News Release

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Spectacular Images from Wil SG:
Axpo Made Wind Energy Turbine Visible at Full Scale

On Thursday, March 12, 2026, Axpo conducted a live visualization of a planned wind energy turbine in the "Boxloo" wind suitability area in Rossrüti near Wil SG. Around 190 visitors experienced its dimensions as a light display in the night sky at dusk. The event also provided information about the planned project and wind energy in general.

In short:

- Axpo visualized a planned wind energy turbine at full scale in the night sky using approximately 200 drones in the "Boxloo" wind suitability area.
- Around 190 visitors informed themselves on-site about the project and wind energy.
- Three wind energy turbines are planned. The next step will be the installation of a 125-meter-tall wind measurement mast that will measure wind data and bat activity over the course of one year.

Around 190 visitors from Wil and the surrounding area followed the live visualization of a planned wind energy turbine Thursday evening in the "Boxloo" wind suitability area in Rossrüti. Using approximately 200 drones, the turbine was made visible as a light display at full scale in the night sky at dusk. In this way, visitors gained a realistic yet spectacular impression of the possible height and dimensions of the turbine.

Video and Images Available for Free Use

Video and image material from the live visualization are available to media professionals and interested parties for free editorial use:

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An Evening Dedicated to Transparency and Dialogue

The event provided an opportunity for direct exchange with the public. Axpo experts were available at information booths and in the Axpo wind mobile to answer

questions about the project and wind energy. The accompanying aperitif created a relaxed atmosphere for exchange.

Cédric Aubert, Head of Wind Portfolio Switzerland at Axpo: "With this live visualization, we have created transparency and made our project tangible for the public. Wind energy is an important component of the future energy mix and provides valuable electricity, especially in winter, for a secure Swiss power supply."

Wind Measurements: Next Phase for Boxloo Project

Axpo is planning, together with Technische Betriebe Wil and other partners, a wind farm with three turbines in the "Boxloo" wind suitability area designated in the cantonal master plan. These could produce approximately 25 million kilowatt-hours of electricity annually, thereby meeting the needs of around 5,000 households.

In the coming days, a 125-meter-tall wind measurement mast will be erected. This will measure wind speed and wind direction at various heights over the course of approximately one year. Additionally, bat activity will be monitored to assess potential impacts on local wildlife. The results will provide an important foundation for further planning.

Wind Power Particularly Important for Winter

Wind energy plays an important role in Switzerland's future power supply. A large portion of production occurs during the winter months – precisely when electricity demand is particularly high and solar energy produces less. Wind energy thus contributes to supply security, reduction of CO_2 emissions, and regional value creation.

About Axpo

Axpo is driven by a single purpose – to enable a sustainable future through innovative energy solutions. Axpo is Switzerland's largest energy producer and an international leader in energy trading and the marketing of solar and wind power. Axpo combines the experience and expertise of about 7,500 employees who are driven by a passion for innovation, collaboration and impactful change. Using cutting-edge technologies, Axpo innovates to meet the evolving needs of its customers in more than 30 countries across Europe, North America and Asia.

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