

Press release

RWE and TotalEnergies inaugurate Coupru onshore wind farm in French department of Aisne

- **Coupru wind farm inaugurated today in French department of Aisne**
- **Wind farm will contribute towards accelerating renewable energy transition in France**
- **RWE developed and constructed Coupru wind farm in collaboration with its partner TotalEnergies**
- **Priority given to active participation of local stakeholders**

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RWE and TotalEnergies have inaugurated the new Coupru onshore wind farm as part of a wider project aiming to accelerate the energy transition in the French department of Aisne.

With its five wind turbines and a total capacity of 12 megawatts (MW), the Coupru wind farm represents an investment of 20 million euros and is expected to produce 31 gigawatt hours of green electricity on average per year, corresponding to the equivalent of the annual electricity consumption of 9,500 households.

The electricity produced by the turbines will be fed into the national power distribution network while supplying electricity to the entire community of Charly-sur-Marne in the Aisne department.

“This success has only been possible thanks to our close cooperation with our partner RWE and with all local elected officials and stakeholders who took part in the project, said **Charles d'Andigné, Strategy Director at TotalEnergies Renouvelables France**. “We firmly believe that the active participation of all local stakeholders is essential for the development of renewable energy projects that generate value in the context of climate change and the energy transition.”

Katja Wünschel, Chief Executive Officer at RWE Renewables Europe & Australia : “I am happy that we have inaugurated our next onshore wind farm in France, one of our key markets to grow our business. To make onshore wind a success, it is important to work hand in hand with the local communities and get the support of the mayors, whom I'd like to take this opportunity to thank. I would also like to thank the entire team and all of our partners who have worked hard to integrate the Coupru wind farm so well into the existing landscape. It is thus a perfect illustration of how the energy transition is being advanced locally. As RWE, we are proud to provide the technical expertise and financial capacity to bring such projects to fruition.”

A step forward for France

While the Coupru project represents a great achievement for the Aisne region, it will also help France to honor its commitments in terms of renewable energy production. Today, wind energy is a safe, competitive and renewable energy locally produced in France, thus securing the country's energy supply.

With a total of 21 GW installed in France, wind power is currently an integral part of the country's electricity mix, providing more than 26,000 jobs and accounting for around 9% of electricity consumption. On 31 March, wind power set a production record in France with a peak of 355 GWh, representing nearly 30% of the country's electricity consumption on that day.

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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 more than 50 gigawatts internationally by 2030. RWE is investing more than €50 billion gross for this purpose in this decade. The portfolio is based on offshore and onshore wind, solar, hydro power, 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.

RWE Renouvelables France

RWE Renouvelables France, a French subsidiary of the RWE Group, is one of the leading developers and producers of renewable energy in France. More than 180 employees develop, build, operate and maintain wind and solar farms – and the team will continue to grow, to some 240 employees by the end of the year. The company is committed to working hand in hand with local residents, elected officials, socio-economic players, associations, administrations, the government, all users of the sea and other stakeholders. From the launch of the project to its dismantling or renewal, RWE Renouvelables France pays particular attention to the quality of its projects, where consultation and local integration are the keys to success. By the end of 2022, the company will have an installed capacity in onshore wind of 150 MW.

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TotalEnergies and renewables electricity

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