

### **Press release**

## RWE's largest battery storage project goes live in Monaghan, Ireland

- Project will supply 60 megawatts to help rapidly balance grid fluctuations and can be used as an energy backup solution
- €25 million Investment in Lisdrum battery storage is another step to enhancing the role of renewables in Ireland's clean energy transition

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RWE's second and largest-to-date battery storage project has entered full operations in County Monaghan, Ireland.

The 60-megawatt (MW) facility, located at Lisdrumdoagh, (3km East of Monaghan town) is capable of providing the rapid delivery of electricity into the power grid to help balance intermittency in electricity generation. It also provides a short term back-up to help address power outages, and to maintain a more stable and secure electricity supply in Ireland.

The site is the second battery storage facility that RWE, one of the world's leading renewable energy companies, has brought online in Ireland. It's first 8.5 MW project is located in Stephenstown, Balbriggan, in County Dublin and went live in April last year.

Cathal Hennessy, Managing Director, RWE Renewables Ireland, said: "We have invested €25million in Lisdrumdoagh to develop utility-scale battery storage, in a market which is already committed to renewable energies, and which provides dedicated support for battery storage. Ireland is an excellent starting point for RWE Renewables as we look to expand and grow our battery storage technology business and become a key partner in Ireland's low carbon energy transition."

In the first half of 2020 Irish onshore wind farms generated nearly 37% of the country's electricity needs, making Ireland an important market for onshore wind. Ireland has set a target of generating 80% renewable electricity by 2030. Deployment of battery storage like Lisdrumdoagh, will be capable of a rapid response to frequency changes, importing or exporting electricity from the grid as needed, and helping efficiently stabilise the grid, while guaranteeing reliable electricity supply for users.

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RWE Renewables has been in Ireland since 2016 and now has two offices; one in Kilkenny City and one in Dun Laoghaire, County Dublin. In 2018, the company constructed, and now operates the 10 MW Dromadda Beg Onshore Wind Farm, located in County Kerry, RWE's first onshore wind farm in the country. The Irish development team is exploring further renewable projects and opportunities. A planning application was submitted earlier this year for the 62 MW Lyre Onshore Wind Farm, located on the borders of County Cork. Offshore, RWE is developing in partnership with Saorgus Energy the Dublin Array Offshore Wind Farm, which would have an installed capacity of between 600 to 900 MW. RWE is also developing new wind, solar and battery storage projects, around the country.

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# **Pictures of Lisdrum Battery Storage for media use** (credit: RWE) are available at the RWE Media Centre.

### RWE

RWE is leading the way to a green energy world. With an extensive investment and growth strategy, the company will expand its powerful, green generation capacity to 50 gigawatts internationally by 2030. RWE is investing €50 billion gross for this purpose in this decade. The portfolio is based on offshore and onshore wind, solar, hydrogen, batteries, biomass and gas. RWE Supply & Trading provides tailored energy solutions for large customers. RWE has locations in the attractive markets of Europe, North America and the Asia-Pacific region. The company is responsibly phasing out nuclear energy and coal. Government-mandated phaseout roadmaps have been defined for both of these energy sources. RWE employs around 19,000 people worldwide and has a clear target: to get to net zero by 2040. On its way there, the company has set itself ambitious targets for all activities that cause greenhouse gas emissions. The Science Based Targets initiative has confirmed that these emission reduction targets are in line with the Paris Agreement. Very much in the spirit of the company's purpose: Our energy for a sustainable life.

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