

# Geothermal UK Working Groups: Second All-Hands Workshop

18 May 2026    Host: Gowling WLG, London Bridge

Last month, members of our community came together for the second all-hands workshop of the 18-month collaborative programme established in October 2025 to accelerate geothermal development across the UK.

The working groups were formed following discussions between industry, government and academia at a roundtable in June 2025, where there was strong agreement that a **more coordinated and action-oriented approach was needed to unlock the UK's geothermal potential**. While numerous studies and reports had highlighted the opportunities presented by geothermal, it was recognised that progress was being hindered by a fragmented policy, regulatory and commercial landscape.

The working groups were therefore established, bringing key stakeholders together to develop an **actionable blueprint for scaling geothermal deployment in the UK**.

The programme, which includes approximately 100 members and has an 18-month timeline, is structured around five topics:

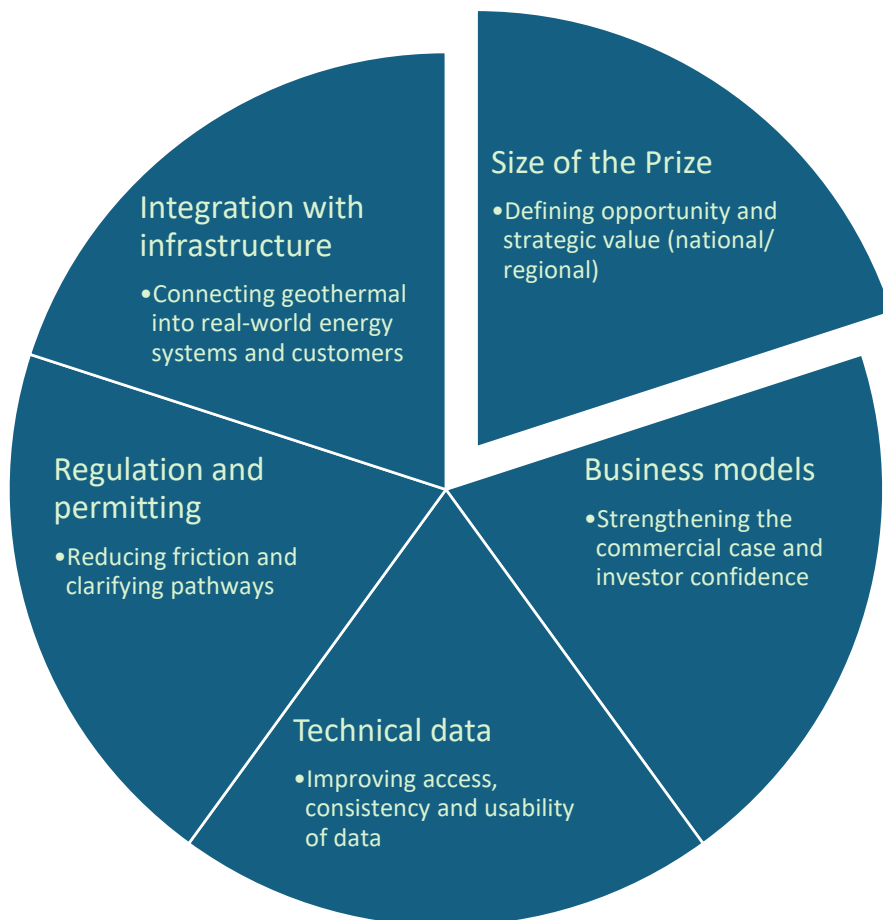




Photo: Working group leadership team and Gowling WLG hosts

Now, eight months into the programme, the workshop marked the second occasion that members from all five working groups had come together in person since the programme began. The primary objectives were to share progress, strengthen collaboration between workstreams and identify opportunities to align activities and outputs.



Updates from each working group demonstrated the significant effort undertaken over the past few months. It was encouraging to see the level of progress achieved across the programme, with all groups on track to meet the 18-month objectives. While some groups have already begun developing outputs, others have focused on understanding the current landscape and clarifying how their area of work interacts with the wider programme.

A key outcome of the workshop was the identification of clear overlaps and interdependencies between workstreams. Discussions highlighted numerous opportunities for cross-group collaboration, enabling participants to share knowledge, avoid duplication and ensure that recommendations are developed within a coherent and integrated framework.

The session also marked a transition towards considering the coalition's final outputs. Conversations have begun around what the programme's deliverables could look like and how findings from each working group might be brought together into a coherent set of practical recommendations capable of accelerating geothermal deployment in the UK. These discussions will continue over the coming months as workstreams increasingly move from analysis towards delivery. These outputs will be

essential to help demonstrate and evidence the case for geothermal to government, industry and investors.

It was a full, productive and enjoyable day, hosted by Gowling WLG in their office overlooking Tower Bridge, London.



The next all-hands workshop will take place in November 2026 and will be the final in-person workshop before completion of the programme. The outputs of the working groups will be launched in May 2027.

We were delighted by the enthusiasm and engagement demonstrated throughout the workshop and thank all participants for their continued commitment and determination. The shared belief that collaboration across industry, government and academia can accelerate geothermal deployment was evident throughout the day, and we look forward to seeing what the community will deliver over the coming months.

Companies and organisations involved in the Geothermal UK working groups include:

AECOM	Leeds University
alfa8	London Geothermal
Amberside	LookUp Geoscience
Arup	Madano
BlaqCat	Marriott Drilling
British Geological Survey	Max Max Advisory
British Standards Institution	Mining Remediation Authority
CAL Consulting	Ministry of Defence
Causeway Energy	NESO
Ceraphi	NESTA
Chubb	Newcastle Law School
CMGA	NHS England
CMS	NHS Scotland
Cornish Lithium	NSTA
Cornwall Trade and Industry	OEUK
Deep Green Ventures	Project InnerSpace
Department for the Economy, Northern Ireland Executive	Queen's University, Belfast
DESNZ	REA
Eden Geothermal	RGU
Energy Systems Catapult	Roedl
EnovateAI	Roemex
Environment Agency	Salix
Geothermal Wells	SSE
GLJ Ltd	Star Energy
GO Science	The ADE
Gowling WLG	TownRock
Great British Energy	Triple Point
Green Project Technologies	University of Aberdeen
Halliburton	University of Leeds
Hermetica Black	Vital Energi
Jacobs	
KBS Maritime	
Kensa	
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