

## Press release

### Construction work has started: RWE is expanding its wind farm at Wiedenfelder Höhe

- **Three wind turbines with a total capacity of 17.1 MW are scheduled to go into operation in mid-2026**
- **New wind farms will be able to supply green electricity to around 8,500 households**

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More wind for the region: RWE is set to expand the Bergheim Wiedenfelder Höhe wind farm, located on land reclaimed from the Fortuna-Garsdorf opencast mine. The existing wind farm, which was commissioned in 2017 and comprises four wind turbines (13.2 megawatts), will be expanded by three turbines with a total output of 17.1 megawatts (MW). Following the award of the contract at the Federal Network Agency's auction at the end of last year, the company has now started construction work on the three 5.7 MW wind turbines. The plants are scheduled to be commissioned in mid-2026. Once complete, the new installations will be capable of providing green electricity to around 8,500 households, meaning the Wiedenfelder Höhe wind farm will be able to supply around 16,000 households in total.

**Katja Wünschel, CEO RWE Renewables Europe & Australia:** “The Rhenish lignite area is ideal for wind energy. With the expansion of the wind farm on the Wiedenfelder Höhe, we are now constructing additional wind turbines with a total output of 111 megawatts in the area. This also benefits the local population. We pay the surrounding municipalities 0.2 cents per kilowatt hour produced. It is expected that the new facilities at the Wiedenfelder Höhe in Bergheim will generate annual revenues of up to €60,000.”

#### **Green growth in the domestic market**

Onshore wind energy plays a decisive role in the energy transition, forming one of the cornerstones of the expansion of renewable energy sources. RWE is currently constructing wind farms in its domestic market with a planned total capacity of 170 MW (642 MW in operation), of which 111 MW are in the Rhenish lignite area (Bergheim Wiedenfelder Höhe, [Bedburg](#), [Aldenhoven](#); 215 MW already installed in the Rhenish lignite area). To establish a strong presence in the regional wind and solar industries, RWE has nine regional offices throughout Germany, as well as its headquarters in Essen. In order to further advance the expansion of renewable energy, the company is searching nationwide for suitable sites for wind, solar, and battery projects. Interested landowners can find further information [here](#).



A photo of the existing wind farm on the Wiedenfelder Höhe is available for media purposes in the [RWE media centre](#) (credit: RWE).

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