



Interview with
Nienke Homan & Matthijs Coops

Working with partners to drive the energy transition

Set on the coast of the Dutch North Sea, Eemshaven is a crucial hub for connecting sustainable energy into the Netherlands' electricity grid.



“TenneT and the Province of Groningen are working closely together on projects that are helping to drive the energy transition, particularly in Eemshaven (Port of Groningen & Chemiepark).

Any transition calls for out-of-the-box thinking, innovation, trust and collaboration. We're impressed at TenneT's very thorough approach: they carefully weigh different interests and analyse future scenarios. We look forward to partnering with TenneT again as we play our parts in achieving the ambitious goals of the energy transition.”

Nienke Homan
Regional Minister Energy Transition

“Eemshaven is an energy port. It is a central hub for wind and sun as well as for conventional power and connects the Danish and Norwegian cables – Cobra and NorNed – to the Dutch grid.

In terms of stakeholders and residents, the province of Groningen is a sensitive area for energy projects following earthquakes caused by gas extraction. We are very aware of these sensitivities and want to inform and engage with stakeholders so we can be part of the solution, not the problem. In the spring of 2020, we will open an information centre for stakeholders in Eemshaven.”

Matthijs Coops
Advisor TenneT