

Thesis Prize Dutch Energy Law Association – Regulations 2023

Objective

The Dutch Energy Law Association aims to promote interest in and disseminate knowledge of energy law in its broadest sense, particularly regarding regulations and agreements in the field of exploration, production, processing, storage, transport, supply, and trading of energy and energy products. The focus extends to (1) the exploration and extraction of hydrocarbons, (2) the production of energy from various sources, including fossil fuels, nuclear energy, and renewable energy sources such as wind, solar radiation, and biomass, (3) the storage and transport of energy (both pipeline-based and other forms of transport), particularly in relation to the natural gas and electricity markets, (4) the trading of energy and derivative energy products, (5) climate policy as it pertains to the energy sector, (6) regulation of utilities relevant to the energy sector, and (7) the supply of electricity, gas, and heat.

To further stimulate interest in energy law as described above, the board of the Dutch Association for Energy Law has previously awarded a thesis prize five times to individuals who have demonstrated a sufficiently comprehensive analysis of (a section of) energy law in their thesis. The board has decided to continue this tradition by awarding a thesis prize in 2023 as well.

Conditions

Any individual who has written a final thesis on (a section of) energy law at a Dutch university between 1 October 2020 and 1 September 2023, and has received a mark of 8.0 (80%) or higher, may submit their thesis for evaluation.

The thesis should be sent via email to: secretariaat@never.nl

The deadline for submissions is 30 September 2023.

When submitting the thesis, please provide the following details: (first) name, academic title, date of birth, address, telephone number, and email address. Additionally, include the name of the university where the thesis was evaluated, the name and academic title(s) of the thesis evaluator, and enclose proof of evaluation.

By submitting the thesis, the author agrees to the potential publication of their work on the website of the Dutch Energy Law Association, as well as the possibility of its publication in the Dutch Journal of Energy Law (*Nederlands Tijdschrift voor Energierecht*). The author may make edits to the thesis before it is definitively published.

The Dutch Association for Energy Law retains the right to archive the submitted theses for digital access by its members. Therefore, submitters are not entitled to request deletion of submitted theses.



Thesis Prize

A panel of experts will evaluate the submitted theses. The evaluation will take place on the following criteria:

- Originality
- Relevance
- Legal content
- Readability/style
- Practical relevance
- Ambition level
- National/international scope

The author of the thesis that receives the highest evaluation will be awarded a cash prize of € 1,000, as well as a one-year free membership to the Dutch Energy Law Association.

The panel may choose to give special recognition to exceptional theses that do not qualify for the thesis prize. In such cases, the author will also be awarded a one-year free membership to the Dutch Association for Energy Law.

The panel may decide not to award a prize in certain cases.

The panel will not disclose the results or enter into any correspondence regarding the evaluation process.

Award Ceremony

The thesis prize will be presented during a members' meeting of the Dutch Energy Law Association. Further details will be announced on our website: www.never.nl

