: The future of clean energy**9 – 9:15****Keynote speech – Effective energy storage: the next big step of renewable energy**

János Áder, Founder and Chairman of the Board of Trustees at the Blue Planet Climate Protection Foundation

Morning presentations and panel discussions:**9:15 – 9:30 A new direction in battery development – On the brink of world fame**

Speaker: Representative of the Bay Zoltán Research Institute

9:30 – 10 Discussion about battery development

The next steps and the significance of research for the energy market and society

10 – 10:20
Q&A**10:20 – 10:45 Coffee break****10:45 – 11:05 The future of sustainable energy production****11:05 – 11:20 The impact of ESG performance on corporate competitiveness:**

Global and European evidence on how to maximise performance improvement

1:25 – 12:15**Financing the “green transition” and clean energy transition:**

Key points and challenges

12:15 – 12:50**Project financing on the energy market**

What is the “secret” of successful implementation?

Afternoon panel discussions:**1:35 – 1:55****Is it time for an energy storage boom?**

What is the next step?

1:55 – 2:35 The future of solar, wind and geothermal energy in Hungary

The prospects and challenges of capacity improvement

2:35 – 2:50 The development options of settlements

“Green transition” and the role of stable and flexible energy supply

2:50 – 3:30
Energy communities

Cross-industry partnerships, achievements and lessons learned

3:30 – 5 Networking (coffee break) and a tour of the Planet Expo

SCHEDULE

Day 3: Future of Water – Innovative Responses
to Global Water Challenges – Professional forum

Friday, 27 February 2026

Summary

The exclusive, international conference is organised by a professional partner, Hungarian Water Partnership (HWP). The event will provide an opportunity for dialogue on the reforms of the water sector, global challenges, financing and building resilience, with dedicated networking opportunities.

The conference languages are English and French. The conference is free to attend, but registration is required: [Registration link](#)

Day 3: Future of Water – Innovative Responses to Global Water Challenges

8:30 – Arrival, registration

9 – 9:20 From Water Summits to the present day: Developments by the Hungarian water industry in Africa

János Áder – Former President of Hungary, Chairman of the Board of Trustees at the Blue Planet Climate Protection Foundation

9:20 – 9:40 The effects of investments by the Hungarian water industry in Africa, further opportunities

Blaise Moussa – President of the AfWASA

9:40 – 10 Challenge – Solution – Experience: The expansion of the Hungarian water industry

Dr. Károly Kovács – President of the HWP and Vice President of AfWASA

10:00 – 11:30 Introduction of the Hungarian Water and Sanitation Sector – from risk mitigation to value-boosting solutions

Keynote speech: Prof. András Szöllösi-Nagy, Doctor of Science of the Hungarian Academy of Sciences, Chairholder of the UNESCO Chair on Water Conflict Management, Secretary General of the Paris based UNESCO International Hydrological Programme, Rector of the UNESCO-IHE Institute of Water Education, Delft, the Netherlands (To be confirmed)

Dr. Karoly Kovacs President of the Hungarian Water Association (HWA) - Hungarian Water and Sanitation Infrastructure Developments

Bálint Horváth Secretary-General of the Hungarian Water Partnership – Hungarian Water Sector Innovations Beyond Borders

Peter Kovacs – Water Director of Hungary, Hungarian General Directorate of Water Management

11:30 – 12:00 – Coffee Break

12:00 – 13:30 Session 1: Global water challenges

Keynote speech1: Where is water headed in the world? – A global perspective

Is Water Secure World a Realistic Goal in the Midst of Accelerating Climate Change? Csaba Körösi, Strategic Director of the Blue Planet Climate Protection Foundation and former UN General Assembly President

(To be invited)

Keynote speech 2: Hungarian contributions to solving global water challenges – Katalin Bihari – Deputy State Secretary at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade of Hungary

Panel 1 Discussion on global water challenges

Prof Harsha Ratnaweera – President of European Water Association (EWA)
African Water and Sanitation Association (AfWASA)

Dr Rose Kaggwa – Director of African Water and Sanitation Academy (AWASA)

Géza Csörnyei – Representative of Eastern-Europe in the Steering Committee of the Global Water Operators Partnership, GWOPA

Dr. Zhang Rui – Deputy Director of ASEM Water

13:30 – 14:30

Business Lunch and Networking

Day 3: Future of Water – Innovative Responses to Global Water Challenges**14:30 – 16:00****Session 2: financing global water challenges – discussion on traditional and emerging private capital project financing models**

Keynote speech 1: Dr. Winston Yu – Practice Manager for Water World Bank

Keynote speech 2: Dr Joseph Siaw Agyepong – Chairman, Jospong Group of Companies, Ghana

Panel 2 Funding for projects supporting SDG 6 – discussion on financing water developments

Moderator: Béánt Horváth – Secretary-General of the Hungarian Water Partnership

Ádám Csécsei – Deputy Director, ESG & Sustainable Finance Centre, EXIM Bank

Dr. Levente Sipos-Tompa – Vice President of the Hungarian National Bank responsible for financial institution supervision and consumer protection

Dr. Stefania Ciraolo – Head of the EIB Group Office in Hungary – European Investment Bank

Dr. Winston Yu – Practice Manager for Water World Bank

Dr. Joseph Siaw Agyepong – Chairman, Jospong Group of Companies, Ghana

Panel 3 – How to respond to the challenges and utilize funding opportunities – best practices and lessons learned by national and regional associations and their case studies – messages for the post 2030 development framework

Vietnam Water Supply and Sewerage Association

Dr. Myungsoo Yoo – Vice-President of the Korea Water and Wastewater Works Association (KWWA)

Dr. Ing. Nicoleta Sanda Brisan – President of ECO-Innovation Cluster for SUSTAINABLE ENVIRONMENT (CLEMS)

Teodor Popa – Incoming Vice-President of the International Association of Water Service Companies in the Danube River Catchment Area (IAWD)

Péter Kovács – Director General of Hungary Helps Agency

16:10**Ceremonial Signing of Cooperation and Partnership Agreements****16:30****Guided visit of the PLANET Budapest 2026**

Planet Expo and the immersive interactive experience

19:00 – 22:00**Networking and Dinner**

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