

Opening call for subsidy-free tender for offshore wind energy Hollandse Kust (noord)

Interested parties are invited to apply for the permits to construct a wind farm for Hollandse Kust (noord) Wind Farm Site V (HKNWFS V), off the Dutch coast, from 2 April until 30 April,. Permits have already been awarded, in 2018 and 2019, for Hollandse Kust (zuid) Wind Farm Zone Sites I, II, II and IV. HKNWFS V can accommodate between 693 MW and 760 MW of sustainable offshore wind energy.

This procedure without subsidy is the sixth call for tenders for offshore wind energy since the Energy Agreement. Construction of wind farms in the Borssele Wind Farm Zone has already started and is expected to reach completion at the end of 2020. TenneT is currently installing the offshore electricity grid.

The Offshore Wind Energy Roadmap 2030, published in 2018, indicates that three additional Wind Farm Zones have been designated. The Roadmap sets out how the Netherlands intends to achieve an annual electricity production of 49 TWh from wind farms in the North Sea by 2030. Offshore wind energy will contribute over half of the sustainable electricity required to meet the 2030 target.

After the closure of the HKNWFS V tender procedure, on 30 April 2020, the Netherlands Enterprise Agency will announce whether any permit applications have been received. The Netherlands Enterprise Agency will then proceed to assess the applications.