

# Community dialogue



## Netherlands - Geertruidenberg

When TenneT began planning a new 380 kV connection between Rilland and Tilburg in the Netherlands, the Minister of Economic Affairs decided that the route would pass over part of the territory of the municipality of Geertruidenberg. The plan included placing sections of the existing above-ground 150 kV connection, between Geertruidenberg and Waalwijk, partially underground.

The Geertruidenberg town council was given the opportunity to decide the location of the underground cable. During the process, TenneT worked closely with the municipality, engaging local residents, landowners, provincial authorities, neighbourhood associations, water boards and nature organisations to find a consensus for the route of the cable and, where possible, making decisions together.

For example, two design workshops were organised involving representatives of various interest groups. During these, the possible locations for the new underground cable were considered, with the advantages and disadvantages of each one mapped out and discussed.

The workshop results were presented at an information evening for Geertruidenberg residents and landowners. We were very pleased with the turnout and the positive feedback received afterwards from attendees regarding this event.

## Germany - Westküstenleitung

An example of our close connection with our stakeholders, is TenneT's West Coast Line (Westküstenleitung) a 380 kV and 140 km-long AC power line. Starting in Brunsbüttel, it will connect the German and the Danish electricity transmission systems (planned to be completed in 2022). The West Coast Line is on the European Commission's list of Projects of Common Interest (PCI), as an important interconnector supporting the EU's energy and climate policy.

In 11 community events, stakeholders were invited to receive information concerning TenneT's building activities. Moreover, meetings with local communities and mayors were organised to find the most acceptable solutions for erecting pylons along the route as well as discussions on how to use local roads during construction in the safest and most careful way. For the most northern part, between Klixbuell and the Danish border, TenneT has started the pre-planning period with eight dialogue events, also involving the government of Schleswig-Holstein and representatives of all local districts.