Report of Social Activities 2018
EDPR’s vision is to be a global renewable energy company, leader in value creation, innovation and sustainability. To achieve this, our company believes that besides excelling in the way it performs, there must be a main factor weighing in every action or activity EDPR does – people.

At EDPR, we work to promote the well-being and development of not only the communities where we operate but also of society in general, focusing on the people who contribute to the success of our business and how society may benefit from it. Thus, we consider that in order to make a positive impact on society, it is vital to work for the common good by promoting and supporting social and environmental activities.

The purpose of this report is to gather in one document all those social activities carried out by the company during the year.

EDPR’s Social Investment programs are strategic and structured actions, established through multiple activities focused on goals integrated in one or in several of the following priorities:

- Promote access to culture and art and protect cultural heritage;
- Promote social inclusion and the adoption of sustainable ways of living, enhancing energy inclusion and access to energy;
- Protect natural heritage and biodiversity;
- Promote energy efficiency, renewable energy and decarbonization.

The activities in the report are therefore listed in accordance with these four main areas, depending on which they mostly contribute to.

Additionally, although every activity ultimately aims to promote social well-being, we consider it is important to distinguish between who they are mainly for.

The activities marked with a ⭐ signal the ones focused on the society’s welfare.

The activities marked with a ⚫️ signal the ones for local communities near our facilities.

The activities marked with a ⚫️ signal the ones in which EDPR’s employees volunteered.

In brief, EDPR believes it is indispensable to contribute to the sustainability of society by creating value in different ways and for different people.
Key Data Summary

- €2.3M social investment
  - €25K in Culture & Art
  - €1,535k in Social inclusion, Sustainable ways of living & A2E
  - €371k in Biodiversity
  - €416k in Renewable Energy

- €1.1M invested in local communities
- €1.2M invested in society in general
- +1,900 hours of volunteering
- 26% of employees participated in volunteering
- +3,000 direct beneficiaries
Employees volunteer at a local library and help charity book sales

This January, 23 employees from EDPR helped move and organise books at the Colliert Library in Houston, USA.

In May, 8 volunteers helped at a Charity Book Sale in Edinburgh, UK, and in November, EDPR employees donated 169 books to a charity sale in Spain.

EDPR supports arts and culture in Italy

As part of its commitment to engage with the communities where it operates, EDPR organises and supports a variety of local events in Italy.

In the commune of Villa Castelli, EDPR sponsored the La Scuola in Festa annual school event for students aged 6 to 13.

In Banni, the company sponsored summer music and culture events, including a historical re-enactment of the coming of Pope Urban II with period costumes.

In Laterza, EDPR provided support to musical, theatrical, environmental, artistic and culinary events, as well as hosting renowned local and international artists.

By increasing the scale of these initiatives, the company also helps to drive the growth of the local tourism industry.

EDPR organises a photo contest in Poland

EDPR organised a photo contest for residents of Tomaszów county in Poland for participants to take a picture of one of the wind farms. The most creative entries were rewarded with prizes and in October there was an outdoor exhibition that included the best photos from the contest.

The contest aimed to show how beautiful local wind farms can be, and has helped to create positive connotations in relation to the wind turbines. This activity has strengthened EDPR’s presence in the local communities, as well as maintain good relationships with local authorities, opinion leaders and local residents.
EDPR volunteers with Meals on Wheels and donates computers in Houston

Almost 4,000 seniors receive regular food deliveries from Meals on Wheels Houston

This February, 20 employees volunteered with Meals on Wheels and helped put together a “breakfast bag” for senior citizens that otherwise wouldn’t have a morning meal.

EDPR also donated 40 laptop computers to the Center Houston, a non-profit United Way agency that promotes the pursuit of choice, growth and personal independence for adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities.

Our employees are encouraged to actively participate in volunteering initiatives since they create an environment both within the company and in the society that is more open to new ideas and supportive of individual differences.

These volunteering activities and contributions, besides allowing employees to work together as a team, aim to have a significant and positive impact on the people of the community.

Celebrating International Women’s Day

On the 8th of March, EDPR celebrated International Women’s Day – a globally recognised event that celebrates the amazing social, cultural, economic, and political achievements of women and is as well a reminder to raise awareness and show commitment to women’s equality in both professional and personal settings.

