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Participation and Communication Plan for the Construction of New Nuclear Power Plants

***Sharing your views in the period up to the preferred
solution (the decision on the location)***

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1. Introduction

The Netherlands is working to create the energy system of the future. To that end, the current government wants to build four new nuclear power plants. The government is currently seeking a suitable location for the first two plants.

The construction of nuclear power plants has an impact on the environment. For instance, there are possible impacts on the natural environment, the living environment, safety, and health. For this reason, residents, companies, organisations and other public authorities are given the opportunity to contribute their views. This is what this participation and communication plan is about.

In this participation and communication plan, you can read about how you can contribute your views, and how you can share your questions, concerns and ideas with the government.

Simultaneously with this participation and communication plan, the government is publishing the draft Memorandum on Scope and Level of Detail. This is the research plan in which we describe how and at which locations we will be conducting detailed environmental studies. We will also be publishing a response memorandum, in which we will provide answers to the responses we have received to this intended project. You can read the draft Memorandum on Scope and Level of Detail and the public version of that document [here](#).

New nuclear power plants in the Netherlands

Nuclear energy contributes to a reliable energy system, in which our energy comes from a range of different energy sources. That way, we are not dependent on one particular source of energy. We will also be less dependent on foreign countries. Nuclear energy is a supplement to other energy sources, such as solar and wind energy. Those energy sources are dependent on the weather, whereas nuclear energy is not. Nuclear power plants can generate a particular quantity of electricity at almost any moment.

Like any other energy source, nuclear energy also has its drawbacks. Nuclear energy produces radioactive waste, for instance. The construction of nuclear power plants takes a long time and impacts on the natural and living environments. The government will do all it can to minimise the drawbacks of nuclear energy – for example, by observing due care in the storage of radioactive waste and complying with all the strict requirements related to the environment and safety. You can read more about the pros and cons of nuclear energy at www.overkernenergie.nl.

In the Netherlands, decisions about major energy projects are taken by the government. The Rutte IV government decided that two new nuclear power plants should be built. The Schoof government is going further and is opting to build four new nuclear power plants in total.

At www.overkernenergie.nl you can find more information about nuclear energy, nuclear power plants, safety, radioactive waste and other subjects. You can also read more about the various projects related to nuclear energy and radioactive waste, and about the participation and communication timetable.

Where are the new nuclear power plants being built?

The government is following a procedure to decide where the first two new nuclear power plants will be built. We call this the Project Procedure. The Project Procedure consists of two phases: the scoping phase, in which we decide on a preferred location, and the plan development phase, in which we conduct further research on the preferred location.

In this plan, you can read how participation and communication are organised in the first phase of the Project Procedure, the scoping phase. The scoping phase of the Project Procedure consists of various steps, which are described in Chapter 2. We are investigating locations in four areas: the Sloegebied area (Borssele and Vlissingen), Terneuzen, Maasvlakte II, and Eemshaven.

We are conducting studies into the impact of two new nuclear power plants on the natural and living environments. Based on the results of those studies, the ministers of Climate and Green Growth and Housing and Spatial Planning will take a decision on the location. Formally, we call this the 'Preferred Solution'.

Contributing your views

The construction of nuclear power plants has an impact on the environment. This can raise questions or concerns, but it can also offer opportunities. What do you consider important when it comes to the choice of location for two new nuclear power plants? The government would like to know and include your views in the Project Procedure, in order to arrive at a better decision.

For this reason, the government is organising **participation**. By participation we mean that anyone who wants to – residents, companies, public authorities and other organisations – can contribute their views. We are organising various activities to this end. In Chapter 2 of this plan, you can read what you can contribute your views on and how. The government will take all views into consideration. However, this does not guarantee that all views will be acted on.

We consider it important that you have the opportunity to obtain sufficient knowledge and have access to the right information to enable you to arrive at an opinion, and that you know when you can contribute your views. For this reason, we are using **communication** in various ways. In Chapter 3, you can read how the government will be keeping you informed about the construction of the first two new nuclear power plants and the participation process.

