

## **Press release**

# Change in the Supervisory Board of RWE AG: Thomas Kufen succeeds Günther Schartz

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The Supervisory Board of RWE AG has undergone a change. Essen's District Court appointed Thomas Kufen, Mayor of the City of Essen, to the board as a shareholder representative, on 18 October.

Kufen succeeds Günther Schartz, the District Administrator of the Trier-Saarburg district. Schartz resigned from his office as a member of the Supervisory Board of RWE AG with effect as of the end of 30 September 2021, and had been a member of the board since April 2016.

Dr. Werner Brandt, Chairman of the Supervisory Board of RWE AG, explains: "On behalf of the entire Supervisory Board, I would like to thank Günther Schartz most sincerely for his commitment. Over the past five years, he has intensively supported RWE with his experience and expertise throughout its extensive transformation into one of the world's largest renewable energy companies." He adds: "We are delighted to have found a successor in Thomas Kufen, who knows both the energy sector and the company very well."

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#### **RWE AG**

RWE is one of the world's leading renewable energy companies. It has capacity of around 11 gigawatts based on renewable energy, including hydropower and biomass as well as a highly efficient gas fleet and an international energy trading business. RWE wants to expand this position by investing in onshore and offshore windpower, photvoltaics and storage technologies. As a driver of the energy transition, the company also focusses on innovative projects such as floating offshore as well as the generation and use of hydrogen. At the same time, RWE is responsibly phasing out nuclear energy and coal. Government-mandated phaseout roadmaps have been defined for both of these energy sources. The company has a total of around 41 gigawatts of generating capacity in its portfolio and employs around 20,000 people worldwide. RWE has a clear ambition: to be carbon-neutral by 2040. On its way there, the company has set itself ambitious targets for all activities that cause greenhouse gas emissions. The renowned Science Based Targets initiative has scientifically confirmed that these emission reduction targets are in line with the Paris Agreement.

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