

Press release

More wind power for the Rhenish lignite area – RWE commissions additional turbines at Wiedenfelder Höhe wind farm

- **Three state-of-the-art turbines with a total wind capacity of 17.1 MW installed**

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RWE has completed the expansion of its Wiedenfelder Höhe wind farm in Bergheim in the Rhenish lignite area. Three new 5.7-MW wind turbines have recently started operating on the recultivated spoil tip of the former Fortuna-Garsdorf opencast mine, delivering a total of 17.1 megawatts (MW) to the grid. The existing wind farm, built in 2017, has a capacity of 13.2 MW. The site now has seven turbines in total, with a combined capacity of 30.3 MW – enough to supply the equivalent of around 16,000 households with green electricity per year.

Sopna Sury, CEO RWE Renewables Europe & Australia: “By making efficient use of recultivated land in the Rhenish lignite area, we are creating local value for a region undergoing structural change. With these state-of-the-art wind turbines on the Wiedenfelder Höhe, we are providing even more secure, locally generated and climate friendly renewable electricity from the district. This also benefits the local population, as we are paying 0.2 cents per kilowatt-hour generated to the surrounding municipalities. This equates to projected annual revenue of up to 60,000 euros from the new turbines alone.”

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 energies. RWE is currently constructing wind farms in the Rhenish lignite area with a planned total capacity of 74 MW ([Bedburg](#), Düren-Merken; 267 MW already installed in the Rhenish lignite area). To establish a strong presence in the regional wind and solar industries, RWE has seven regional offices throughout Germany. 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 at www.rwe.com/landverpachten

Photos of the new wind turbines at Wiedenfelder Höhe are available for media purposes in the [RWE media centre](#) (Credit: RWE)



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