2. Participation

In this chapter, you can read what you can contribute your views on and what has already been decided. You can also read how and when you can contribute your views, and how your input will be used.

What can you contribute your views on?

Contributing your views about the impacts of nuclear power plants

The government will be evaluating different impacts from the construction of two new nuclear power plants. You can contribute your views on which impacts the government should investigate, and how we should conduct those studies.

There are opportunities to contribute your views at various steps in the scoping phase of the Project Procedure. At each step, the government publishes one or more documents. These are then made *available for public inspection*. This means that anyone can read them and respond to them. Below we explain the different steps and what you can contribute your views on at each step.

Step 1: Intention and Proposal for Public Participation (completed)

The first step in the Project Procedure was the announcement of the project. The government published this [Intention and Proposal for Public Participation](#) in early 2024. In it, we explained that we are going to build two new nuclear power plants and that we need to find a suitable location for them. You had the opportunity to contribute your views about the locations the government should investigate and about the studies we need to carry out there. We received 1,374 responses. We included those responses in the research plan (see step 2). You can read more about how the responses were used in the response memorandum published at the same time as this plan. This step is now complete.

Step 2: (Draft) Memorandum on Scope and Level of Detail

The (draft) Memorandum on Scope and Level of Detail is the research plan. It describes which locations the government will be investigating in more detail and how we arrived at those locations. It also explains which impacts of two new nuclear power plants we will be evaluating.

The draft Memorandum on Scope and Level of Detail has not yet been finalised. You can contribute your views on the following questions:

- Do you believe there are other suitable locations besides those listed in the draft Memorandum on Scope and Level of Detail?
- Which impacts do you feel the government should investigate in order to be able to take a decision?

You can share your ideas and suggestions by responding to the draft Memorandum on Scope and Level of Detail. Once the responses received have been processed, the draft will be finalised.

Step 3: Environmental Impact Assessment Report, Integrated Impact Analysis and Draft Preferred Solution

In the third step, the government publishes the results of the studies. We do this in two different reports: the plan environmental impact assessment report (plan EIA) and the Integrated Impact Analysis (IIA). We also publish the Draft Preferred Solution, containing the proposed location for the two new nuclear power plants, with supporting evidence.

The plan environmental impact assessment report

We are conducting much research into the impacts of nuclear power plants on the natural and living environments in the research areas. For example, we are investigating possible noise nuisance, air pollution, impacts on nature and impacts on the landscape. We will be describing the results of those studies in the environmental impact assessment report.

Integrated Impact Analysis

Alongside environmental impacts, the IIA also summarises the other impacts of the nuclear power plants. These relate to local stakeholders, technology, cost and future-proofness (such as the impact on other spatial developments). You can read more about these issues in the draft Memorandum on Scope and Level of Detail. For each one, we look at the differences between the areas. When the IIA is published, it will set out the results of the assessment of impacts.

Draft Preferred Solution

The ministers of Climate and Green Growth and Housing and Spatial Planning will take a provisional decision on the location for the two new nuclear power plants. They will base their decision on the plan environmental impact assessment report and the Integrated Impact Analysis.

In this step, you can submit a statement of views about the following:

- Have the studies been carried out correctly and completely and have the impacts been evaluated properly?
- Have the consideration of the location and the conclusion drawn from the research results been properly substantiated?

Contributing your views about participation and communication

You may have ideas about how we can involve stakeholders even better. Your feedback regarding participation and communication is very valuable to us. You can also share your opinion about participation during the publication of the documents during the Project Procedure. Your opinion and experience will help us better match the participation and communication process to your needs. We will carry out an interim evaluation of the process, and make adjustments where necessary.

