

Press Release

Earthquake in Turkey: E.ON and Sabanci inaugurate new built school

- E.ON and its employees have donated more than €1.1 million
- Construction completed in record time

Today, the Essen-based energy company E.ON and its Turkish partner Sabanci inaugurated a school in the town of Hassa, located in the Hatay region in southeast Turkey. The construction was made possible entirely by donations from E.ON employees. The devastating earthquake in Turkey in February 2023 took the lives of numerous people – including 17 employees of Enerjisa, the Turkish energy supplier in which E.ON holds a 40 per cent stake. In addition to homes, shops and vital infrastructure, numerous schools in the south-east of the country were also destroyed. The Hatay region in the Enerjisa supply area was and still is particularly affected.

Immediately after the earthquakes, E.ON launched a Group-wide fundraising campaign in which numerous employees from all over Europe took part. The aim was to rebuild the local primary school. In total, more than €1.1 million was donated for the construction of the new primary school building in Hassa.

Construction began in November 2023 and was completed in less than half a year. The project was coordinated and supervised by the Sabanci Foundation, the non-profit organisation of the Turkish industrial and financial conglomerate Sabanci, E.ON's joint venture partner in Enerjisa.

Murat Pinar, CEO of EnerjiSA: "We would like to thank E.ON and its employees throughout Europe for their rapid assistance. It is extremely important for the families in Hassa and the region that their children can go back to school. This project strengthens the partnership and the connection between our companies."

Philipp Ulbrich, CFO of EnerjiSA, adds: "I am impressed by how quickly our colleagues have successfully implemented this project. With the new school, we are making it possible for the children to go to school regularly again. Education is the prerequisite for the region to rebuild itself after this major disaster."

The new building comprises eight classrooms for a total of 240 children of primary school age. The school is also characterised by its design: plenty of daylight in the rooms and corridors, a very spacious entrance hall, a lift for disabled children, two laboratories and data cabling. There are also facilities for sports activities and a school garden.

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