



# Geothermal energy in district heating

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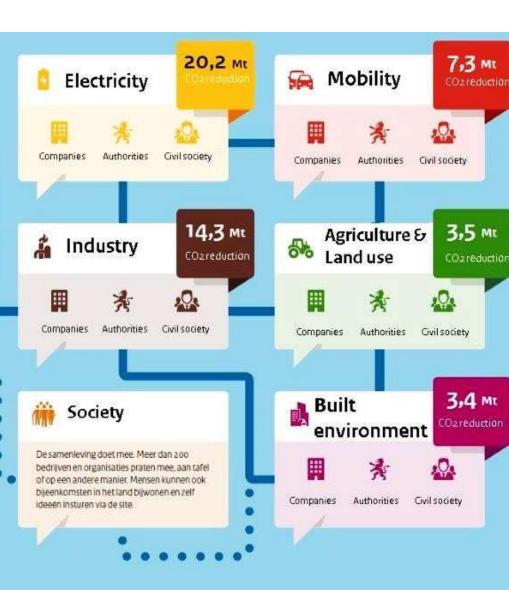
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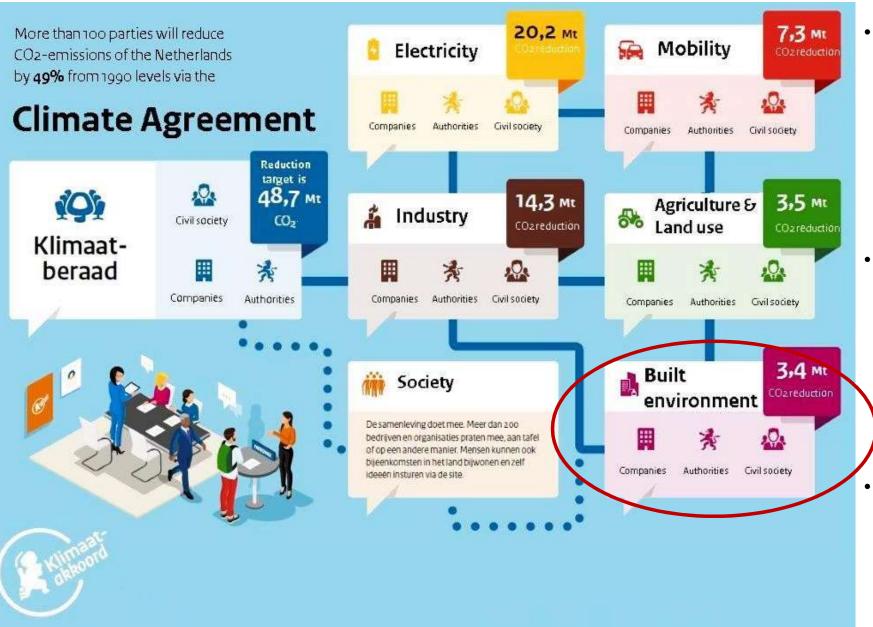
More than 100 parties will reduce CO2-emissions of the Netherlands by 49% from 1990 levels via the

## **Climate Agreement**





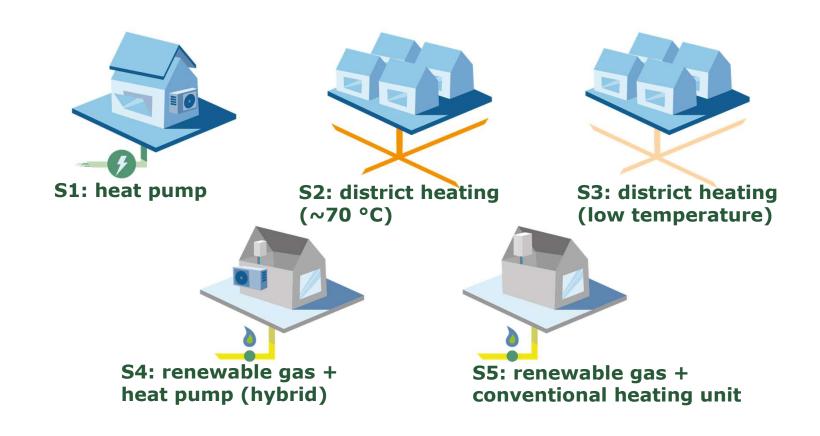




- In 2030 1½ mln
  houses have made
  switch away from
  natural gas (8 mln. in
  2050)
- District by district approach, municipalities are in charge, heat plans ready in 2021
- Learning by doing: 27
  pilots in 2019, 100 in
  2021 (total) → 350+
  municipalities



