

Pressemitteilung

RWE Gas Storage West starts storage demand enquiry for hydrogen

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The gas storage operator RWE Gas Storage West has launched an initial market survey, which hydrogen producers and users as well as industrial companies and traders can use to register their future storage demand for hydrogen until the end of June 2024.

As a clean, storable and transportable energy carrier, hydrogen is an important link in the energy transition. Its storage plays a central role in balancing out fluctuations in renewable energy production and is the basis for providing consumers with structured supply products.

RWE Gas Storage West has launched a non-binding market enquiry to design future hydrogen storage facilities to meet the needs of the future hydrogen market. For further investment planning, the company wants to determine when and where demand for hydrogen storage capacities will arise. The results of the market survey will be used to develop customised storage capacities.

Interested parties are invited to submit their requirements at <https://www.rwe-gasstorage-west.com/en/hydrogen/market-survey-hydrogen-storage-requirements/>.

RWE Gas Storage West is developing the first industrial-scale hydrogen storage facility in Gronau - Epe (North Rhine-Westphalia). RWE has applied for funding for the construction of this storage facility as part of the "IPCEI Hydrogen" (Important Projects of Common European Interest) programme. The EU has approved federal and state funding for the project. A concrete funding commitment is still pending. RWE intends to make an investment decision as soon as a concrete grant notice has been received.

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Further information on the RWE Epe hydrogen storage system can be found at <https://www.rwe-gasstorage-west.com/en/hydrogen/>

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Essen-based RWE Gas Storage West operates and markets five underground natural gas storage facilities (cavern storage facilities), with a working gas volume of around 1.7 billion cubic metres, for the north-western European gas market. The natural gas storage facilities are currently playing an important role in ensuring security of supply in the natural gas market, along with the flexible and reliable services of RWE Gas Storage West. Looking to the future, gas storage facilities—and their ability to store energy in the short and long term—could become an important element of a secure and affordable energy transition.

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