

Please find attached the agreements on onshore wind power you made yesterday with the Minister of Infrastructure and Water Management and the Association of Provincial Authorities (IPO) The wording of the agreements was finalised yesterday evening and this morning in close consultation with the IPO and the Ministry of Infrastructure and Water Management. The text containing the agreements will now be sent by the IPO secretariat to the provincial executives, which will discuss it next Tuesday.

Agreements on onshore wind power reached by central government and the Association of Provincial Authorities (IPO) at their meeting of 22 January 2013

The IPO's offer

1. The provinces guarantee space for 6,000 megawatts of onshore wind power.
2. Areas with a combined potential of 5,715 megawatts will be laid down in land-use plans before 31 December 2013.
3. In the event that areas drop out of consideration during the spatial planning procedures or for any other reason, the relevant province will substitute alternative locations for the areas in question as soon as possible. The provinces will lay down these alternative areas in land-use plans by the first half of 2014 at the latest.
4. The Central Government Coordination Scheme will be applied to provinces that do not deliver on what has been agreed.
5. Central government will endeavour to resolve the problems to which it can provide a solution by mid-2014 at the latest.

From 14% to 16% sustainable energy production by 2020

1. Up to 1 May 2013, the provinces and central government will explore how the extra 2% production target for sustainable energy by 2020 can be achieved. Various options for a sustainable energy mix for the Netherlands in 2020 will be investigated, including their spatial requirements, financing options and economic consequences.
2. Energy efficiency is a precondition and will not be considered specifically in the exploratory study.
3. After 1 May 2013, central government and the IPO will hold inter-authority discussions on the results of the exploratory study and its consequences.
4. If the exploratory study results in an additional target being set for onshore wind power, the provinces will during those discussions make a proposal for each province's share in achieving that target, including a timetable that ensures that the wind turbines will be generating energy by 2020 at the latest. This will also include the remaining 285 megawatts needed to fulfil the IPO offer of 6,000 megawatts.
5. In principle, the necessary locations for an extra target will first be sought in those provinces that are candidates for contributing to the fulfilment of the outstanding 285 megawatts (Fryslân, Noord-Holland, Noord-Brabant, Overijssel, Gelderland and Limburg).
6. If the provinces do not make a proposal on dividing the extra target over each of the provinces, central government will decide on a distribution, in consultation with the provinces.
7. The Central Government Coordination Scheme will be applied in consultation with the provinces, as far as possible taking into account the spatial policy choices of the province in question and the degree to which the province has fulfilled its obligations under the wind power agreements.

Central government onshore wind power strategy

1. An explanation of the central government onshore wind power strategy will be given to the IPO.
2. In March 2013, the central government onshore wind power strategy will be submitted to the

House of Representatives.

3. It will lay down for planning purposes those areas suitable for large-scale wind power production in accordance with the provinces' offer and include the agreements resulting in obligations to generate 5,715 megawatts.
4. No new high-potential areas for wind power will now be designated.
5. A decision will be made after 1 May 2013 how any additional target for onshore wind power, including the 285 megawatts, will be laid down in land-use plans. If the provinces do not make a proposal on dividing the extra target over each of the provinces, central government will decide on a distribution, in consultation with the provinces.
6. If necessary, the central government onshore wind power strategy will be updated.
7. The provinces will set down locations in land-use plans for additional small-scale wind power.

Next steps in the process

1. The jointly agreed report will be sent to the provincial executives by Thursday 24 January 2013 at the latest, so that it can be discussed on Tuesday 29 January.
2. On 31 January 2013, the draft agreement will be submitted to the IPO board for approval.
3. The IPO and central government will issue a joint press release after 31 January when the agreement is submitted to the House of Representatives.

Long-term cooperation

1. The provinces and central government will form a joint core team to monitor progress and to identify and resolve problems.
2. The core team will report twice a year to a central government-IPO consultative committee.