



To the Board of WindEurope

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Letter of support WindEurope Annual Event 2029

Dear Member of the Board,

On behalf of The province of Zuid-Holland, we are pleased to express our full support for Rotterdam's bid to host the WindEurope Annual Event in 2029.

Zuid-Holland is the heart of the European offshore wind ecosystem. Our region concentrates the entire value chain — from the Port of Rotterdam, Europe's largest hub for wind logistics and the upcoming dedicated offshore wind terminal at Maasvlakte, to a dense cluster of innovative maritime companies and heavy industry. This unique concentration allows for seamless integration of manufacturing, installation, and decommissioning activities.

Bringing offshore wind energy ashore is equally critical. Through the VAWOZ programme (*Verbindingen Aanlanding Wind Op Zee*), Zuid-Holland is at the forefront of planning the landfall and grid integration of future offshore wind capacity for 2031–2040. TenneT is developing the HVDC and HVAC connections needed here, positioning our province as the gateway where North Sea wind energy enters the European grid. Beyond our borders, Zuid-Holland is a crucial link in the Delta Rhine Corridor, connecting Rotterdam to Germany via hydrogen pipelines and electricity cables, bridging North Sea supply with European industrial demand.

Simultaneously, onshore wind is a vital pillar of our transition. Zuid-Holland ranks third in the Netherlands with approximately 750 MW installed (2024). We actively drive deployment while balancing energy generation, spatial planning, and community engagement. Crucially, we lead in system integration, matching wind supply with demand from industry, mobility, and the built environment. Our partners are developing integrated solutions where offshore wind powers industrial electrification, hydrogen production, and district heating, essential for achieving climate neutrality by 2050.

Our commitment to innovation is anchored by world-class institutions like TU Delft and TNO, which drive cutting-edge research in turbine design, floating wind, and system integration.

Hosting WindEurope 2029 in Rotterdam offers a unique opportunity to showcase this living laboratory. The province of Zuid-Holland is ready to actively support the event by facilitating connections with our regional ecosystem, organizing site visits to state-of-the-art facilities, and contributing to a programme reflecting the full breadth of the wind sector.

Rotterdam is the ideal location to bring the global wind community together. We look forward to welcoming WindEurope in 2029.

Yours sincerely,

The Provincial Executive,
The Secretary General,

The King's Commissioner,

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