

National grid – legal system in the Netherlands

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## History

- Ensure necessary network investments/security of supply
- Infrastructure projects long life cycles
- Different reasons
- Goal: shortening and streamlining procedures
- Large scale energy infrastructure/state coördination programme

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## Characteristics projects

- Public interest
- large political component
- complex/a lot of different stakeholders
- NIMBY

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Urk stuurt brandbrief over windmolens naar Den Haag




Kabinet: bouw windmolenpark Urk gaat door


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*Oil- en gasconcern Targa wil 9 miljard kubieke meter opslaan*  
**Bergen 'wapen' in energiestrategie**  
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vandaag het eiland hitte



Routing of a new line, how?



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## State coordination programme

- Plan-related decision making will occur centrally
- Coordination of all permits needed
- Parallel processes
- Alignment between governments

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## National zoning plan

- Minister of Economic Affairs and minister of Housing, Spatial Planning and environment responsible for spatial decision in national zoning plan',
- Route of the new high voltage line and possible restrictions or obligations concerning the (build of) the high voltage line
- Important basis EIA
- Other factors

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## National high voltage electricity grid

Electricity Supply Structural Plan, several points of departure

- Randstad 380 kV
- Noord-West 380 kV
- Zuid-West 380 kV
- Doetinchem-Wesel  
Etc.

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## State coordination programme

- Coordination of all decisions that are necessary for the project to be realised
- All decisions will be taken at the same time.
- The minister of Economic affairs will coordinate the project and the publication of all decisions;
- The national zoning plan, the EIA and all permits will be published together, first in draft, followed by a 6 week period for public participation and the final decisions.
- Thereby speeding up the process en streamline all procedures.

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### State coordination programme: permits

- Permits will be granted by the local and regional governments;
- All permits will be granted at the same time;
- Therefore all permits (and national zone planning) will be looked at as one if its taken to court;
- Court will take decision on all permits and national zoning plan within six months;
- The ministers have the opportunity if one government is reluctant to grant a permit, to grant the permit themselves;

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### Full consideration of interests

- Cooperation Tennet
- Concerns citizens, local authorities, etc
- Increasing societal support, several instruments

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### timing

- In the past 10 to 15 years (including realization)
- Decision making as such 6 months
- Appeal Raad van State 6 months
- Realization 1 to 2 years
- important reduction of life cycle energy infrastructure projects