Matters that you cannot contribute your views on

Some decisions about the establishment of two new nuclear power plants have already been taken. You cannot contribute your views about these decisions in this procedure:

- During the Project Procedure, you cannot contribute your views on whether or not two new nuclear power plants should be built. It has also already been decided that the two nuclear power plants will be built at a single location.
- You are also not able to contribute views on what type of nuclear power plants will be built. Type III+ generators have been chosen, each with the capacity to deliver more than 1000 megawatts (MW).
- You cannot give your views on other projects related to nuclear energy in this Project Procedure – for example, whether the operating life of the existing nuclear power plant in Borssele should be extended, or the approach to small modular reactor (SMRs). At www.overkernenergie.nl, you can read more about these projects and how you can contribute your views on them.

Who can participate?

Anyone who wants to can participate. The government aims to consult with as many different stakeholders as possible. It does not matter whether or not you live or are based in a research area or have a different interest.

If you live or are based abroad, you can also respond during the scoping phase of the Project Procedure. Stakeholders within a radius of 1,000 kilometres from the locations being investigated may formally respond, including people who are not Dutch. For this reason, we are also publishing important documents, such as this plan, in English, German and French.

How can you participate?

There are various options for contributing your views. We will align with stakeholders' wishes as far as possible.

1. Response or statement of views during the Project Procedure

During each of the three steps in the scoping phase of the Project Procedure, documents are made *available for public inspection*. You can read those documents and formally respond to them by submitting a response or statement of views giving your opinion. You can do so in three different ways:

Digitally

At www.overkernenergie.nl you will find a link to the webpage where you can leave a response or statement of views.

By post

Bureau	Energieprojecten	(Energy	Projects	Office)
Inspraakpunt		Nieuwbouw		Kerncentrales
Postbus				111
9200 AC Drachten				

Please sign the letter and state your address. We will then send you a confirmation of receipt by post.

Verbally

A minute-taker will be present during the residents' evenings (see under point 4 below) to record verbal responses.

You can also call the Energy Projects Office between 9 AM and 5 PM on working days on 088 042 47 47.

2. Webinar

A webinar is an online information session. You can attend it from home or watch it later. During a webinar, government employees discuss the current step in the Project Procedure and the documents which are *available for public inspection* at that moment. You can ask relevant questions using the chat function. Some questions will be answered live from the studio or in the chat. Questions which we cannot answer immediately will be responded to later at www.overkernenergie.nl. A webinar will be held for each step in the scoping phase of the Project Procedure.

3. Contact form on our website

You can contact us using the contact form at www.overkernenergie.nl. You will then receive a response from a government employee.

Extra participation in the regions

Alongside the above general participation opportunities, the government is also organising additional discussions and activities.

4. Residents' evenings

The government is organising residents' evenings, during which you can discuss the project. You can share your questions, concerns, opinion and ideas there. This helps us learn what the issues are for you, and what you consider important. We include this information in the process. At www.overkernenergie.nl you will find a list of dates and locations where residents' evenings are being held.

A minute-taker will also be present at the residents' evenings. You can give a response or statement of views about one of the studies from the procedure to this minute-taker. You will then receive a formal response from the government.

5. Presentations during meetings

In some cases, specific groups – such as companies, interest groups or regional public authorities – may have questions, concerns or ideas. On request, we can organise an information meeting at which we will give a presentation and engage in discussion.

6. Regular discussions

The government also holds regular discussions with different stakeholder groups (or their representatives), such as nature and environmental organisations and residents' organisations. Those discussions are centred on various issues, such as spatial planning, nature, environment and landscape, health and safety, and the economy and the energy transition.

7. Mobile information point

In order to reach as many people as possible, the government will be deploying a mobile information point at certain locations where people come together, such as markets, community centres or libraries. This provides you with an accessible opportunity to talk about the construction of two new nuclear power plants, and to share your questions, concerns, opinions or ideas with government employees. At www.overkernenergie.nl you can see when the mobile information point will be in your area.

8. Direct contact with the area manager

The government has appointed area managers for Zeeland, Maasvlakte and Eemshaven. The area managers are in direct contact with residents, companies, public authorities and other interest groups. You can reach them via contact.kernenergie@minezk.nl.

Tailored regional approach

The government is investigating locations in different areas.