## National analysis: 5 strategies (incl. insulation)

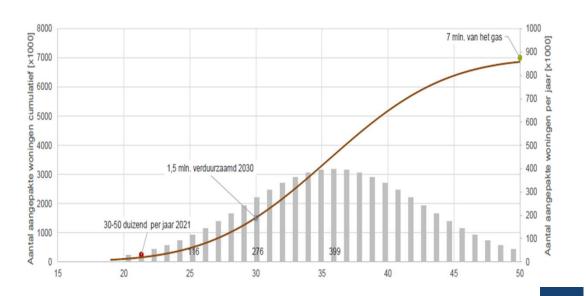




## **Outlook district heating in the Netherlands**

### 2017

- Market share households 5,6%
- Main heat source: waste incineration plants (high temperature)
- > 31 companies have license to deliver heat



### 2030 (Climate Agreement)

- > 1,5 mln. (existing) buildings off natural gas
- Geothermal energy as a important source for district heating
- Moving towards low heating systems

### 2050



- All 8,5 mln. buildings CO2 neutral
- Estimate 15-45% will be connected to district heating



## Major revision of Dutch Heat Act (in a nutshell)

Climate goals and Groningen

Regulatory framework in order (public interests)

Facilitating decision making and investments

Developing trust in collective heat sytems

#### Market design

- Local DH systems
- Municipalities in the lead
- Determine catchment area
- Assign DH company
- Support by national gov and provinces
- Regional transportsystens
- Designate system operator

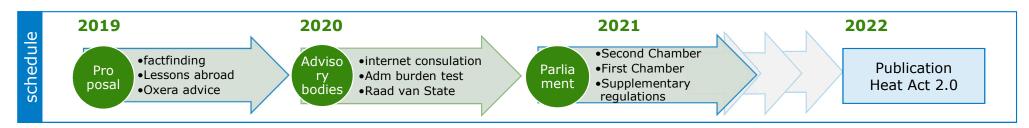
### Tariff regulation

- Alternative for gas reference price
- Cost based approach
- Regulated accounting rules
- Reasonable transition period

### Sustainability

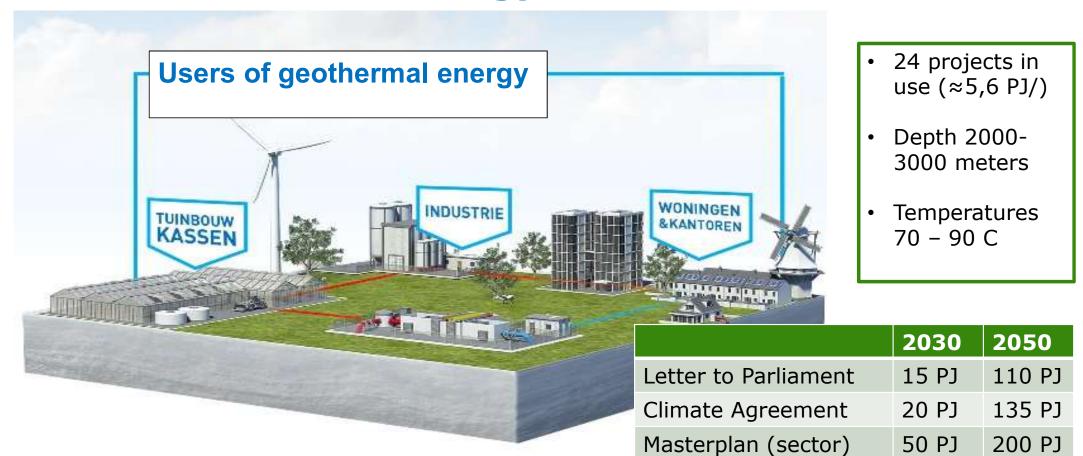
- Minimum norm CO<sub>2</sub>-reduction
- Obligation to draw up investmentplan
- Right to connect waste heat
- CO<sub>2</sub>-performance on consumer bill

