



“THIS PHASE DEMANDS UNCONVENTIONAL COLLABORATION.”

BEN VOORHORST, COO TENNET IN 2020

“Realising sufficient infrastructure, that is the main challenge that connects TenneT and Enexis. The huge number of renewable energy initiatives that we are being confronted with is unprecedented. On the one hand from the Regional Energy Strategies, on the other hand from businesses and industries that are growing and need more electricity. In order to be able to accommodate this demand timely, unconventional ways of collaborating are necessary. We underlined this in 2020 in an letter of intent with Enexis. We agreed to help each other to achieve common goals, and we put this into practice.

A good example is the greening of the industry in Groningen. By working together with the regional stakeholders – including Enexis – at an early stage, we were able to take action sooner in 2020 to be able to deliver more capacity faster. We did not wait until the plans were 100% clear, but we entered into discussions with the parties involved in an early stage to shorten the processing time. Our organisations are traditionally risk averse; however, under pressure, we realise that we cannot wait until everything is 100% clear. Speeding up the process is important now. As the certainty that we are going too slow is ultimately also a risk.

The efficacious collaboration with all parties involved in Groningen was refreshing and we aim to continue to expand this in the coming years. It is better not to point the finger at each other, but to be open and ask questions. This enables us to do what society expects us to do.”

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