In Spain, a group of four employees went to a Spanish institution – La Merced Migraciones – to talk with women at risk of social exclusion. Those women are looking for job opportunities and trying to learn new and different skills, and our employees seek to help them in whatever and however they can.

The company is strongly committed to promote equality and therefore hopes to lead the energy industry in closing the wage gap, promoting gender equity throughout the organisational chart and recognising the value and contributions of all of the women who help make EDPR one of the best places to work.
Employees run in the EA7 Milano Marathon

This April, eight employees from Italy formed two teams in the 7th annual Euro Assistance Relay Marathon, also known as the EA7 Milano Marathon.

Instead of paying a standard registration fee, the teams participating in this race were asked to make a donation to one of the 100 charities associated with the EA7 Milano Marathon. This year, the teams from EDPR chose to run for CBM Italia Onlus. This non-governmental organisation is part of Christian Blind Mission (CBM), the largest international humanitarian organisation committed to the prevention and treatment of blindness and disability in developing countries.

EDPR launches Kilos of Solidarity campaign once again

Kilos of Solidarity is a global food and essential goods collection campaign that the company launches each year to help the least fortunate. Basic products, most of them food, were sent to several associations, NGOs and churches.

In Spain, Romania and Brazil, 472 kilos, 50 kilos and 189 kilos of food have been collected, respectively.

Once again, EDPR employees have shown their commitment with charitable causes.

Charitable donations to the Special Olympics and other organisations

In 2018, EDPR donated to the Special Olympics of the Paulding Country in Georgia. In March, it donated to the Wolcott Fire Department, Connecticut.

EDPR and Fundación EDP sponsor projects organised by the Fundación SED

Fundación SED (Solidaridad, Educación y Desarrollo) is an NGO that develops social projects in Spain focused on searching a positive and healthy leisure for the most disadvantaged children.

This is achieved through summer camps, sponsored by EDPR and Fundación EDP, that support the reinforcement of children’s education and implementation of values.

EDPR supports Iłża’s charity half-marathon in Poland

Iłża charity half-marathon is a recurring event that not only spreads a positive word about running, but also importantly helps those in need. This year, the raised funds were given to a local student that awaits her bone marrow transplant.

For the past six years, EDPR has actively supported the most important running event in Iłża, focusing not only on healthy lifestyle’s but also on promoting charity. EDPR employees showed their spirit by placing among the first 15 runners.

EDPR cycles to benefit the National Multiple Sclerosis Society

For the tenth consecutive year, EDPR participated in the BP MS 150. With upwards of 11,000 participants, the annual Houston-to-Austin bike ride is one of the largest fundraisers supporting research and vital services for Multiple Sclerosis, a disabling disease that interrupts the flow of information from the brain to the body.

EDPR Team Captains from NA recruited interested riders during a Lunch and Learn in January featuring Justin Martin, a National MS Society speaker.

All team members completed the two-day ride safely and successfully. The weekend itself went off without a hitch, and that is in large part due to 14 volunteers, many from employees’ families, who dedicated an entire weekend’s worth of early mornings and late nights to set up and strike the Saturday night campsite, provide snacks, transport luggage and bikes, load and unload trucks and cars, and support the riders in their endeavour. Perhaps the biggest highlight of the weekend was the BBQ dinner that was prepared in La Grange on Saturday by the Los Miraesides wind farm team who drove to La Grange from south Texas just to volunteer at the event.

EDPR’s team had raised until then upwards of $19,000 this year, an average of $700 per rider. A portion of these funds came from the Valentine’s Day bake sale that took place in the Houston office, while other funds were contributed by generous donors including many EDPR colleagues from NA.

EDPR participated in the fourth annual No Finish Line event in Paris

EDPR’s team accumulated 196 kilometers and donated 300€ to Samusocial de Paris

No Finish Line is a solidarity event that has existed since 1999 in Monaco and was launched for the first time in Paris in May 2015. The principle is simple and accessible to all: it involves running or walking on a course of about 1,300 meters, open 24 hours a day for 5 days, as many times as desired and as many kilometres as desired. For every kilometre travelled, the organisation and its partners donate €1 to support projects for underprivileged or sick children.