### Security of supply





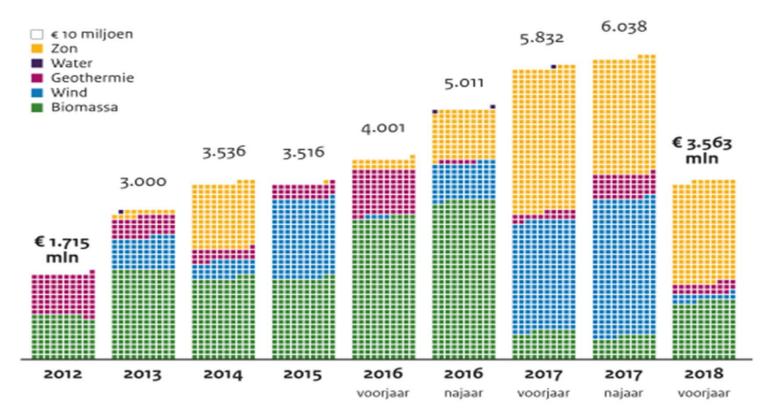
## Geothermal energy as a source of heat





## **SDE+ Production Subsidy**

Verplichtingenbudget per technologie in de verschillende SDE+ -rondes



### (New) categories SDE++

- Renewables: wind, solar, biomass, geothermal
- CO2 reduction industry
- CO2 Capture and Storage
- Waste heat
- Electric boilers
- H2 electrolysis

## (New) geothermal categories SDE++

- Undeep, deep, ultra deep
- Geothermal for DH



# **Guarantee scheme**To address geological risk

- At P90
- 7% premium
- 8 rounds, starting 2010
- 29 projects submitted,
- 10 projects realized within scheme
- M€ 146 cumulative reservation
- 4 claims, 7,2 mln paid to awarded claims



## Main policies to accelerate\*

- Special legislation for geothermal (before equal to oil and gas): mining act
- Exploration of subsurface: SCAN
- Innovation Roadmap
- Participation of EBN (state participation)

\* On top of regular subsidy and guarantee schemes



## **Mining Act**

New licensing system (subsurface)

### I Search area permit:

- first assessment applicant (business case)
- exclusive economic right
- area appropriate to demand (preliminary sales agreement)
- procedure for competitive applications

### II Starting license:

- technical and financial assessment operator / license holder
- safety (environment / seismic hazard)
- sales agreement

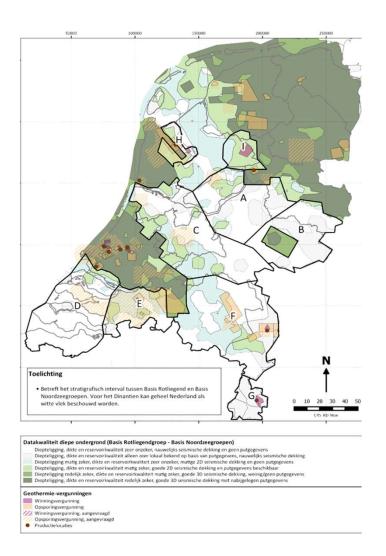
### III Continuation license:

- delimination of area and duration (sphere of influence)
- further prescriptions for safe exploration



## **Knowledge & exploration**

- SCAN: Seismic survey to increase knowledge of the subsurface
- Ultra Deep Geothermal exploration
- NLOG: central database





### **Innovation**

- National Innovation Roadmap for geothermal energy
- National Innovation subsidies, European Innovation programs
- OICW: Rijswijk Center of Sustainable Geo-Energy





## State participation EBN

### Public task:

- Geothermal market insufficiently mature
- Challenges regarding accumulation of knowledge and innovation
- Social importance of geothermal heat in the built environment

### Goal is to build a portfolio in which:

- EBN is able to share knowledge and experiences:
- EBN as public partner can join discussions regarding durability and quality,
- EBN accumulates knowledges in favor of other projects
- EBN aggregates experiences in favor of cost reduction, innovation and public knowledge of the subsurface
- EBN can advice the Ministry on policy and instruments

Effective by adjustment of the Mining Act (foreseen 2021)



## **Challenges**

Still a lot of challenges ahead....

Lets learn from each other...



## Thank you for your attention!

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