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**Market consultation: UXO Desk
Study Various Search Areas
future wind farm sites**

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Definition of terms

Interested party	The interested entrepreneur/economic operator or organisation that participates in this market consultation
Market consultation	RVO wishes to exchange information and knowledge with interested parties from the market.
Contracting Authority	The State of the Netherlands, represented by the Minister of Economic Affairs and Climate Policy, who concludes the Contract with the Contractor on behalf of the Contracting Authority

1 Introduction

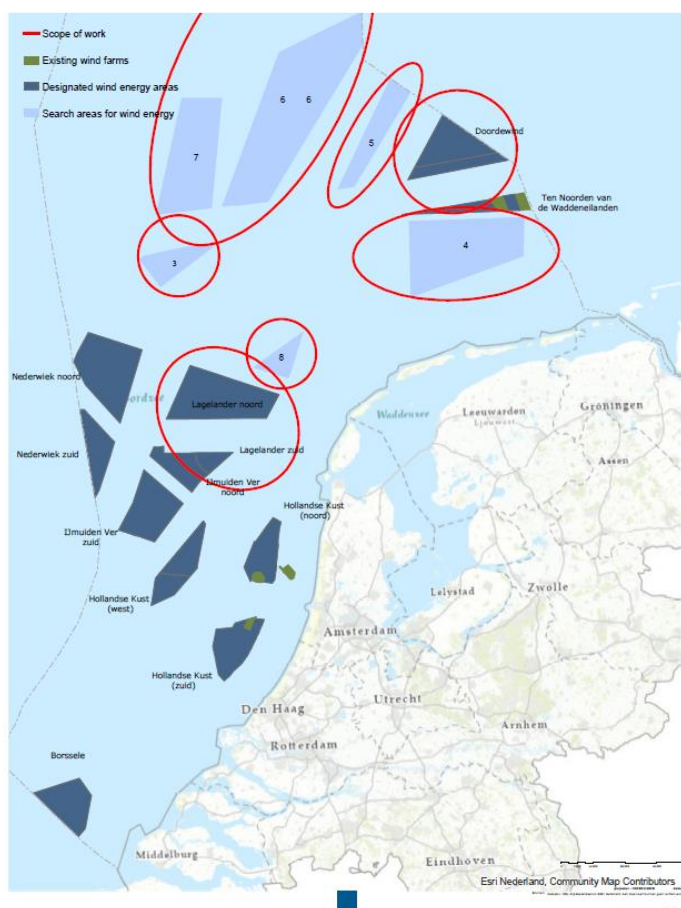
1.1 Tender Announcement and invitation for market consultation

With this Market Consultation the Netherlands Enterprise Agency (Rijksdienst voor Ondernemend Nederland - RVO) wants to announce an upcoming tender for UXO Desk Study Various Search Areas for future wind farm sites. The tender concerns a UXO Desk Study Various Search Areas for the future Wind Farm Sites (as indicated by red ovals in below figure). Locations are planned but still subject to change.

With this Market Consultation the Contracting Authority invites interested parties to participate by means of a short interview. Interested parties can participate in the market consultation by answering the questions (section 3) and by requesting an interview as described in this document (section 2.6).

The Contracting Authority will take into account the results of the market consultation into the finalization of the tender for UXO Desk Various Search Areas.

Offshore wind energy areas



The Contracting Authority aims to publish the tender in April 2023.

1.2 Organisation

The Netherlands Enterprise Agency supports entrepreneurs, NGOs, knowledge institutes and organisations in sustainable, agrarian, innovative and international business. We aim to facilitate entrepreneurship, improve collaborations, strengthen positions and help realise national and international ambitions with funding, networking, know-how and compliance with laws and regulations.

RVO is a government agency which operates under the auspices of the Ministry of Economic Affairs and Climate Policy. Our activities are commissioned by the various Dutch ministries and the European Union.