The Samusocial de Paris provides daily care to 13,000 adults and 14,000 children in homeless families, housed in 527 hotels in Île de France.

They research accommodations linked to social integration programs and determine the best solutions according to each person’s specific needs.

The participation in this event will create educational workshops that contribute to the education and development of children.

Participating in No Finish Line was not only a chance for employees to share a fun and active experience, but also an opportunity for EDPR to affirm its social engagement and invest in projects that benefit children.

Employees volunteer at Operation IMpact in Houston

Operation IMpact is a special project to help prepare homebound seniors in Houston for Hurricane Season. Volunteers deliver five days’ worth of shelf-stable meals and bottled water, as well as emergency information and supplies, to more than 4,000 Meals on Wheels clients. EDPR’s employees, friends and children worked together to deliver kits for our senior neighbors providing them with valuable supplies and some welcome companionship. The kits delivered ensure that the recipients will have something to eat and drink if their regular Meals on Wheels service is interrupted due to inclement weather.
EDPR’s employees volunteer at the Houston Food Bank

In the beginning of September, 15 employees from EDPR spent the afternoon at the Houston Food Bank’s Reagan Kitchen facility, where volunteers and Food Bank staff work side-by-side to prepare healthy meals for children participating in the Kids Cafe after-school program.

EDPR’s volunteers cheerfully assisted with sorting through pallets of donated food items and cleaning and packing the food items for distribution. The group spent more than three hours diligently working and fully accomplished the job they were given.

EDPR’s University Challenge in Spain and Poland

Innovation is one of the major investments of EDPR. The University Challenge aims to incent creative inventions among university students.

This year’s EDPR University Challenge in Poland took place at the University of Warmia and Mazury in Olsztyn, and the award ceremony took place in Warsaw.

A total of eleven teams of students competed, representing a 10% increase in participation from last year.

Spain celebrated this year its 10th edition of the contest. Over 2,000 students have participated in this initiative over the last decade from 60 Spanish universities.

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During the summer months, EDPR’s office in Houston hosted a Juice Box Donation Drive to benefit Kids’ Meals, an organization with a mission to end childhood hunger by delivering free healthy meals to the doorsteps of Houston’s hungriest preschool-aged children and through collaboration provide their families with resources to help end the cycle of poverty.

In addition to donating juice boxes to support Kids’ Meals, EDPR employees also brought in Ziploc bags to be contributed to the organization to help them in packing lunches with healthy food.

EDPR awards Green Education’s scholarships

Green Education awards scholarships to children and young people from towns and cities near facilities operated by our company, and aims to support the education of children from families with limited economic resources. The program arose from the company’s commitment to its local stakeholders and aims to ensure that local youth have access to education.

In 2018, EDPR awarded scholarships to local schools in Portugal, Spain, France, Italy and also Romania.

EDPR chooses who is awarded based on two criteria: the student’s academic record and the family’s economic situation.

In Portugal, EDPR delivered smiles in Christmas Campaign

For this year’s Christmas, EDPR created the campaign “Gifts for Smiles” in Europe and Brazil, through which employees were encouraged to request letters from children living in poverty asking for Christmas gifts and to bring the gifts to the office. Then, for each gift delivered by the employees, EDPR offered another gift to elderly people. In North America, EDPR helped several local deserving families by presenting gift cards for groceries and necessities to the adults and gifting children with various age-appropriate toys. Moreover, EDPR broke an all-time company record with toy donations to Toys for Tots Houston, with hundreds of toys contributed.
EDPR supports local schools and education in the US

EDPR’s Kittitas Valley wind farm sponsored the Valley View Elementary school fundraiser, providing support for activities such as a reading program, a colour run, warm clothing and a Walkathon. About 560 students were joined by their teachers, parents and guardians for their annual Walkathon, a walk organised especially to raise money for a cause. EDPR employees and spouses participated in the event walking more than two miles with the students, and EDPR further supported the event by sponsoring classrooms.

EDPR also contributed to Cle Elum-Roslyn School District, which covers four different schools in the Upper Kittitas County.

