Abstract:

The invention relates to a device (1) for holding wires, in particular for holding wires when welding, for example when welding longitudinal wires of a wire mesh with transverse wires thereof, wherein the device (1) comprises a gripper (2) for holding the wires. In order to bring a wire, in particular a longitudinal wire, into a starting position favorable for the welding process for welding to a further wire, such as a transverse wire, the invention provides that the gripper (2) comprises pivotable gripper elements (3) and at least one drive member (4) for the gripper elements (3), wherein the gripper elements (3), together with the at least one drive member (4), are movable substantially linearly from a starting position into a holding position and, in the holding position, are pivotable toward one another, in particular under positive guidance, by means of the at least one drive member (4), in order to hold a wire.
Furthermore, the invention relates to a method for welding wires, in particular with a device (1) according to the invention.

[Fig.3]