Government bodies, regulatory authorities, industry associations

Government stakeholders with whom we maintain contact include:

- European Commission
- European Parliament
- Dutch Ministry of Finance (our shareholder)
- Ministry of Economic Affairs and Climate Policy (Netherlands) and Federal Ministry for Economic Affairs and Climate Action (Germany)
- Regulatory authorities Authority for Consumers & Markets (Netherlands) and Bundesnetzagentur (Germany)
- Provincial authorities

In addition, Gasunie has identified twelve strategic stakeholders, with whom we hold regular consultations at management level. For our contacts with government bodies and regulatory authorities, both at European and national level, bilateral communication on a regular basis is the most common.

We also participate in consultation platforms organised by government bodies and industry associations. The meetings of these platforms are sometimes organised on a regular basis throughout the year; however, it is also possible that a platform will only operate for a certain period (for example, for the duration of a policy process of the Ministry of Economic Affairs and Climate Policy). Examples of platforms and organisations are:

**European**

- Clean Hydrogen Alliance
- European Hydrogen Backbone (we were one of the initiators)
- ENTSO-G Gas for Climate

**National**

- Netbeheer Nederland
- Energie Nederland
- Nederlandse Vereniging voor Duurzame Energie (Netherlands association for sustainable energy)
- VNO-NCW, KVGN, NEC, Greenpeace, and others

For many matters, stakeholder communication plays a role at both European and national level given that many laws and policies relate to EU laws, regulations and directives on which the Dutch national law is based. A few examples are:

- Market regulation on hydrogen and natural gas
- Scaling up the production of renewable energy (or in a broader sense, of renewable, low-carbon gas value chains)
- Sustainable financing
- CO₂ transport (Ministry of Economic Affairs and Climate Policy)
- Heat transport (Ministry of Economic Affairs and Climate Policy)
- Security of supply (Ministry of Finance)

We also engage in ad hoc stakeholder management activities to address problems directly. This includes forming coalitions with other individual market players and infrastructure companies when we have specific issues to address.
And lastly, we engage in stakeholder communication by:

- providing our responses to government consultations
- organising events.
- our social channels and newsletters.

**Procurement**

Procurement plays an important role in achieving part of the objectives of the Gasunie Green Deals. We meet regularly with other organisations in the following platforms and forums:

- Inkoop Platform Noord-Nederland (IPNN)
- Electronics Watch
- PIANOo/Beter Aanbesteden/Kennisoverleg Aanbestedende Diensten
- Bouwend Nederland
- Groene Netten
- NEVI
- Vereniging Nederlandstalige SAP Gebruikers (VNSG)

**Parliamentary inquiry**

In 2022, Gasunie cooperated extensively with the parliamentary committee of inquiry on natural gas extraction in Groningen. This committee was set up to examine the decision-making regarding natural gas extraction, earthquakes, claims handling, and structure reinforcement in the Province of Groningen. On 25 April, the committee made a working visit to Gasunie’s headquarters and to our nitrogen plant in Zuidbroek. On 3 October, during the public hearings, Gasunie Executive Board member Bart Jan Hoevers was examined by the parliamentary committee of inquiry. In February 2023, the parliamentary committee of inquiry presented its report.

**Sanctions against Russia**

Gasunie abides fully by European and Dutch sanctions imposed against Russia. Given the major social and economic consequences for society, Gasunie adheres to the Dutch government's policy on gas imports from Russia. Operational contacts with Russian companies have been reduced to the minimum level required to facilitate security of supply in the Netherlands, Germany and the rest of Europe through our infrastructure. Gasunie has frozen all non-operational relations and contact with Russian companies such as Gazprom. We closed our office in Moscow.