The contributions aim to provide students with valuable items that they would not have access to otherwise, such as warm coats, snow boots and aid in the form of fees for science clubs.

Moreover, the Lone Valley wind farm annually sponsors Ride the Rocks, a local bike ride in Lucerne Valley, California, where proceeds go to science education at local schools.

Furthermore, EDPR contributed to two learning centres. One of them helps children with dyslexia, and the other helps adults with learning disabilities.

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EDPR was a partner of the Harvest Festivals, one of the most important local events. EDPR prepared a special “wind zone” with animation for children, where children and parents jointly prepared toys made of cardboard and wood (horses on sticks) and wind-driven instruments (playing insects). There were also wind fairy-puppets and a mini playground. The participants received special gifts from EDPR.

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The program came to an end in September, with a closing ceremony where the 58 families who participated in the program received their certificates.

The project had extremely positive results: it contributed to a 58% increase in the communities’ income, the implementation of 20 agro-ecological production units and the assimilation of 39% of the marketing practices by the rural farmers. Of the participants, 53% were women, a significant statistic that will contribute to female empowerment efforts in the area.

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EDPR’s Baixa do Feijão wind farm contributed to local organisations

Representatives from EDPR in Canada were at this year’s Oyen Bull-a-Rama to present checks to local organisations that the company is supporting through its Sharp Hills wind farm.

The contributions made to organisations in Oyen included the Badlands Baseball Academy and the Shirley McClellan Aquatic Centre to help Oyen update the community pool. The company also sponsored the Kids Zone at this year’s Bull-a-Rama event.

More than $35,000 in total has been dedicated to local organisations including the Consort Community Pool Association, Badlands Baseball Academy, Consort Community and Seniors Centre, and the Shirley McClellan Aquatic Centre in Oyen. EDPR strongly believes in supporting the communities around its wind farms, and these are the first of many contributions that the company hopes to make to local organisations doing good work to make the Special Area a better place to live.

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Natural heritage & Biodiversity

Employees commit to preventing forest fires through volunteering actions

In March, one employee from Portugal partnered with Médicos do Mundo and got to reforest the region of Castanheira de Pera affected by forest fire.

In April, a group of employees gathered in the Madrid mountains with two members of the Reforesta Association to plant over 100 oak trees. Additionally, further volunteering activities were carried out in Oviedo and Portugal: FAPAS planted 600 strawberry trees in the destroyed brown bear habitat in Asturias and MONTIS planted 1000 trees and recovered one hectare of land in Portugal.

The main objective was to follow through with the environmental activities of reforesting Spanish and Portuguese regions, in response to the fires that devastated thousands of hectares of forest in both countries last summer.

EDPR volunteers hang bat boxes near Ilza wind farm

In August, 20 employees from Poland, under the supervision of a chiropterologist and foresters, hanged 140 bat boxes in a forest next to Ilza wind farm. The Polish team, knowing that chiropterologists conducted a post-construction monitoring of bats on the wind farm for 3 years, had the initiative to include this activity as part of the environmental volunteering program.

Hanging the boxes was preceded by H&S training, instructions on how to do it and explanation of the positive impact of our activities on bats and the environment.

The initiative went very well and in a nice atmosphere of a charming forest. The employees worked collectively and are now waiting for the settling of new inhabitants and the development of a population of many species of bats. The post-investment monitoring of the boxes will last 3 years, and then EDPR will know specifically how much it has helped the local biodiversity.

EDPR sponsors Youth Prevents Fires tournament

In March, EDPR sponsored the Polish Nationwide Fire-fighting Knowledge Tournament, called “Youth Prevents Fires!” It aims to teach young people how to handle fire-related emergencies.

The event took place at a primary school in Stróżna, where students took part in a demonstration of rescue action, overseen by firefighter scouts from Stróżna.
EDPR makes financial contributions to the community & volunteers in Houston

This January, EDPR donated to the Shackelford County Rural Fire Department, the Moran Rural Fire Department, the Hamby Rural Fire Department, the Albany Hope Chest Fund, the Hamby Activity Center and the Moran Community Center.

