

# Press release

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## No to "Alpin Solar Ybrig": Axpo and EWS call off solar project in the canton of Schwyz

**In today's vote, the electorate of the municipality of Oberiberg in the canton of Schwyz expressed their opposition to the planned alpine solar project Alpin Solar Ybrig. Axpo and the local energy provider EWS AG are disappointed about their decision. Due to the negative result of the vote, the project will not be pursued further. However, both companies remain firmly committed to developing further projects in the field of renewable energy.**

Axpo and EWS AG intended to build an alpine solar plant in the municipality of Oberiberg together with landowner Genossame Schwyz. Alpin Solar Ybrig, a 9 MWp ground-mounted installation, had been planned for an area of around nine hectares on existing pastureland in the Roggenegg area. The area concerned would have still been usable for alpine farming after the construction of the solar plant. The annual output of over 12 gigawatt hours of electricity would have been enough to supply more than 2,600 households and, above all, would have provided vital winter electricity during the colder months.

The electorate of the municipality of Oberiberg today expressed their opposition to the project at the polls (Yes: 250/ No: 261). The approval of the local municipality for the project is necessary for the realisation of the alpine solar plant. Due to the negative decision, the 'Alpin Solar Ybrig' project will not be pursued further.. Peter Suter, CEO of EWS AG, says that every effort was made to involve the local residents and address their concerns: "We worked very closely with the community and the local partners and held numerous events to highlight the benefits of the project. We are disappointed with today's decision. We are convinced that 'Alpin Solar Ybrig' would not only have helped to strengthen regional energy supply but but would also have made economic sense for the municipality."

Despite the negative decision by the people of Oberiberg, Axpo remains firmly committed to renewable energy and intends to push forward with the Axpo solar offensive. Across Switzerland, the majority of alpine solar projects have been approved to date. Axpo remains confident that it will continue to realise sustainable energy solutions in cooperation with local communities in the future.



### **About Axpo**

Axpo's ambition is to provide a sustainable future through innovative energy solutions. Axpo is Switzerland's largest producer of renewable energy and an international pioneer in energy trading and the marketing of solar and wind power. The company has more than 6,700 employees who combine experience and expertise with a passion for innovation and the shared search for ever-better solutions. Axpo relies on innovative technologies to meet the ever-changing needs of its customers in over 30 countries in Europe, North America and Asia.

### **About EWS**

EWS AG has been supplying around 24,000 customers with electricity for 127 years. EWS is a private limited company with CKW AG as its majority shareholder. Electricity supply is the company's core business. At the same time, EWS offers comprehensive energy, grid, installation and communication services throughout the entire supply area. Total operating performance in the 2022/23 financial year amounted to CHF 99.7 million.

The EWS supply area includes the districts of Gersau and Küssnacht a.R., the municipalities of Ingenbohl, Morschach (Stoos), Oberiberg, Alpthal, Rothenthurm, Steinerberg, Arth (Rigi area) and the neighbouring Lucerne lakeside municipalities of Greppen, Weggis and Vitznau.

The company has been based in the centre of the canton of Schwyz since 1896 and employs over 180 people. EWS trains 25 apprentices in eight professions, making it one of the largest training providers in the region.

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