



# Community involvement in large- scale energy transition

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# Impact of the large-scale energy transition



- Keeping existing nuclear power plant open longer and building 2 new nuclear power plants
- 3 large offshore wind farms coming ashore
- 2 new high-voltage power lines through our landscape
- 3 new high-voltage stations
- Hydrogen network
- LNG and ammonia terminal
- Production of approximately 10 GW of electricity

# Drafting terms and conditions by 100 residents



- Citizens Assembly: 100 randomly selected residents discussed and drafted terms and conditions (350+ applications)
- Supported by 15 local experts
- 5 meetings from June till October 2023
- Visit to Hinkley Point C
- Result: 39 terms and conditions adopted by the municipal council and handed over to the national government.
- Topics: health and safety, footprint, construction nuisance, landscape, ecology, housing, social facilities, education, labour market, economy and compensation.



# Visits to Hinkley Point C



- Members of the Council Executive (March 2023)
- Group of community members (September 2023)
- Local TV station (December 2023)
- Group of Counsellors (April 2024)

# Lessons learned

1. As local government be pro-active and develop your own strategy.
2. Have an open mind, ask questions and learn from others.
3. Involve your community actively and make use of the local knowledge and expertise in your communities.
4. Involve the younger generation.
5. Communicate actively in the media.



**Thank You**