Sloegebied and Terneuzen:

In the Sloegebied area and Terneuzen in Zeeland, we are investigating three locations: the EPZ site in Borssele, the former Thermphos site in Vlissingen and the Mosselbanken/Paulinapolder in Terneuzen.

In 2022, the Rutte IV government designated Borssele as its political preferred location for the construction of two new nuclear power plants. This meant that, in parallel to the Project Procedure, a number of studies could already begin, focused on the EPZ site adjacent to the existing nuclear power plant. Three potential constructors of nuclear power plants conducted research into technical feasibility and physical integration at this location. To a large extent, the results of these studies are also being used for the other locations.

This has allowed Borssele municipality to initiate its own participation process, involving regular discussions with residents, companies, organisations and public authorities. Additionally, on 4 July 2024, the permanent Zeeland Energy Information Point opened in Borssele. The purpose of the Information Point is to inform Zeeland residents about the various energy projects taking place in the region. Residents can discuss their opinions, concerns and ideas here. The information point is staffed by employees of the ministries of Climate and Green Growth and Infrastructure and Water Management, Hynetworkservices (Gasunie), TenneT, Zeeland province and Borssele municipality.

The designation of Borssele as the preferred location by the government does not mean that the nuclear power plants will definitely be built in Borssele. All locations will be investigated and considered on an equal basis. The ministers of Climate Policy and Green Growth and Housing and Spatial Planning will choose a location based on that information.

Within the Sloegebied area, the former site of the Thermphos company is also being investigated as a possible location for the construction of two new nuclear power plants. And on 11 September 2024, Terneuzen municipality was also identified as a possible location, in view of plans to construct a connection to the high-voltage network there. Locations at the Mosselbanken and the adjacent Paulinapolder near Biervliet are being investigated here.

Borssele municipality and Zeeland province have taken the initiative to conduct a participation process. The participation process which Borssele municipality held with its residents resulted in a wide-ranging package of conditions for all major energy projects in the region, including two new nuclear power plants. During the provincial process, residents and stakeholders drafted

conditions for the potential construction of two new nuclear power plants. Both packages represent a start of the discussions that will lead to a (provisional) National/Regional Package.

After summer 2025, Vlissingen and Terneuzen municipalities will also be launching their own participation processes in order to identify conditions and opportunities with their residents. In doing so, they will draw on the knowledge gained during the earlier participation process conducted by Borsele municipality. In 2026, the Ministry of Climate Policy and Green Growth, together with Zeeland province and Borsele, Vlissingen and Terneuzen municipalities, will draw up a provisional National/Regional Package that will be published simultaneously with the draft Preferred Solution (the choice of location). This package is designed to reduce the impact on the living environment and provide a stimulus for the region if the nuclear power plants will be built in Zeeland. If the nuclear power plants are built elsewhere, this process will be continued there, building on this start.

Maasvlakte II

Maasvlakte lies directly on the North Sea and is an industrial area within the port of Rotterdam. We are not investigating any locations at Maasvlakte I, because the availability of cooling water in the centre of the port area is limited. However, we are investigating a location at Maasvlakte II, Alexiahaven.

The participation process in this region began later than that in Borsele. Discussions with stakeholders at Maasvlakte have revealed that designating Borssele as the preferred location created the impression that Borssele would be the ultimate choice of location. For this reason, residents, companies, organisations and public authorities were initially less involved in the project procedure and did not feel the same sense of urgency. This changed when it became clear which locations were being investigated. The government is committed to actively and equally involving all stakeholders in the investigations, i.e. also at and around Maasvlakte.

Eemshaven

The stakeholder process only began recently in Eemshaven, because Eemshaven was only added as a search area in February 2025. We are investigating three locations in Eemshaven.

The government is aware that the development of new (energy) projects with a significant local impact is a very sensitive subject in Groningen province. The House of Representatives, the Provincial Council and the municipal council of Het Hogeland have passed motions expressing their opposition to Eemshaven as a location for new nuclear power plants. Nevertheless, we must complete the Project Procedure diligently. In order for the decision on the location to be legally sound, we cannot rule out Eemshaven. This means that we must consider all locations in our studies which may be suitable for the construction of two new nuclear power plants. For this reason, we are also completing a thorough participation procedure in this area, in which we are involving local stakeholders equally.

