

# EBN / SCAN and the development of geothermal energy in NL

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# Who we are: State Energy Company of the Netherlands

100% owned by Ministry of Climate and Green Growth

Besides Geothermal also active in Oil & Gas, CCUS and new energies

4 different roles:



Knowledge partner



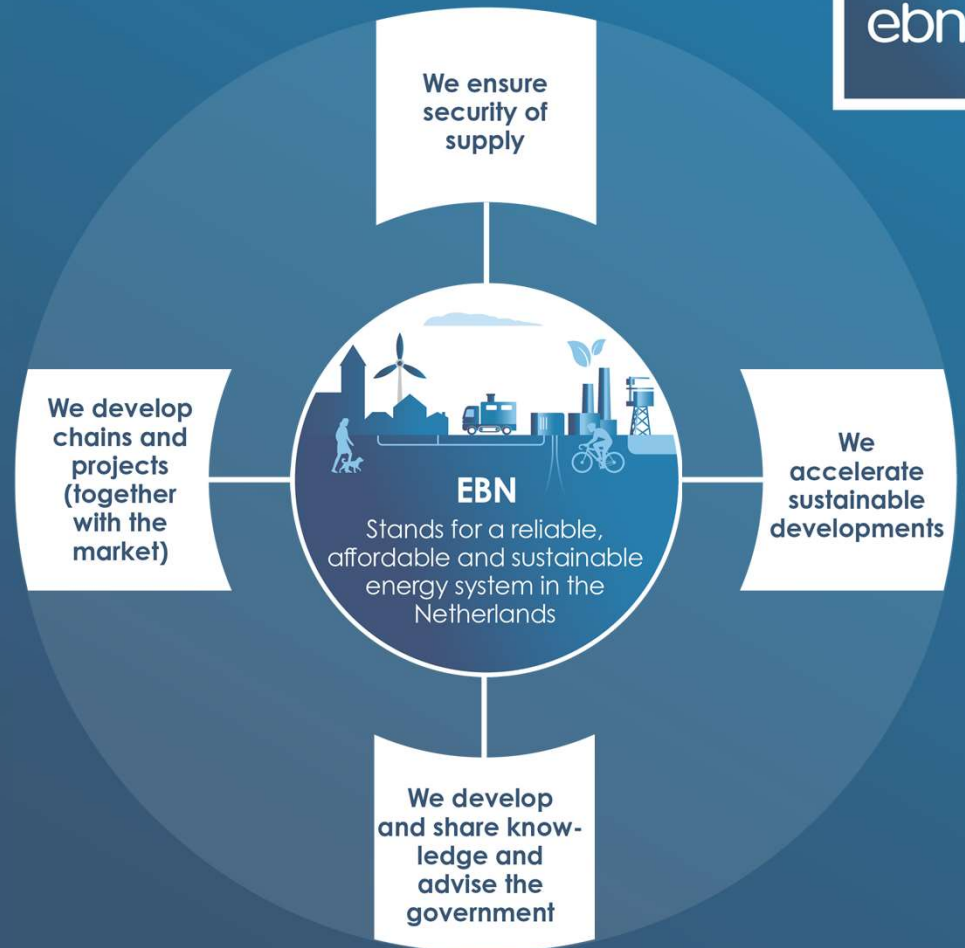
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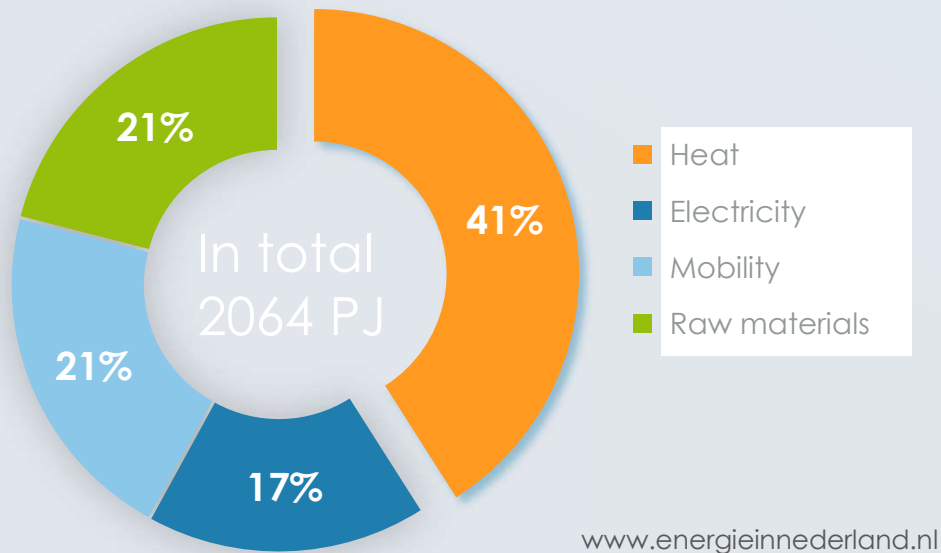
Investor / participant



