

Prior Information Notice for Market Consultation
to explore the possibilities of a Small Modular Reactor (SMR)
within the municipal boundaries

MUNICIPALITY OF DEN HELDER

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The municipality of Den Helder intends to organize a market consultation regarding the potential development of a Small Modular Reactor (SMR) in Den Helder. With this prior information notice, the municipality informs potential market parties and other relevant interested parties at an early stage about this intention.

Background

The municipality of Den Helder is investigating whether and under what conditions an SMR could contribute in the future to energy supply, security of supply, economic development and sustainability of Den Helder and the region. Previous research has shown that an SMR appears to be technically and spatially feasible within the Kooypunt area. However, feasibility depends on various factors, including economic justification, organization of long-term energy offtake, grid integration, legal structure, spatial feasibility and social feasibility.

Purpose of the intended market consultation

The consultation is purely exploratory in nature and aims to gather knowledge and insights on, among other things:

- current market interest in a possible SMR project in Den Helder;
- the technical and economic feasibility of possible solutions;
- how market parties view location conditions, planning and risk management;
- the possibilities for energy offtake, grid integration and system integration;
- conceivable development, ownership, operation and cooperation models;
- investment scale, financing models and preconditions for business case formation;
- how a possible follow-up phase can be organized in a transparent, non-discriminatory and legally sound manner.

Target group

The municipality invites parties with expertise in the field of SMR technology, nuclear safety, energy infrastructure, industrial energy supply, project development, financing, legal advisory and public-private partnerships. Consortia or partnerships that combine multiple disciplines may also participate.

Legal framework and reservations

This prior information notice and the market consultation do not constitute a procurement procedure and will not lead to award, selection, contract formation or exclusivity. The municipality does not make any decision with this consultation regarding realization, land sale, planning cooperation or financial participation. No rights or legitimate expectations can be derived from participation.

Follow-up process

The municipality envisages a phased process: market consultation, possible public selection procedure, in-depth feasibility study and possible follow-up decision-making. A follow-up phase will only be considered if there are sufficiently realistic and solid prospects.

Indicative planning *(no rights can be derived from this)*

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Prior information notice	March 2026
Publication formal market consultation	April 2026
Closing consultation phase	May 2026
Analysis and reporting	July 2026
Informing municipal council	September 2026

Contact

The formal market consultation will be published in due course on **TenderNed**. Interested parties are invited to prepare and share their knowledge and experience at a later stage through the formal consultation.

Any questions about this prior information notice can be submitted via the messaging module of TenderNed.