Additionally, in February and May, a group of employees from Houston committed to spend several hours at Hermann Park in Houston where they worked together to weed, mulch, rake the trails and grounds and to remove invasive plants.

In October, approximately 30 employees also from the Houston office volunteered their time at the Houston Humane Society, an animal shelter dedicated to ending animal cruelty and abuse. This is the third time EDPR has volunteered with the shelter, including after Hurricane Harvey.

EDPR collaborates with organisations to protect biodiversity

EDPR’s commitment to contribute to the protection of biodiversity leads to an active role in the conservation of wildlife surrounding its facilities. In 2018, EDPR strongly participated in the protection of biodiversity mainly through collaborations with several organisations to further protect wildlife surrounding its facilities, focusing on birds and bats.

In Spain, EDPR collaborated with Fundación Patrimonio Natural de Castilla y León to contribute to the conservation of the red kite, with Fundación Migres to support the conservation of the osprey and of the short-toed eagle and to support environmental investigation, and with GREFA (Grupo de Rehabilitación de la Fauna Autóctona y su Hábitat) to contribute to the recovery of extinct populations of cinereous vulture.

In North America, EDPR contributed to the conservation of bats and their ecosystems by collaborating with Bat Conservation International and with Defenders of Wildlife, and to the conservation of lands by collaborating with Ranchland Trust of Kansas and with The Nature Conservancy. Moreover, EDPR is a founding member and current Board member of American Wind Wildlife Institute (AWWI), whose mission is to facilitate timely and responsible development of wind energy while protecting wildlife and wildlife habitat.

EDPR employees on field for bats protection in France

As a responsible company, EDPR is aware of the sensitivity of natural ecosystems and the pressures affecting biodiversity. Therefore, EDPR assumes its commitment to contribute to the prevention or reduction of loss in biodiversity, specially to protect the wildlife surrounding its wind farms.

As a result, EDPR partnered with French local naturalist association Indre Nature in 2014 to protect the most sensitive species regarding wind farm operations: migrating birds and bats. In order to achieve this goal, in 2016 Indre Nature purchased the île de la Marquise, an island of 1,000m² that is a national refuge for bats, mainly financed by EDPR. Following that partnership, in November 2018, ten EDPR employees went to the island to actively contribute to bat protection in Indre, France. The employees were accompanied by the mission supervisor for Indre Nature and a bats specialist volunteer.

During the day, the volunteers started by visiting the island and its vaulted cellar to quietly observe different bats species without disturbing them. The team mission was to preserve the island by clearing and cutting invasive plants that have extremely strong roots that can damage ceiling, which could risk falling on bats lodged.

Indre Nature wants to keep improving its knowledge of the bat populations on site and, with the help of volunteers such as company members, neighbours and residents of the island, the mission is evolving with time. Indre Nature has developed a 2016-2020 management plan that aims to protect and inventory the species in the island. EDPR will have an active participation in this long-term plan not only by participating in volunteering activities, but also by providing financial support to the projects.

EDPR makes a financial contribution to Ranchland Trust of Kansas

This February, EDPR donated to the Ranchland Trust of Kansas – a non-profit organisation whose mission is to preserve Kansas’ ranching heritage and open spaces for future generations. The contribution was for administrative costs and for funds for conservation easements. A conservation easement is an agreement that allows a landowner, on a voluntary basis, to limit the type or amount of development on their property while retaining private ownership of the land. This works as a tool for landowners to preserve their land and their legacy for future generations, which has a great significance for EDPR when building and operating a wind farm.
Energy efficiency & Renewable energy

EDPR supports the Yes to Wind Power campaign

This is the third year EDPR is supporting the campaign, which was first launched in 2015.

EDPR partnered with several associations to raise public awareness about the social, environmental and economic benefits of wind energy as a cutting-edge technology for generating electricity. Associations including AEE in Spain, ABEEólica in Brazil, ANEV in Italy, RenewableUK in the United Kingdom and FEE in France participated in the campaign.

The “Yes to Wind Power” campaign, now with a more international scope, seeks to communicate with the general public about the many benefits of wind energy, including its low cost relative to conventional energy sources. The project has the support of several companies of the sector.

