

The NeVER Energy Law Fellowship (“NELF”)

The Dutch Energy Law Association (*Nederlandse Vereniging voor Energierecht* or NeVER) has the pleasure to announce its intention to grant a fellowship for academic research in the field of energy law.

The Dutch Energy Law Association (NeVER)

The NeVER was established in 2002 and is accredited by the Dutch Bar Association. The number of members has increased to approximately 440 members in 2025.

The association aims at promoting the interest in and the dissemination of the knowledge of energy law, i.e. the laws, regulations and agreements regarding the production, processing, storage, transport, supply, and trading of energy and energy products. This includes the energy transition process and the need to achieve international, European and national climate change goals.

To achieve these goals the NeVER organises regular meetings, energy law courses, seminars (such as the European Energy Law Seminar) and master classes. In addition, it publishes dedicated legal reports (*preadvies*) and actively promotes academic research via the award of a bi-annual thesis price and sponsoring (PhD) research.

The fellowship

Given the above, the NeVER proudly announces that it intends to award the NeVER Energy Law Fellowship (“NELF”) in 2026. This fellowship will be awarded for a period of 6 to 12 months and it aims at allowing specialists in energy law to deepen their knowledge by doing research in energy law and assisting the association in achieving its goals.

The NeVER intends to grant a fellowship of € 30,000 per 12 months to an academic:

- who (preferably) holds a PhD and is interested in energy law and;
- who is willing to assist the NeVER for a period of 6 to 12 months in achieving the above-mentioned goals.



The fellow will:

- conduct research in the field of energy law on a topic that is of special interest for energy lawyers and energy law developments in the Netherlands;
- edit or co-edit publications such as the European Energy Law Report;
- assist the NeVER organising seminars (e.g. the European Energy Law Seminar);
- present his/her research at regular meetings and/or via a dedicated master class.

The application

Academics or energy law specialists with a demonstrable academic interest are invited to submit a request before 31 January 2026 by email to the Board of the NeVER with at least the following information:

- a CV showing his/her academic interest and/or experience in energy law;
- a statement with a proposal of the projected research and how this is relevant for Dutch energy lawyers (the NeVER community) and/or energy law developments in the Netherlands;
- any other (NeVER) activities the candidate would like to be involved in, and;
- the intended period in which the research and related activities will take place.

Any questions about the fellowship as well as the applications can be sent by email to the Board of NeVER via secretariaat@never.nl. If deemed necessary, the Board may decide to organise interviews with eligible applicants.

