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Factsheet for case **AT-2020-12/552**

Self-isolation Vienna Energy

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Country	Austria, applies regionally – AT1 OSTÖSTERREICH
Time period	Temporary, started on 20 March 2020
Type	Company practice
Category	Change of work arrangements to ensure business continuity – Self-isolation of key personnel
Case created	13 April 2020 (updated 15 April 2020)

Background Information

In order to ensure the power supply despite the corona virus, the energy provider Wien Energie uses isolation stations.

53 employees of Wien Energie volunteered to isolate themselves at company locations.

They are spending several weeks there, cut off from the outside world, to prevent infection with all possibilities. All workers had been medically tested before isolation.

These employees are to move in when no one else can. The tasks range from system control to maintenance and minor repairs. At the same time, operations at the locations continue as normal.

Content of measure

To make this isolation possible, residential containers were set up at power plants and waste incineration plants. In addition, provisional power plant controls were set up or conference rooms converted into dormitories, as Wien Energie wrote in the company blog . Of course, there is also a supply of food, as they say. In addition, they offer occupational psychological support.

Shift plans were adjusted according to emergency plans in the areas critical for the supply (e.g. power plants, waste incineration plants, control centers and waiting rooms). No workers who are not required for operations are allowed on the factory premises. As far as possible, work for other employees is to be

provided in the home office. Precautions have been taken for possible quarantine cases. Certain areas of the plant, such as crane systems in the waste incineration plants, could be operated in part automatically.

Use of measure

So far, 53 employees of Wien Energie have themselves isolated at company grounds.

Actors, target groups and funding

Actors	Target groups	Funding
Company / Companies Public support service providers	employees	No special funding required

Social partners

Role of social partners	No involvement
Form of involvement	Not applicable

Company initiative

Sectors and occupations

This case is sector-specific.

Economic area	Sector (NACE level 2)
D - Electricity, Gas, Steam And Air Conditioning Supply	D35 Electricity, gas, steam and air conditioning supply

This case is not occupation-specific.

Sources

- 20 March 2020: Wien Energie isolates employees to ensure electricity supply (futurezone.at)
- 21 March 2020: Isolation during Corona - Cut off from the Outside World Isolation during Corona – Cut off from the Outside World Isolation during Corona – Cut off from the Outside World (blog.wienenergie.at)