The three-month campaign consists of creations in the form of videos and other formats that can pass on the power of wind energy and reliable information.

On the campaign’s website, anyone can obtain detailed information about the benefits of these energy sources, as well as express their opinions through new features such as reports, videos and studies.

Some of the benefits of wind energy are that it slows down climate change; it is today the most economical energy technology; it is the driver of growth and local development; and it prevents the need to import fossil fuels since it uses a natural, unlimited and endogenous resource.

Employees use the Energy School Kit designed by EDPR

Ten employees from Spain and an employee from Portugal used the Energy School Kit to explain children from different schools what renewable energy is.

The Energy School Kit developed by EDPR addresses one of the most common requests made by our employees – help on how to explain to children what renewable energy is. The Kit includes the necessary material to explain it in a didactic way and ensures that the employees transmit the same message in every school which is, ultimately, the message that EDPR wants to convey.

The Kit includes a presentation about wind and solar energy, a story adapted for children that explains what wind energy is and also a kit for assembling a solar house or a wind car.
Employees complete Earth Wind & Tyre charitable cycling event

Six employees from the company’s Edinburgh office participated in the 216 miles, two-day cycling challenge.

This June, EDPR staff members from UK gathered in Durham, Scotland to participate in the fourth annual Earth Wind & Tyre cycling fundraiser. This unique renewable energy-themed event features a route that passes by ten wind farms in a celebration of this clean energy source.

EDPR provided corporate sponsorship to the team, which raised £4,365 in individual pledge contributions.

The funds will be donated to Renewable World, a non-profit organisation that provides renewable energy systems to communities in developing countries, thus empowering them to develop sustainable livelihoods and improve their quality of life.

EDPR supports the KidWind Challenge

The Kittitas Valley wind farm contributed monetarily toward providing lunch for attendees and prize money for the winners. Two of the teams who participated in the Kittitas Valley KidWind Challenge qualified to travel to the KidWind National Challenge event that took place in Chicago, in May. EDPR was a headlining sponsor of this event as well.

In April, dozens of students, parents and teachers went to the National Weather Center in Oklahoma City for the second annual Oklahoma KidWind Challenge. Additionally, approximately 60 students from Dwight Elementary School visited Top Crop wind farm for KidWind Day. The day of learning about wind energy and wind farm operations marked the fourth year Dwight Elementary students have visited the wind farm.

Thanks to support from EDPR and the Quilt Block wind farm, teams from the towns of Darlington and Shullsburg, Wisconsin, received the funds they needed to compete in this year’s National KidWind Challenge in Chicago, Illinois.

EDPR organises the Your Energy program

In Poland, between January and February, young students were visited by experts from the program “Your Energy”.

Your Energy is an international educational activity that helps explaining to children the difference among the various types of energy generation technologies, focusing on the world of renewable energy.

During the classes, pupils embarked on a trip around the world of renewable sources of energy, accompanied by characters representing each type of energy: solar, water, wind, geothermal and biomass. Through experiments, animations and stories, children gained knowledge about the sources of green energy and learned how to take care of the environment through everyday activities.

At the end, students received a colouring book with the characters and a notebook in order to solve ecological riddles at home.

EDPR leads renewable energy events for students in Nièvre

The company hosted a three-part educational program about renewable energy for students in the town of Entrains-sur-Nohain in France.

The first part, beginning in April, brought an exhibition entitled Le parcours de l’énergie (“The Energy Pathway”) to city hall for two months. It was sponsored by the Syndicat d’Electrification de la Nièvre and L’agence locale de l’énergie et du climat, and gave students and residents the opportunity to learn about different kinds of energy.

In May, EDPR also hosted a Wind Discovery Day for the local school. These events led up to the closing party in June, which featured an exhibition of the students’ work to display what they had learned. At the event, the town’s mayor delivered a speech about renewable energy and sustainable development.

About 40 guests attended the closing event, many of whom were the parents of children whose work was featured.
EDPR contributes to a Wind Energy Technician program

EDPR made a contribution to the Allen County Regional Rural Technology Center, which provides college-level instruction to high-school students in career-specific areas. This contribution was made in order to establish a Wind Energy Technician Program. As demand for wind energy increases, EDPR believes it is crucial to provide more and more qualified education to students who are pursuing studies in this industry. As a leader in the renewable energy sector, EDPR seeks to educate society on sustainable energy and its benefits to people and to the environment.

