



Interview with
Albert Vliegthart, Louise Vet & Margriet Rouhof

Setting a standard for biodiversity in the energy transition

TenneT proudly promotes biodiversity around all of its 462 high-voltage stations in the Netherlands and Germany. Relatively simple steps can make all the difference to maintaining insect populations.



“This is very encouraging. TenneT is demonstrating how simple,

relatively minor adjustments at hundreds of stations can achieve impressive results. Maintaining the insect population at these levels is impressive and a crucial step in helping tackle the challenges of preserving biodiversity.”

Albert Vliegthart
Ecologist
De Vlinderstichting

“Restoring our biodiversity is absolutely crucial - not just for the natural world, but also for our own wellbeing.

This can only be achieved through partnership, working closely together with a wide range of stakeholders from NGOs and farmers to corporates and financial institutions. That's why I applaud this initiative of TenneT and will do what I can to share this good work with others.”

Louise Vet
Professor in Evolutionary Ecology
at University Wageningen

“Last year, we conducted a biodiversity pilot around three Dutch substations.

We took the following steps to strengthen biodiversity: sowing indigenous seeds to strengthen local biodiversity and mowing in a non-linear way (so-called sine mowing). The pilot demonstrated how non-linear mowing helps maintain the insect population by up to 72%. If we mowed in normal straight lines, these insects wouldn't survive.”

Margriet Rouhof
CSR Manager TenneT