When can you participate?

You can give your input at any moment during the scoping phase of the Project Procedure. The government is conducting discussions throughout, and organising various participation activities. The area managers are easy to reach.

On the website www.overkernenergie.nl you can read more about the participation moments, for example when residents' evenings are being held, or when the mobile information point will be in your area. On this website you can also read when official documents will be made available for public inspection.

How will your input be used?

The government will read all responses received via all the channels listed above. It will then evaluate whether and how the ideas will be included in the Project Procedure.

- If you submit a statement of views or response, you will receive a confirmation of receipt. We publish a Response Memorandum. This is a document containing all the responses received, along with the government's response to them. In it, you can read how we are incorporating the responses and statements of views in the studies or in our communication. Your response will remain anonymous. Your name will not feature in the document.
- We will also include in the procedure your input given during residents' evenings, webinars, discussions and other meetings. In the reports we make of those events, you can read how your input will be used. We publish those reports (in anonymised form) on our website www.overkernenergie.nl.
- We may also include your input in (provisional) arrangements agreed between central government and the regional authorities.
- You will receive personal feedback on your input provided via the contact form or directly through the area manager.
- We will include ideas about the participation process itself as we continue to refine this process.

3. Communication

The government actively communicates about the process concerning the construction of the two new nuclear power plants and about the participation moments. We do so in various ways. In this chapter, you can read why and how we keep you informed.

Goal and target group

The government wants to achieve two things with its communication:

- To provide sufficient, clear information, so that you gain knowledge and are able to reach an informed opinion about two new nuclear power plants and the process of arriving at a choice of location. This is important in order to be able to participate effectively.
- To keep you informed about the participation moments, so that you know how and when you can participate.

Target group

The government wants to reach everyone who might want to contribute their views about the choice of location for the two new nuclear power plants. That means a mix of people with different characteristics, skills, backgrounds and experiences. Not everyone can be reached in the same way. For this reason, the government will be using different communication media and channels.

How will we keep you informed?

We will provide regular updates via our communication channels, so that you are always up-to-date on the latest developments and important participation moments. See the different channels below.

1. Website

Our website, www.overkernenergie.nl, contains much information about nuclear energy, the Project Procedure and the participation process. By means of posts on this website, we will keep you up-to-date on the latest news about the plans regarding nuclear energy.

You can also find general information on this site – about what nuclear energy is and how a nuclear power plant works, or what we do with radioactive waste and which other nuclear installations there are in the Netherlands. There are information videos and you can read what else we are doing to prepare for the construction of two new nuclear power plants. There is also a contact form on our website.

2. Digital newsletter

On our website www.overkernenergie.nl you can sign up for our digital newsletter. You will then receive a summary of the main developments in your inbox every quarter.

3. Newspapers

We announce new steps in the Project Procedure through advertisements in the *Algemeen Dagblad*. We also hold briefings for national and regional media, where we explain current developments.

In the areas where we are investigating locations, we also announce new steps in the Project Procedure in the free local newspapers published there.

4. Social media

If you are active on social media, you can follow the social accounts of the Ministry of Climate Policy and Green Growth on X, LinkedIn and Instagram. We use those accounts to keep you informed of important moments in the Project Procedure.

X	LinkedIn	Instagram
@MinisterieKGG @MinisterKGG	@Ministerie van Klimaat en Groene Groei @Sophie Hermans	@MinisterieKGG @MinisterKGG

5. *Letters to parliament*

Whenever there are important developments regarding the construction of two nuclear power plants, Minister Hermans will send a letter to the House of Representatives. This is known as a letter to parliament. The purpose of letters to parliament is to inform the House of Representatives. If you are interested in the subject and would like to read more about it, letters to parliament are sound and comprehensive sources. You can read letters to parliament on the website of the House of Representatives, www.tweedekamer.nl. We also publish the letters to parliament at www.overkernenergie.nl.