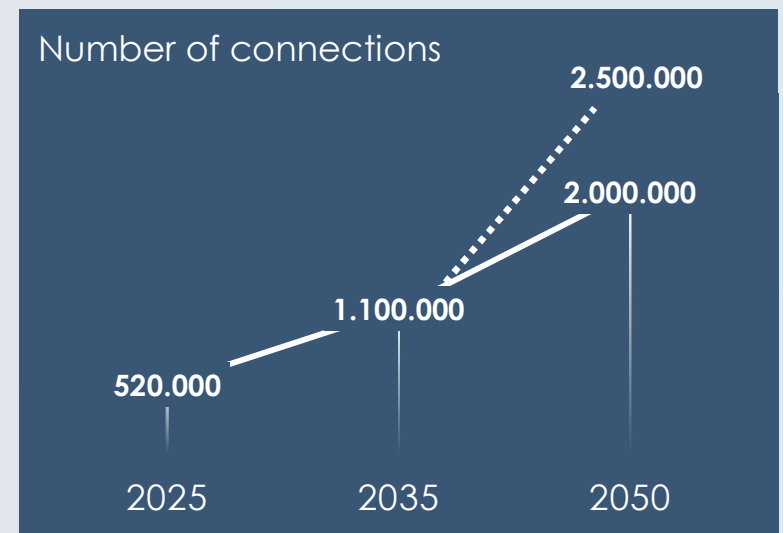
# 41% of energy consumption is due to heat demand



Dutch final energy demand (2024)



Expected development of district heating in built environment





# Three main sources of sustainable heat for collective heating



Residual heat



Geothermal energy



Aquathermal energy



Source: Ontwikkelperspectief Duurzame Warmtebronnen, KGG 2025

# Geothermal energy in the Netherlands

- In saline aquifers: direct use of heat
- Between ~700 m and 3 km depth:  
30-100 °C
- Geothermal development focused so far on regions where abundant subsurface data exists from O&G
- 28 producing projects in 2024 , 8 under construction
- Only 3 in urban environment: The Hague, Delft, and Leeuwarden
- Only 7,9 PJ of heat generated in 2024



# Role of EBN in development of geothermal



Knowledge partner



Policy advisor



Operator



Investor / participant

- we transfer knowledge e.g. by participating in projects, organizing workshops, sharing knowledge on various platforms and by our regional approach towards local and regional authorities
- we help the sector by addressing hurdles and proposing solutions
- we are operator of the SCAN project and collect subsurface data
- we take a mandatory share in all new projects (20-40%)



