

# IG Metall stages massive 24-hour strikes in the steel industry.

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The fourth negotiation ended without result in the North-West German steel industry after 10 hours on Monday 11 December. After both sides took steps towards a solution model on the issue of working hours in many areas, the attempt to reach an agreement then failed primarily on the issue of the wage increase.

The employers had offered a one-off payment of 1,000 euros for January 2024. Wages would increase by 3.5% from July 2024 for a total term of 19 months.

This is only slightly different to the first offer given in the first negotiation round. As no improved offer was presented even after the second round, warning strikes began on 1 December after the end of the peace period, in which approximately 23,500 workers in both collective bargaining regions took part until 11 of December.

Obviously, the employers did not get the message in view of the provocative offer in the fourth round. Since the early morning of 12 December, IG Metall has initiated the next stage of escalation with 24-hour strikes. So far, approximately 29,000 workers in the North-West German steel industry and approximately 1.300 workers in the East German steel industry took part in these enlarged industrial actions.

The next negotiation round will start tomorrow on Friday 15 December.

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