



Press release

RWE starts commercial operation of its Solar Park Kerkrade

- **RWE's first ground mounted solar park in the Netherlands has an installed capacity of 14.7 megawatts peak**
- **Solar park Kerkrade will generate renewable energy equal to the average annual electricity consumption of around 4,000 Dutch households**
- **2 further solar projects and 4 onshore wind farms in the Netherlands to come online in 2021**

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Katja Wünschel, COO Wind Onshore & Solar PV Europe & APAC of RWE Renewables:

"With the official commissioning of our first Dutch ground mounted solar park in Kerkrade, we achieved an important milestone for the expansion of our renewables portfolio in the Netherlands. Despite challenging circumstances resulting from the COVID-19 pandemic, the project was realized in less than eight months, within time and with an unrelenting focus on health and safety. This year, RWE will further expand its renewables activities in the Netherlands and will complete additional onshore wind farms and solar projects. These projects demonstrate once again that we are committed to contributing to the energy transition in the Netherlands and making energy supplies more sustainable for the future."

RWE, one of the world's leading companies for renewable energy, has officially commissioned its first ground mounted photovoltaic (PV) project in the Netherlands. Solar Park Kerkrade, in the province of Limburg has an installed capacity of 14.7 megawatts peak (MWp). The green electricity generated by the solar park is equal to the average annual electricity consumption of about 4,000 Dutch households. In March, the company announced the construction of its first floating PV project as part of the expansion of its Dutch Solar Park Amer. By the end of this year, RWE will have a solar portfolio in the Netherlands with a total installed capacity of 23.1 MWp.

RWE commenced construction of its first ground mounted solar park in the Netherlands in September 2020. Solar Park Kerkrade was realized in less than eight months and within its stated project plan. As a result of continuous attention to health and safety, the project was delivered safely and without accidents. The solar park consists of more than 36,000 solar panels. This year RWE will finalize the expansion of its Solar Park Amer with an innovative floating PV project and also a ground mounted solar project. Currently, the company is looking at opportunities to develop further solar projects near its own wind farms.



RWE is also developing solar projects in several countries in Europe and North America with a total capacity of more than 7.6 gigawatts (GW).

RWE is further growing its renewable energy portfolio in the Netherlands. The company operates seven onshore wind farms with a total installed capacity of 268 MW (RWE's pro rata share). In addition to solar, the company has currently four new onshore wind farms under construction with a total capacity of more than 115 MW. All projects are expected to be commissioned during the course of 2021. Alongside renewable developments, RWE is contributing to the energy transition in the Netherlands with hydrogen projects such as NorthH₂, Eemshydrogen and FUREC.

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RWE Renewables

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