

# A local initiative pursuing clean energy production and an economic impulse on a local scale

The foundation “Windpark Dongeradeel” wants to place an 18 MW wind turbine park in the Frisian municipality of Dongeradeel. The development is compliant with provincial and national energy policy and has the aim of benefiting the local community of the municipality, being participants and non-participants.

**Duurzaam Dongeradeel** is a cooperation of private persons acting on a non-profit basis, present wind turbine owners in the municipality of Dongeradeel and a group of persons representing an alliance of farmers originating from the period after the foot and mouth disease crisis. With the Foundation “Windmills-Ternaard” it incorporates 15 years of experience with wind turbine exploitation.

The initiative group aiming to develop clean and affordable energy projects together with the inhabitants of the municipality as well as providing information concerning renewable energy and furthermore providing a powerful contribution to renewable energy supplies in the municipality, thereby complying with existing government policy.

## A unique initiative

Contrary to wind energy projects by the establishment of energy companies in The Netherlands the foundation is of local origin and wants to act locally. The local origin and aimed financial structure of allowing only (private) persons from the municipality to participate and using a fund to stimulate local initiatives in renewable energy and sustainable development is **UNIQUE IN THE NETHERLANDS!!**

### *Increasing renewable energy capacity and balancing in the landscape*

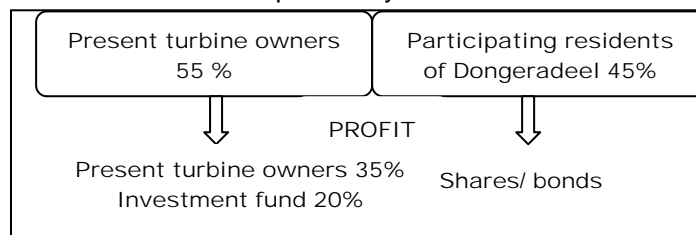
The plan aims at the replacement of all wind turbines in the municipality by a small number of large turbines. The plan hereby meets government policy which pursues concentration of turbines on a small number of locations. The dismantlement of 16 small wind turbines is one of the conditions agreed upon with the municipal council.

### *Improving local economy*

The municipality has known a decrease in both inhabitants and jobs in contrast to national trend during the past decades. The plan is an incentive to improve the local economy and turning this tide.

### *Participation and investment fund*

The present (private) turbine owners are willing to reinvest in tripling their capacity. Shares and bonds will be issued for residents of the municipality only. The investment fund is aimed at stimulating local initiatives on renewable energy and sustainable development of the region in the same way the Foundation “Windmills-Ternaard” has done in previous years.



### *Energy tariffs*

**Duurzaam Dongeradeel** intends to share the benefits from wind energy by providing lower and more than one year stable energy tariffs for residents.

*Fluctuating wind or the ultimately recoverable oil barrel?  
We've already chosen.*

Benefiting the municipality's residents from wind energy is our strong objective.

A recent survey of the municipal council among residents revealed that nearly 72 % being for implementing the turbine park.

With Friesland being the province with strongest wind energy potential **Duurzaam Dongeradeel** is convinced it can make a great contribution to modern renewable energy development and setting an example for more regional initiatives.

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