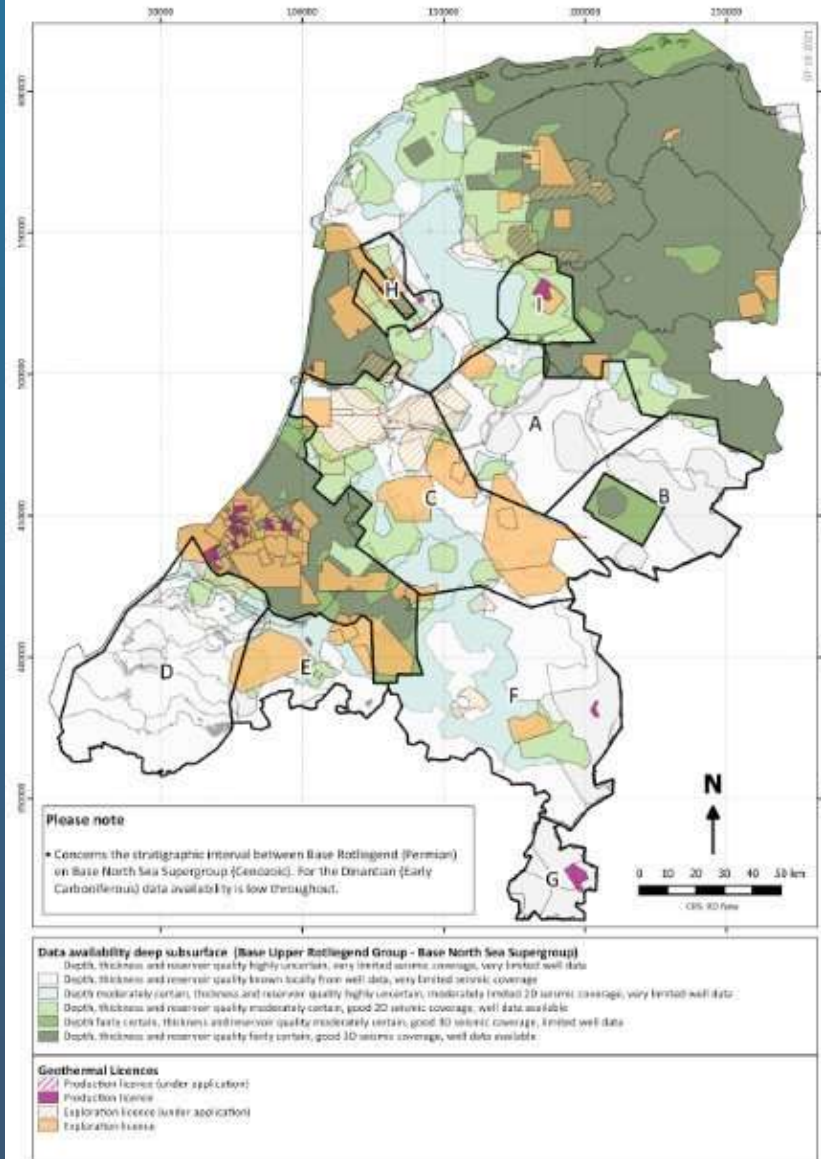
# SCAN programme

SCAN acquires new data in areas where insufficient subsurface data is presently available for a reliable estimation of geothermal potential ('white areas')

Aimed at shallow and deep geothermal (500-4000m)

Funded by the Ministry of Climate and Green Growth, executed by EBN and TNO

All data and results are public and published via [www.scanaardwarmte.nl](http://www.scanaardwarmte.nl) and [www.nlog.nl/scan](http://www.nlog.nl/scan)



