



Energy Port Zeeland Joins Forces

Platform for Companies, Industries and Professionals in Offshore Wind



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On 20 October, Zeeland Seaports was part of an initiative to host a congress for offshore wind companies from Zeeland under the name: Energy Port Zeeland. The aim of the congress was to join forces of Zeeland's offshore wind partners including educational institutions. Zeeland PortNews spoke about the platform with Peter Geertse, Commercial Manager at Zeeland Seaports.

TRANSITION PIECES READY FOR TRANSPORT.

"The region of Zeeland has a strong position in the offshore wind sector," says Mr Geertse. "The ports of Zeeland have been playing an important role in the construction and installation of wind farms in the North Sea for more than 7 years. The leading role played by Zeeland has recently been given an extra boost by the planned construction of nearby wind farms, Borssele I and II."

The creation of Energy Port Zeeland should lead to closer cooperation not only between the Government and educational institutions, but also businesses involved in the fields of training and employment, research and innovation, profiling and communication and business development. This is why the Provincial Council of Zeeland, ROC Scalda, HZ University of Applied Sciences, Zeeuwind, Delta and Eneco are already participating in the project.

"Now it's a matter of inviting companies that want to join in this initiative. This collaboration will increase the chances that Zeeland will not only continue to benefit, but will benefit for a longer period from this still growing market," concludes Mr Geertse.

Impressive Track Record

The current position of Zeeland in offshore wind has been brought about by the favourable location of the Zeeland ports relative to the North Sea wind farms and manufacturers of parts and foundations, and the impressive track record that the existing companies in this market have built up.

"The various companies in and around the port are a one-stop-shop for offshore wind farms and the goal is to attract new activities in addition to the existing ones," says Mr Geertse. "We are looking at the fields of operation and maintenance and turbine, mast and rotor blade construction or assembling, for instance. For these sectors, it is also important to create a favourable business climate, by, for example, providing sufficient education to enable the supply of well-trained staff. In addition to this, it is also important to use targeted communication to broadcast even better and more often what an excellent area Zeeland is for the offshore wind industry."

Jointly tackling specific topics within Energy Port Zeeland creates a win-win situation for all parties, both on the supply and on the demand side of the market.

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