More information about the RVO can be found on www.rvo.nl and [Netherlands Enterprise Agency | RVO.nl](https://www.rvo.nl/en/netherlands-enterprise-agency)

The Procurement Office IUC EZK conducts this market consultation on behalf of RVO.

2. Procedure market consultation

2.1. General

This market consultation is a separate process that is being executed prior to a formal tendering procedure and is mutually noncommittal, with full transparency and without any commitments. The Contracting Authority provides, by means of this market consultation, a possibility to interested parties to share their insights into the market situation, allowing the Contracting Authority to prepare a tender that stimulates a level playing field.

The market consultation is NOT an invitation to tender, nor is it part of a prequalification procedure. Companies not participating in the consultation will not be excluded from participation nor be given disadvantages. Companies that do participate in the consultation, will not in any way be excluded nor be given advantages.

2.2. Communication and submission of market consultation answers

RVO kindly requests that all communication regarding this procedure take place via IUCEZteam1@rvo.nl, attn. Liesbeth de Man.

2.3. Time schedule

The schedule below applies to this market consultation.

22 February, 2023	Publication of the market consultation on TenderNed
6 March, 2023	Deadline to submit request for an interview regarding the market consultation.
9 and 13 March, 2023	Interviews
April 2023	Publication of Tender on TenderNed
August 2023	Expected start of contract

If – in the opinion of RVO – circumstances provide cause to do so, RVO is entitled to amend the specified period(s). In such a case, timely notification of the new period(s) will be provided digitally.

2.4. Questions about the market consultation

Questions about the market consultation can be sent to the contact person by e-mail. IUCEZteam1@rvo.nl

2.5. Results of the market consultation

RVO will use the information collected as a result of this market consultation for the upcoming European tender. Interested parties should note that the information they provide in the context of this market consultation may be made public (in anonymised form). RVO wishes to be able to use the information provided by interested parties without reservations. For this reason, RVO will not honour any claims / reservations from interested parties about the use of information or confidentiality. By participating in this market consultation you agree to this.

2.6 Planning and format

You are kindly requested to answer the below interview questions by email in advance. You can use the attached form to answer the questions. You can also email your own questions or subjects you wish to raise to RVO.

RVO interviews will be hosted by the UXO desk study project team.

Interviews will be in private with each company. No competitors will be in the same meeting.

RVO has scheduled 2 dates for the interviews. Interviews will be done online by Microsoft Teams. Please choose 2 possible time boxes in below schedule.

March 9, 2023 14-15 hrs
March 9, 2023 15-16 hrs
March 9, 2023 16-17 hrs
March 13, 2023 13-14 hrs
March 13, 2023 14-15 hrs
March 13, 2023 15-16 hrs
March 13, 2023 16-17 hrs

Please let us know who will join the meeting? And which email address(es) the invitation should be sent to. We suggest you participate with a maximum of 2 persons.

Please reply to this Market consultation invitation via: IUCEZteam1@rvo.nl

After your request, you will soon receive the invitation for the online meeting.

3. Market consultation agenda / questions

You are invited to participate into the market consultation. During the market consultation the Contracting Authority will address items listed below.

Interview agenda:

- 1) Short introduction RVO
- 2) Short introduction participant and company
- 3) Questions from Contracting Authority
 - a. RVO intends to tender the UXO Desk Study Various Search Areas for all known search areas at once (see figure in section 1.1). Do you see any advantages or disadvantages to this?
 - b. What timeline would you suggest RVO should request for in the tender, by means of effective time needed for delivering the desk study, considering the scope is similar to previous UXO Desk Studies delivered by RVO (see under c).
 - c. RVO has published several UXO Desk Studies on the website: <https://offshorewind.rvo.nl> Do you have any suggestions for improvement? On the scope of work or other aspects?
 - d. Are you familiar with the "Certificaatregister CS-VROO"? What is your opinion on this register?
 - e. What is your opinion on the legal framework around UXO control and offshore projects in the Netherlands compared to other European countries?
- 4) Any other items raised by interested party