If you feel there is a need for additional communication, please let us know. We will then look into how the government can meet that need.
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4. Next steps

This participation and communication plan has informed you about the government's research into suitable locations for the construction of two new nuclear power plants in the Netherlands, which areas of that research you can contribute your views on, and how you will be kept informed about it. What are the next steps?

Further steps

In the third step of the scoping phase of the Project Procedure, the ministers of Climate Policy and Green Growth and Housing and Spatial Planning choose the preferred location.

After that, a new phase begins: the plan development phase. In this phase, we study the preferred location in more detail and more becomes known about the design of the plants and about how construction can take place. We complete the second part of the Project Procedure and draw up a new environmental impact assessment report: the project EIA. Participation is again possible in this phase. Eventually, a single project decision is taken via the Project Procedure. After that, the construction of the nuclear power plants can begin.

Would you like to know more?

If you would like to know more about nuclear energy and the construction of new nuclear power plants, or if you are you interested in finding out more about other projects related to nuclear energy, you can read more about these subjects at www.overkernenergie.nl.

Glossary

Communication. The way in which the government keeps you informed, so that you have the opportunity to obtain sufficient knowledge and have the right information to enable you to effectively reach an opinion on the construction of the two new nuclear power plants. You will also receive information about how and when you can contribute your views.

Integrated Impact Analysis (IIA). Various aspects are investigated for the IIA, namely the environment, local stakeholders, technology, future-proofness (i.e. the relationship with other spatial developments) and cost. The results of the IIA provide the basis for the information that helps us take a properly considered decision on the best location for nuclear power plants.

Environmental Impact Assessment Report (plan EIA). This report describes the consequences of the project for the environment. The plan EIA is drawn up to help reach a properly considered decision on the preferred location, taking account of the impact on the environment.

(Draft) Memorandum on Scope and Level of Detail The second step of the scoping phase of the Project Procedure. This is the research plan which describes which locations the government is investigating for the potential construction of two nuclear power plants as well as which impacts the government is evaluating for those locations.

Participation. By participation we mean that anyone who wants to – residents, companies, public authorities and other organisations – can contribute their views.

Project procedure. The requirement for a Project Procedure is laid down in the Environment and Planning Act. The procedure is completed in order to choose a suitable location for new nuclear power plants. The Project Procedure consists of two phases: the scoping phase, in which we decide on a preferred location, and the plan development phase, in which we conduct further research on the preferred location.

Response memorandum. A document containing all the responses received to a step in the Project Procedure, along with a response from the government. In it, you can read how we are incorporating the responses and statements of views in the studies or in our communication.

Accessibility. Dutch society is made up of a mix of people, with different characteristics, skills, backgrounds and experiences. The government wants everyone to be able to participate in that society. For this reason, we make our participation and communication as accessible as possible for everyone.

Future-proofness. A chapter in the Integrated Impact Analysis, describing the impact of the construction of two new nuclear power plants in relation to other spatial developments.

Public inspection. During each of the three steps of the Project Procedure, documents are made available for public inspection. You can read those documents and formally respond to them by submitting a response or statement of views giving your opinion.

(Draft) Preferred Solution. Based on the IIA and the plan EIA, the ministers of Climate Policy and Green Growth and Housing, Spatial Planning and the Environment decide on a Preferred Solution. The Preferred Solution is the location that will be investigated further for the construction of two new nuclear power plants.

Intention and Proposal for Public Participation. The first step of the scoping phase of the Project Procedure, in which the project was announced and the government described how it wanted to organise participation in the Project Procedure.

Statement of views. The formal response you can give to documents made available for public inspection during the different steps of the Project Procedure.

Appendices

I List of stakeholders

The government considers it important that anyone who wants to – residents, companies, public authorities and other organisations – can participate in the process concerning the choice of location for two new nuclear power plants.