# SCAN programme (2019-2022)

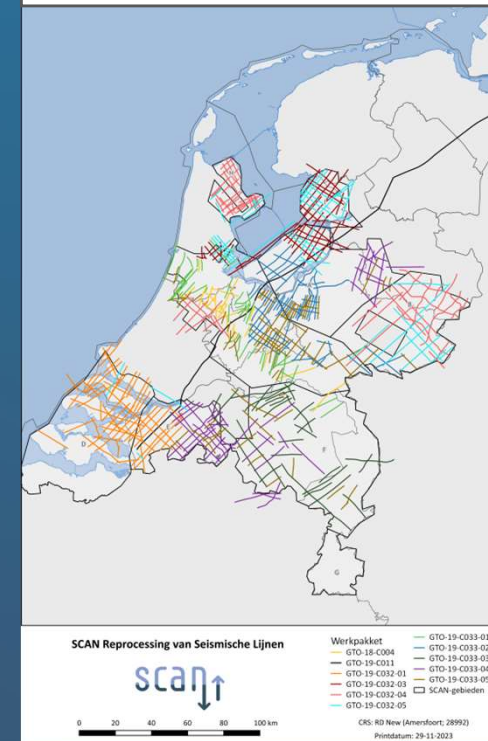


1. Acquisition of 1940km of new 2D seismic data
2. Re-processing of 7500km of old 2D-seismic data

## New seismic lines



## Re-processed seismic

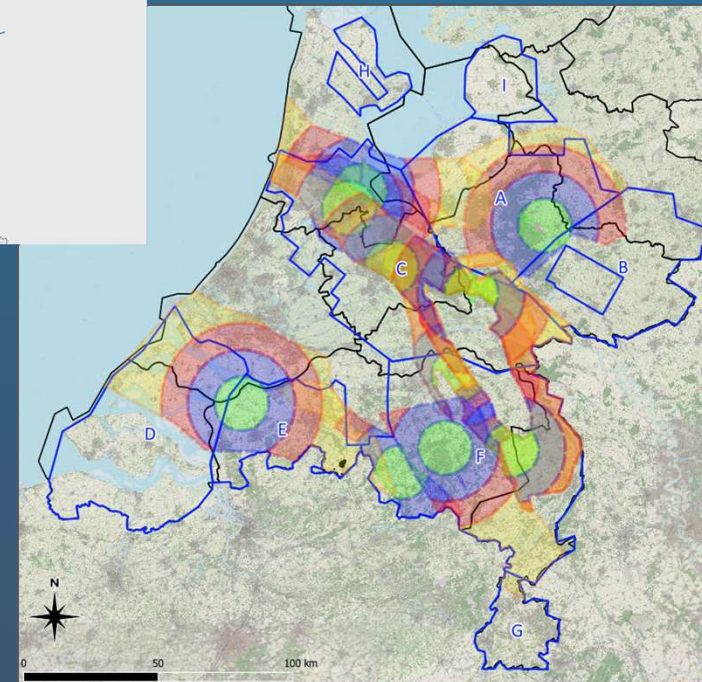
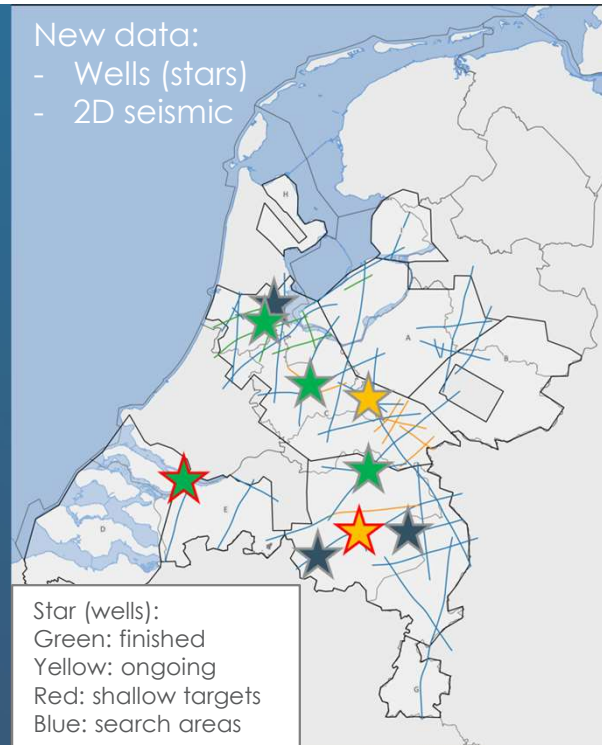




# SCAN programme (2023-2026)

## 3. Research wells

- Four wells complete, two ongoing, more planned
- Decommissioning as part of sequence
- 1000 m coring so far
- Core workshop for Amstelland results well attended
- All results published on [www.nlog.nl/scan](http://www.nlog.nl/scan) and [www.scanaardwarmte.nl](http://www.scanaardwarmte.nl)



