

Panel session 'The role of municipalities in the energy transition'

New energy systems are increasingly locally oriented, creating new and changing expectations and responsibilities for local authorities. In the Netherlands, for example, municipalities are now closely involved in the development and planning of wind energy parks. They have also been assigned a central position in realizing a heat transition in the built environment, whereby residential areas are phased out natural gas.

In this panel we invite various Dutch municipalities and other important stakeholders and experts to open discussions about these and other technical, political, environmental and ethical issues that they encounter in the daily practice of the energy transition. As a starting point for discussion, a number of municipalities will present a concrete case in which one or more of the above issues is central. From their own experience they tell how they have dealt with this.