



MARKET CONSULTATION

FRAMEWORK AGREEMENT FLANGES

For the benefit of N.V Nederlandse Gasunie

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1. GENERAL INFORMATION

1.1 Introduction

This guide provides information on the market consultation for flanges for N.V. Nederlandse Gasunie, Gasunie Deutschland GmbH & Co KG and all their associated companies/entities (hereafter: Gasunie).

Gasunie is currently in the process of preparing a new tender for the production and delivery of flanges. The current framework agreements will expire July 31 2026. These framework agreements will be replaced by new framework agreements by means of a European tender.

As a part of this process Gasunie is conducting this market consultation to gain insight into the extent of possibilities and interest in the market, as well as to determine how a potential tender could best be structured. Your response is greatly appreciated and will serve as one of the sources of information on which the follow-up strategy will be based.

The announcement of this market consultation was sent to TenderNed / TED for publication on 13 November, 2025.

1.2 About Gasunie

Gasunie is an energy network operator. In the Netherlands and the northern part of Germany, we manage and maintain the infrastructure for large-scale transport and storage of gas. At the moment, this is mainly natural gas, but the energy transition will increasingly bring about a shift towards green gas and hydrogen. We also collaborate in the construction and management of heat and CO2 grids. We ensure that this part of the energy supply is safe, reliable and as sustainable as possible, ensuring that everyone has access to energy, always.

More information is available at www.gasunie.nl and www.gasunie.de.

1.3 Sustainability

Sustainability is very important for Gasunie and will be a part of the upcoming tender. Gasunie is currently mapping all greenhouse gas emissions that are emitted as a result of the activities of Gasunie. As part of this assessment, all indirect greenhouse gas emissions in the value chain of Gasunie are being calculated.

Gasunie incorporated a new Corporate social Responsibility (CSR) strategy within its corporate strategy in 2025. In the new corporate strategy sustainability. Together with safety, forms the foundation of Gasunie's four strategic pillars.

The need for this new CSR strategy stems from both intrinsic motivations to create societal value, compliancy to legislation (CSRD, CSDDD) as well as our green financing frameworks such as our SLB and Green Bond Framework.

The ambitions and targets are set based on five core principles: feasibility, practicability, affordability, ambition in relation to peers and societal value creation. The CSR strategy has four core themes: Climate, Circularity, Biodiversity and a Safe, Social and Inclusive Business.

More information about our corporate social responsibility can be found through this link: [Corporate social responsibility > Gasunie](#).

2. CONTENT MARKET CONSULTATION

2.1 Purpose and goal

With this market consultation Gasunie aims to obtain input from the market on a number of questions and refine the scope for a planned European tender for flanges. Additionally Gasunie wants to reach potential participants in order to interest them for the upcoming tender and provide Gasunie with valuable input. The objective of the market consultation is to test and gain insight and overview in relation to:

- the extent in which the technical requirements as provided by Gasunie are relevant, realistic and achievable;
- the solutions the market offers in relation to the questions and requirements in this market consultation;
- the make-up of the market and what distinguishes parties within this market;
- the expected trend and developments in the market of flanges.

Our goal is to publish a tender to which parties can relate and in which they want to participate.

Insights and information gained from the market consultation will be used by Gasunie (where relevant) in the preparation of the European tender and the tender documents. Gasunie reserves the right not to use these insights and information, or not to use them in full. Gasunie aims to be as transparent as possible by using the results of the market consultation to shape the tender and the accompanying requirements. Gasunie expects to publish the tender in January 2026.

2.2 Scope

Types of flanges

Only the following types of flanges are aimed to be within the scope of the tender:

- welding neck flanges;
- blind flanges;
- threaded flanges;
- blind flanges with a NPT threaded hole (various sizes).

Framework agreements

The current contractual situation consists of one (1) framework agreement containing two (2) commodities:

1. flanges of DN15 up to and including DN600 (one contract partner);
2. flanges of DN650 up to and including DN1400 (two contract partners).

#	Diameter	Description
1	Flanges of DN15 up to and including DN600 (one contract partner);	Considered stock items, which are regularly used for maintenance and are therefore fast moving items.
2	Flanges of DN650 up to and including DN1200 (two contract partners).	Mostly used for (special) projects and are therefore non-stock items. These sizes of flanges are ordered on demand depending on the specific project's need.

Gasunie intends to maintain this way of working for the coming years, with an expansion of commodity group 2 from DN1200 to DN1400.

Importance of quality and material traceability

In order to prevent quality issues, which could lead to a disruption of daily operations and projects of the pipeline infrastructure and subsequently an increase in costs, quality assurance of the production process and reliability of material certificates are of essential importance. This is reflected by taking the following measures (non-exhaustive list):

- Applicants need to possess certain certificates (for example ISO 9001:2015, ISO 14001:2018);
- Applicants need to have an externally audited safety management system;
- Applicants have to have heat treatment equipment for a normalizing and a quench and temper heat treatment in accordance with EN 14870-3/ISO15590-3:2022;
- Applicants have to manufacture flanges according to EN14870-3/ISO15590-3:2022;
- Applicants have to meet the technical requirements as mentioned under "technical specifications";
- Gasunie or a third party on behalf of Gasunie can audit applicants in relation to quality assurance/quality control.

Duration

The intended duration of the new framework agreements is eight (8) years, consisting of an initial term of four (4) years with a possible extension of four (4) times one (1) year.