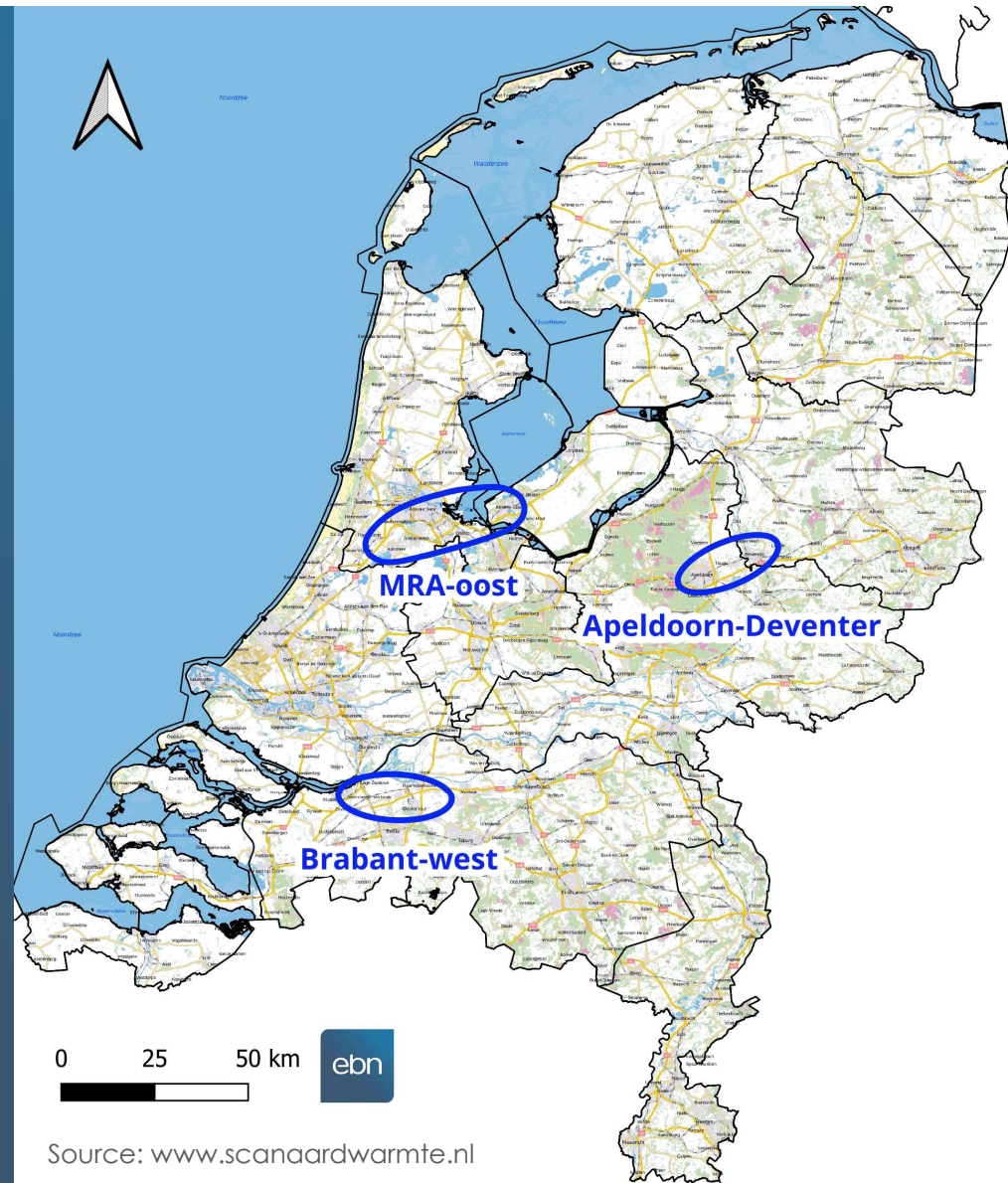




# SCAN programme (2024-2028)

## 4. 3D and additional 2D Seismic Acquisition

- First 3 search areas selected
- First acquisition in MRA area planned for 2025









# Results so far



- A more detailed knowledge of the subsurface in former ‘white areas’. SCAN data collection is and will be followed up by implication studies e.g. initiated by provinces;
- We obtain a more realistic view on where geothermal energy can be a possible heat source. E.g. this helps municipalities, RES regions and heating companies to develop better heat source strategies;
- We gained experience with drilling campaigns. We are investigating how this can benefit the sector





# Thank you!



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