We distinguish the following stakeholder groups:

1. Residents:

- Individual residents
- Village councils and residents' committees
- Interest groups representing residents

2. Public authorities and public enterprises:

- House of Representatives / government
- Ministries: Climate Policy & Green Growth, Housing & Spatial Planning, Infrastructure & Water Management, and Defence
- Provinces
- Municipalities
- Water boards
- Rijkswaterstaat (Public Works and Water Management)
- Drinking water supply companies

3. Energy and heating sector:

- Network operators (including TenneT, Gasunie)
- Energy producers and suppliers
- Heating companies

4. Business community:

- Port authorities
- Industrial companies and their interest groups
- Agrarian sector and agricultural organisations
- Regional development agencies

5. Research institutes:

- Universities and knowledge institutes
- Consultancy firms

6. Recreation, nature and heritage:

- Nature and environmental organisations

- Heritage institutions
- Recreation and tourism sector
- International organisations and transboundary stakeholders

II Summary of participation activities starting from the Intention and Proposal for Public Participation

The scoping phase of the Project Procedure began in early 2024 with the publication of the Intention and Proposal for Public Participation. This document was available for public inspection between 23 February and 4 April 2024. Anyone who wanted to – residents, companies, public authorities and other organisations – was able to contribute their views. A total of 1,374 responses were received. These responses resulted in certain procedural additions and further specifications in the draft Memorandum on Scope and Level of Detail.

In Zeeland and around Maasvlakte various discussions were initiated and intensified. In the Eemshaven region the first discussions were initiated later. You can read more about the government's participation efforts since the start of the Project Procedure below.

Sloegebied and Terneuzen

During the period in which the Intention and Proposal for Public Participation was available for public inspection, two residents' evenings were held in the region, in Heinkenszand and Terneuzen.

On 4 July 2024, the Zeeland Energy Information Point opened in Borssele. The Information Point was set up to inform Zeeland residents about the various energy projects taking place in the region – from the construction of the new 380 kV connection to a hydrogen network and from the possible construction of two new nuclear power plants to ammonia storage. Each week, an employee of the Ministry of Climate Policy and Green Growth is present at the Information Point to answer residents' questions about nuclear energy.

The government has held presentations for municipal councils and the provincial council in Zeeland. There have also been discussions with the port authority. An area manager was appointed to discuss the possible construction of two new nuclear power plants with different parties in the region. The area manager also always attends the meetings of the village councils in the Sloegebied area.

On 11 March 2025, the first discussions were held with representatives of different groups of stakeholders. Those discussions focused on the issues of spatial planning, health and safety, nature, the environment and landscape, and the economy and the energy transition. The sessions were the starting point for regular discussions with these groups. You can read the reports of these discussions at www.overkernenergie.nl.

Maasvlakte

During the period in which the Intention and Proposal for Public Participation was available for public inspection, two residents' evenings were held in the region, in Oostvoorne and Vlaardingen.

The government has held presentations for the municipal councils of Oostvoorne, Midden-Delfland, Westland, and Rotterdam. Presentations have also been held for the provincial authorities, as well as a webinar for companies at Maasvlakte. The government has held discussions with the port authority. Also, an area manager was appointed to discuss the possible construction of two new nuclear power plants with different parties in the region.

Borssele has already gained a great deal of knowledge and experience. The government is facilitating knowledge-sharing between Borssele and the Maasvlakte region.

On 6 March 2025, round table discussions were held with representatives of different stakeholder groups. Those discussions focused on the issues of spatial planning, health and safety, nature, the environment and landscape, and the economy and the energy transition. The sessions were the starting point for regular discussions with these groups.

Eemshaven

Eemshaven has been included in the Project Procedure since February 2025. Since then, talks have been held with Het Hogeland and Eemsdelta municipalities, and with the provincial authorities. In those talks, they indicated that they would be engaging critically in the Project Procedure and the accompanying participation, and that the responsibility for the procedure lies entirely with the government. However, working agreements were made. Talks were also held with the port authority and the users and owners of the land that falls within the search locations.

In the coming months, the ministry will endeavour to also fully inform and involve other stakeholders (residents, companies and other organisations), including through round table discussions and a residents' evening.