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European Energy Law Report XVI based on EELS 2025
will be distributed to all participants

Continuing Professional Development

Participants subject to professional development requirements can receive a certificate evidencing their seminar attendance (10 educational points for the full seminar under Dutch bar rules)

To earn educational points, remember to sign in and out each day at the organisation's desk!



35th
EDITION



Since 1988, the European Energy Law Seminar has a leading role in shaping discussions in energy law in Europe. Now entering its 35th year, the seminar – organized by the Dutch Energy Law Association (NeVER), in cooperation with the University of Oslo's Scandinavian Institute of Maritime Law – has become renowned for its high-quality presentations and discussions on a wide variety of energy-related topics. Boasting a wealth of accomplished speakers and a diverse range of topics for discussion, the seminar showcases the fruits of continued collaboration in the energy space, and provides ample room for networking to that end.

We hope to welcome you to the European Energy Law Seminar on 9 and 10 November 2026 in The Hague. We invite you to take a look at our full programme.

EELS 2026 Programme

MONDAY 9 NOVEMBER

9.30 - 9.40 Welcome

Prof Em Dr Martha Roggenkamp, Chair NeVER

Case Law Developments

9.40 - 10.10 Review of EU Case Law

Dr Carlo Tovo, Researcher in EU law, University of Bologna (I)

10.10 - 10.40 Review of Climate Change Case Law

Dr Matteo Fermeglia, Assistant Professor, University of Amsterdam (NL)

10.40 - 11.10 Review of International Energy Investment Dispute Settlements

Dr Cees Verburg, Associate, Trip Law Firm (NL)

11.10 - 11.30 Break

Securing Investments in Wind Energy Offshore

11.30 - 11.50 The Hamburg Summit: A Step Forward to New Offshore Investments?

Dr Lennard Visser, Ministry of Economic Affairs and Climate (NL)

11.50 - 12.20 Are CfD the Solution for Offshore Wind Energy Investments?

Prof Dr Silke Goldberg, Partner, Herbert Smith Freehills Kramer (UK) / Professor, University of Groningen (NL)

12.20 - 12.50 Protecting Offshore Energy Investments: Regulating Security Rights Offshore

Jaap Waverijn, Senior Associate, Stibbe (NL) / Researcher, University of Groningen (NL)

12.50 - 13.10 Insights: View from the Industry

Douwe Blacqui re, Senior Public Affairs Advisor, Association FME (NL)

SUNDAY 8 NOVEMBER

19.15 Welcome Drinks

20.00 Meet & Greet Dinner Buffet

13.10 - 13.15 Q&A

13.15 - 14.15 Lunch

EU Grid Package

14.15 - 14.45 Addressing Bottlenecks with the EU Grids Package

George Wuestner, Director Market Team, ENTSO-G (B)

14.45 - 15.15 Planning and Developing New Grid Connections – How are They to be Defined as Essential in the New World?

Anna Butenko, Deputy Head of Legal Section, ENTSO-E (B)

15.15 - 15.45 Break

15.45 - 16.15 Anticipatory Investments to Develop the Grid Action Plan: Access to Finance and Affordability

Dr Nadia Horstmann, Head of Section International Coordination Energy, Bundesnetzagentur (D) / Part-time Chair, Florence School of Regulation (I)

16.15 - 16.30 Q&A

Evening Event

17.15 Historic Tram Tour through The Hague and Scheveningen

19.00 Dinner at Hotel Des Indes
Dinner Speech by *Chris Rampling*, British Ambassador to the Kingdom of the Netherlands

TUESDAY 10 NOVEMBER

9.15 Welcome

Congestion Management Approaches in the EU

9.20 - 9.40 EU Legal Developments

Johannes Bruun, Energy Counsel, Gorrissen Federspiel (DK)

9.40 - 10.50 Panel: National Congestion Management Approaches in the EU

- *Luis Concejo Giner, Legal Counsel, GALP Energia (E)*
- *Henri Guillaume, Senior Enforcement Officer, Authority for Consumers and Markets (NL)*
- *David Haverbeke, Partner, Baker McKenzie (B)*
- *Dr Nadine Kanu, Head of Departement Communications and Marketing, Enertrag (D)*
- *Juliusz Kowalczyk, Senior Associate, Elzanowski & Partnerzy (PL)*

13.20 - 14.20 Parallel Sessions

I: Electrification Offshore E&P

Norway

Speaker invited

The United Kingdom

Prof Dr John Paterson, Chair in Law, University of Aberdeen (UK)

The Netherlands

Hanneke van den Berge, Legal Counsel, ONE-Dyas (NL)

Q&A

14.20 - 14.50 Break

Mineral and Energy Developments in the Arctic and the High Seas

14.50 - 15.20 Developments and Legal Framework in Greenland

Bernardo Busel Niedmann, Director, Poul Schmith (DK)

15.20 - 15.45 The Spitsbergen Treaty and Access to Energy and Mineral Resources

Dr Ekatarina Antsygina, Researcher, University of Troms  (N)

10.50 - 11.00 Q&A

11.00 - 11.20 Break

Green Shipping

11.20 - 11.40 International and EU Legal Framework

Dr Beatriz Martinez Romera, Associate Professor, University of Copenhagen (DK)

11.40 - 12.10 Practical Experiences and Market Responses

Anthony McCarey, Technology Manager, BP Shipping (UK)

12.10 - 12.20 Q&A

12.20 - 13.20 Lunch

II: Biogas

Denmark and Sweden

Clara Greve Brett, Senior Attorney-at-law, Accura Law Firm (DK)

The Netherlands

Iman Brinkman, Partner, Pels Rijcken (NL)

Poland

Juliusz Kowalczyk, Senior Associate, Elzanowski & Partnerzy (PL)

Q&A

15.45 - 16.15 The 2026 High Seas Treaty and Deep Seabed Mining

Dr Hilde Woker, Assistant Professor, University of Leiden (NL)

16.15 - 16.30 Q&A

16.30 - 17.00 Securing Energy Supply: From Oil Stockpiling to Gas Reserve Mechanisms

Dr Dennis Hesseling, Head of Gas, Coal and Power Markets Division, International Energy Agency (F)

17.00 Seminar Closure and Drinks