

## Press Release

### **E.ON and RWTH prolong cooperation agreement**

#### **Successful work of the E.ON Energy Research Center to be further promoted**

E.ON will continue its successful cooperation with RWTH Aachen University and has extended the existing cooperation agreement for another five years. A corresponding agreement was signed on 23 June by E.ON Board Member Dr Karsten Wildberger and the Rector of RWTH Aachen University, Professor Ulrich Rüdiger.

"With the new cooperation agreement, we will particularly promote research projects in the areas of energy and sustainability research, energy system analysis and optimization, smart grids, energy storage, energy efficiency, electrification and digitalization. We will focus on the E.ON Energy Research Center at RWTH Aachen University (E.ON ERC), but other institutes at Aachen University can and should also be involved," explained Dr Wildberger at the signing of the agreement.

The E.ON ERC is the fruit of a public-private partnership between E.ON and RWTH Aachen University and has been setting standards in interdisciplinary and networked energy research since its establishment in 2006. Over the next five years, E.ON will fund joint research projects with a total of ten million euros. In addition, up to half a million euros will be used annually to fund non-profit projects. In many cases, the results of the E.ON research projects will also be made available to the general public.

RWTH Rector Professor Rüdiger was also very satisfied with the cooperation to date and looks forward to five more successful years. "Together with E.ON, RWTH has been successful in making a significant contribution to the energy transition for 15 years. The cooperation shows the impact we can make as a university in a network with our partners. We have a strong partnership with E.ON, which we will now leverage to continue to successfully shape the energy transition."

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