

Norton Rose Fulbright | Energy Academy 2025



Changes in the laws and regulations in the energy sector are happening in rapid succession. Additionally, the application of energy law is expanding, partly due to the development of a new integrated and emission-neutral energy system.

To help legal and other energy professionals navigate this rapidly evolving landscape, we are launching the Energy Academy.

In a series of six breakfast sessions we will cover key developments in the energy sector and its four most relevant sub chains: electricity, renewable carbon, hydrogen and CO2.

Our Energy Academy is led by Prof. Marjolein Dieperink, a partner at the firm and professor of climate change and energy transition at VU University Amsterdam, who will be joined by guest speakers.

Schedule

Our Energy Academy takes place on Tuesdays from 08:15 - 10:00.

Registration begins at 08:15 and the session will begin at 08:30.

Location

2Amsterdam. Eduard van Beinumstraat 34 Amsterdam

Dates

- 18 March
- 15 April
- 17 June
- 16 September
- 14 October
- 18 November

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Session 1. Grid access | 18 March

Grid congestion poses a serious threat to energy projects, the energy-intensive industry, and other businesses. However, it also offers opportunities for new revenue models. Against this background, we will address in the first session of 2025 the main regulatory changes that recently took place in relation to grid access. We will explore the opportunities available to connected parties to obtain grid access in a flexible way during times of scarcity on the electricity grid. We will deep dive into the technical aspects of:

- Time based and time-block based transmission rights
- Cable pooling
- Capacitation limitation contract
- Redispatch

Please note that this first session will be held in Dutch.
Speakers: Marjolein Dieperink and Rosalie Blaauw

Session 2. Green hydrogen regulation | 15 April

In this second session of our Energy Academy, we will take you through the most recent development and pitfalls of the green hydrogen regulation. What are the key things to keep in mind when entering this field? We will start with the basics and dive into the most important regulatory issues including:

- EU and Dutch regulation
- Legal definition of green hydrogen / EU compliant RFNBO
- Regulation and outlook hydrogen infrastructure
- Implementation of REDIII (renewable energy directive)

Speaker: Marjolein Dieperink

Session 3. Updates on energy project permitting | 17 June

The third edition of our Energy Academy will focus on the relevant environmental and planning legislation in respect of development and operation of energy projects. This session will provide you with insights in different types of permitting procedures and possible environmental requirements, including:

- Choosing a location for your energy projects
- First experience with environmental law
- Recent developments

Speakers: Maaïke Faase and Leora Wit

Session 4. New Energy Act | 16 September

After a Summer break, we continue our Energy Academy with a deep dive into energy regulation, with special focus on:

- Amendments to the Electricity Act 1998 and the Gas Act
- The active customer and producer
- Flex contracts and grid congestion
- Regulator ACM

Speakers: Marjolein Dieperink and Rosalie Blaauw

Session 5. CCS | 14 October

In the fifth edition of our Energy Academy, we take you along the most common CCS project structures and common issues in the legal framework, with special focus on:

- Legal structure CCS projects
- EU ETS and government support & subsidies
- Bottlenecks in the legal framework

Speakers: Marjolein Dieperink and Wouter Hertzberger

Session 6. ESG & the energy sector | 18 November

The last Energy Academy provides a practical deep dive into ESG in the energy sector, with special focus on:

- The Legal Framework for ESG
- Carbon Emission Reductions & Compliance
- The Energy Sector & Mandatory Climate Transition Plans

Speakers: Marjolein Dieperink and Sharon Oded