EDPR celebrates Global Wind Day with several local events

Global Wind Day takes place in over 75 countries around the world.

In June, EDPR celebrated Global Wind Day with an open house at the Carondio Wind Farm in Asturias, Spain. In France, thirty local citizens and elected officials were invited to come and explore the wind farm. The visitors learned about the history of the wind farm and how it functions, as well as the various applications of wind energy. They also got to spend quality time with their children. For EDPR, Global Wind Day is a wonderful occasion to explain how a wind farm works and its benefits for society as a whole.

In July, EDPR held the first Brazilian edition of Global Wind Day. 300 children from two local schools attended the event and took part in theatrical presentations, educational games, workshops, an exhibition of “Wind Continent” corporate video and also went on a guided tour to Baixa do Feijão wind complex.

EDPR invites community members to visit its wind farms

EDPR organises wind farm visits in order to educate future generations and local communities about the importance of renewable energy.

In June, two groups of students from France visited EDPR’s wind farm in Escardes. In the morning, local students took part in a scavenger hunt and saw a presentation on wind energy. Later in the day, a group from Provins took a tour of Escardes. The tour aimed to explain the wind farm’s goals and operations, even giving visitors the unique opportunity to look inside one turbine.

Also in June, twenty five students from a school in Castejón visited EDPR’s Borja wind farm in Zaragoza, Spain. The students enjoyed by all. Children let their creativity shine while learning about the importance of caring for the environment, and parents got to spend quality time with their children. For EDPR, Global Wind Day is a wonderful occasion to explain how a wind farm works and its benefits for society as a whole.

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Top Crop wind farm in Illinois, USA, also opened its doors to approximately fifteen landowners from Broadlands wind farm for an educational tour in July. The landowners toured the site to learn about wind energy and wind farm operations. Many of the landowners were excited to see a wind farm up close and personal before their own Broadlands wind farm is constructed.

The team at Arbuckle Mountain wind farm in Oklahoma, also hosted a tour for a group of law students from East Central University based in Ada, Oklahoma, in September.

The experience of visiting a wind farm clarifies people about the relationship between the community and the wind farm, as well as the several benefits provided in the surrounding areas.
EDPR concludes Wind Experts 2018 successfully

Wind Experts is an online competition powered by EDPR where the participants have to create a wind turbine using recycled materials and the basic elements that are sent to the participating groups. The main goal is to develop children’s creativity and to teach them about wind power.

The winning project was submitted by the Colegio Ildefonso Navarro in Villamalla, Spain. The winning students received a commemorative trophy and a certificate, and will have the opportunity to visit an EDPR wind farm located in their province.

The students, aged between 10 and 13, designed their wind turbines with the support of a teacher from their school. The jury based their evaluation of the projects on images and videos that showed the students’ process in creating their prototypes.

The results of this third edition of the contest confirm the initiative’s excellent reception. This year, nearly 100 teams from 25 schools throughout Spain participated, representing a 20% increase in participation since last year.

EDPR celebrates local events throughout France

Near the Bersac-sur-Rivalier wind farm, the company hosted a meeting for 40 people to present updates on the project’s latest developments. At the Le Grands Bails wind farm, a special meeting was held to conclude a year of collective reflection on a local project in which the wind farm will participate. At the open meeting, various information panels addressed issues such as the creation of a new hiking path imagined by local residents.

After a brief speech, the discussions continued around a meal in a relaxed and friendly atmosphere at the village hall of Montloué.

In addition, EDPR operated a stand in the Verteillac energy festival, an event organised by the community intended to encourage the proliferation of renewable energy in the area.

In the beginning of August, the Broadlands wind farm team hosted an educational booth and volunteered with the event organisers at the Villa Grove Ag Days festival in Villa Grove, Illinois. The three-day event drew community members from multiple nearby townships to celebrate agricultural life. The festival included booths from local vendors, food trucks, tractor shows, a parade, a talent show, live music and carnival rides, among other activities.