(Technical) Specifications

The specifications of the flanges are incorporated in the following documents:

N.V. Nederlandse Gasunie:

- GTS_MSW-04-E/3: flanges 450 <= DN <= 1200;
- GTS_MSW-04-E/4: flanges 15 <= DN <= 400;
- GTS_MSW-11-E: shop coating of steel structures and pipeline elements;
- GTS_MSA-25-E: transport, packing and marking;
 - Clarification of the packing instructions MSA-25-E;
- GTS_MSA-32E: requirements for inspection certificates of pressure parts;
- S.003843-LF-A435-017 Flanges V4 (Project: Hystock);
- Principles for flanges for CO2 transport (Project: DRC/DSC).

Gasunie Deutschland GmbH & Co KG:

- TSP-04G01-50_E;
- TSP-04G01-60_E (partially in German; awaiting translation).

The technical specifications can be read in Annex C to this document.

Any other specification that is referred to in the GTS has also been included in the annexes.

Please note that the German specifications deviate from the Dutch equivalent in minor details.

Financial scope

The yearly estimated value of both commodity groups combined is approximately €1.300.000 - €1.500.000.

3. PROCEDURE, PLANNING & CONDITIONS

3.1 Structure & format

This market consultation has been published on TenderNed and the EU official journal TED. The market consultation document is digitally available at www.tenderned.nl. Based on this document, market parties can gain an understanding of the potential scope of the European tender. To gain insight into the market, Gasunie has formulated a number of questions, which are included in Annex A. This annex also serves as the response form for market parties to answer the questions.

Questions or clarifications regarding this market consultation

If you have any questions, please use the form provided in Annex B, *Template for submitting questions*. The completed document can be sent via email to the contact person listed below. Paragraph 3.2 specifies the deadline for submitting questions.

The *Note of Information* containing the answers to the submitted questions will be published on the date mentioned in paragraph 3.2 on TenderNed. All submitted questions will be anonymized by Gasunie before being included in the Note of Information.

Submitting responses to the market consultation

To respond to the market consultation, please use the format provided in Annex A. We kindly ask you to provide well-reasoned and clear explanations with your answers. Once completed, the document can be sent via email to the contact person listed below. We kindly request that your responses be submitted no later than the date and time specified in paragraph 3.2.

Clarification

If desired, Gasunie has the option to initiate a dialogue with one or more participants based on the submitted information. If Gasunie wishes to use this option, you will be contacted to schedule a meeting within the timeframe as listed in paragraph 2.3.

Gasunie may choose to make use of this option but is not obligated to do so.

Contact

The contact person for this market consultation is Ida Consenheim, Senior Buyer. She can be reached at i.f.consenheim@gasunie.nl.

It is not permitted to contact any person other than the person mentioned above in connection with this market consultation.

Conclusion of the market consultation

Responses to the questions will be considered, where relevant, in the preparation of the European tender. If necessary, a short summary of the market consultation will be included as an annex to the European tender. This summary will provide an abstracted overview of the insights and information obtained. Sensitive or confidential business information will not be published. By participating, parties grant permission for the provided information and/or data to be used, in accordance with the confidentiality provisions outlined in paragraph 3.3. The contents of the summary will not be shared in draft form with participating parties prior to publication.

3.2 Planning

No rights can be derived from the planning below. Dates in bold font are final deadlines unless otherwise communicated by Gasunie.

Activity	Date / Period
Invitation (publication) market consultation	Friday 14 th of November 2025
Deadline for submitting questions	Monday 24th of November 2025, 11.00 hrs
Publication note of information	Wednesday 26 th of November 2025
Deadline for submitting responses (Annex A)	Monday 8th of December 2025, 11.00 hrs
Clarification (optional)	Tuesday 16 th or Thursday 18 th of December 2025

3.3 General conditions

By participating in the market consultation, the market party agrees to the following conditions:

- Communication will take place in English;
- All communication will be exclusively with the contact person mentioned in paragraph 3.1;
- Your responses are confidential and will only be shared within Gasunie;
- The provided information will be used solely for further research and advice regarding the European tender;
- The scope and requirements may change based on the information provided;
- Gasunie is not bound by the results of the market consultation;
- Participants cannot derive any rights from this market consultation;
- If necessary or considered usefull, Gasunie may contact market parties to gather additional information;
- Gasunie reserves the right to modify the planning if needed.

3.4 Nature of market consultation and reimbursement of costs

Gasunie stresses that the market consultation is of a non-binding nature for both Gasunie and participants. Gasunie does not, through this market consultation, incur any obligation in respect of Gasunie's marketing of a service, the procurement or the purchase of products. Participants cannot derive any right from this market consultation.

Participation in this market consultation by participants does not lead to any advantage or disadvantage in any (future) acquisition path or tender procedure to be started by Gasunie.

The costs of participating in this market consultation shall be borne entirely by the participant. Gasunie reserves the right to suspend and/or terminate all or part of the market consultation. Participant(s) shall not be entitled to any form of compensation in such a situation.

3.5 Intellectual property

All intellectual property rights, including copyright, which are based on documents and information provided by Gasunie in the context of this market consultation, including in any case the market consultation document (this document) and explanations provided, both oral and written, are vested in Gasunie.

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without the written consent of Gasunie, except if and to the extent reasonably necessary for the correct and complete answer of the questions.

3.6 Terms of agreement

Dutch law applies to this market consultation.

By accepting this request or submitting your reply, you indicate your unconditional agreement to the terms and conditions contained in this market consultation document.

3.7 Errors and contradictions

All documents, including any accompanying annexes following the present market consultation, have been compiled and prepared by Gasunie with the utmost care. In the event that a participating party finds errors, irregularities, inconsistencies or ambiguities, we kindly but urgently ask you to inform Gasunie.