EDPR’s booth focused on providing information about wind energy, answering questions about the Broadlands wind farm, sharing the benefits the wind farm will bring to the community and gathering support letters from local residents to give to the County Board during the wind farm’s permitting process. More than a dozen people also signed up to participate in a wind farm tour. In addition to supporting the event, EDPR was also a sponsor.

In June, EDPR teamed up with the Women of Renewable Industries and Sustainable Energy (WRISE) and Cincinnati’s Green Umbrella, an organisation that facilitates collaboration among more than 200 institutions and governmental entities focused on the environmental aspects of sustainability, for an educational tour of the Hog Creek wind project – EDPR’s newest project in the state of Ohio. More than 40 people loaded a bus to travel to Ada, Ohio, for the tour.

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EDPR brings hands-on science activities to local communities in Canada

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EDPR’s Sharp Hills wind farm and Relay Education delivered a day of hands-on discovery and innovation for students from Consort, Altario, Veteran, and surrounding communities. The focus was on the technology, engineering and science of renewable energy through hands-on learning. More than 85 students spent a day strengthening their engineering skills as they designed and built model wind turbines. By partnering with Relay Education, EDPR hopes to inspire local students to build their science, technology, engineering and math skills so that they are prepared for the energy jobs of the future.

Students in grades four through six participated in the day-long “Capture the Wind” workshop. During this workshop, students learned about electricity in Canada, connected electrical circuits, and identified the differences between conductors and insulators. While using the model wind turbines, students completed experiments that honed a variety of skills such as data recording, calculating math problems, and working in teams. The students also designed and built their own model wind turbines using found materials and science equipment.
EDPR celebrates American Wind Week

American Wind Week was created last year by supporters of wind energy across the U.S.

American Wind Week took place between the 6th and 11th of August, and EDPR hosted a Crane Day at Meadow Lake VI wind farm in Indiana, and a tour for the public at Meridian Way wind farm in Kansas.

EDPR held a Crane Day event at the Meadow Lake wind farm in White County and Benton County, Indiana. The event was hosted in partnership with Cummins Inc., AWEA, Mortenson, and Vestas to help celebrate American Wind Week. The open-house style event was held throughout the morning with dozens of members of the public attending to learn about wind power and view one of the largest cranes in the world erecting the newest phase of the Meadow Lake wind farm. Approximately 75 people attended the event, including company representatives from each of the five host companies, media and elected officials. The companies involved set up tables with educational literature and free branded items. Company representatives manned the tables and answered questions.

For the second year in a row, the Meridian Way wind farm in Cloud County, Kansas, hosted a tour in celebration of American Wind Week. 24 members of the public took part in the two-hour tour and gained a wealth of information about developing, constructing, and operating a wind farm, as well as an up-close view of a 410 foot wind turbine. The tour participants were quite enthusiastic, asking many insightful questions and expressing their hope to bring their friends along to future tours.

2018 Women IN Energy conference held in Indiana

The first Women IN Energy conference was held in 2017 – a result of a collaboration among MISO, Duke Energy Corp., Indianapolis Power & Light Co., EDPR, energy management firm ACES, and Parr Richey, a utility-focused legal firm.

The second annual Women IN Energy conference, “Resilience: Harnessing your inner power,” helped women identify, develop, and employ the strategic qualities in growing demand as the energy industry undergoes rapid change.

The conference was conducted in Carmel, Indiana, and featured a keynote speaker and in-depth sessions on leadership and strategic visioning, workforce management, personal and professional branding, and communications. More than 230 energy professionals attended the event.

Also, two EDPR employees participated in the event’s Technology Panel: Emerging Technology in a Time of Resiliency, to discuss emerging trends that are changing the energy industry.

EDPR employees go to an elementary school to talk about Wind Energy

In November, two employees from the Kittitas Valley wind farm in the U.S. visited a 4th grade class at Thorp Elementary School. They spent about an hour and a half speaking to the students about how energy is produced from the turbines and is used to power homes.

They also brought the tools and equipment used daily by site technicians and explained the uses for each tool and why the safety equipment is so important. The students were excited to learn about the wind turbines they see each day and were invited to visit the site sometime soon.
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