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**Damien Verhoeven** is Partner in the Regulatory Department and heads Liedekerke's energy practice. He specialises in energy law (electricity, gas, oil; incl. renewables, industrial gasses and petrochemicals) at all market levels.

Damien has broad experience in energy regulation (incl. European, Belgian, Flemish and Walloon energy law) and in other legal matters applied to the energy sector (project development, permits, litigation, M&A, contracts, taxation and support schemes, etc.).

Damien has a law degree from the University of Louvain (UCL 2000). He is the author of various publications in energy law.

He joined Liedekerke Wolters Waelbroeck Kirkpatrick in 2000 and became a Partner in 2013.

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**PRACTICE AREAS**

- Regulatory

**LANGUAGES**

- French
- Dutch
- English

**PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS**

- Energy Law Group

**RECENT MATTERS**

- Assisting a power producer in a 50 million € tax reimbursement claim for breach of the European directive on the taxation of energy products.
  - Legal compliance check and drafting a vendor due diligence report for the acquisition of a power and gas supplier.
  - Opinion to an offshore stakeholder re: the legality of a measure decreasing the support to offshore wind farms.
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## KEY PUBLICATIONS

- Legal aspects of EU energy regulation, 2d ed. (Chapter Belgium), D. Cameron & R. Heffron eds., Oxford University Press, 2016
- “Europese validering van de ‘territorialiteit’ van groenestroomcertificaten: een vermeden ramp, enkele zware gevolgen en een gemiste kans”, noot onder HvJ C-573/12 van 1 juli 2014, Alands Vindkraft, M.E.R., 2015/1
- “Les prix de détail de l’électricité et du gaz: incursions étatiques - trop poussées ? - dans un territoire soumis au marché”, RDIR, 2014/2.
- “Régulation des tarifs de transport et de distribution d’électricité et de gaz naturel: éléments juridiques d’un jeu de quilles politico-économique” in Actualités du droit de l’énergie - La transposition du ‘troisième paquet énergie’ européen dans les lois ‘électricité’ et ‘gaz’, Bruylant, 2013
- “De positie van de transmissienetbeheerders in de derde Elektriciteits- en Gasrichtlijn en in hun omzetting in Belgisch recht”, in K. Deketelaere en B. Delvaux (ed.), Jaarboek Energierecht 2010, Intersentia, 2011, p. 9-78

## CONFERENCES AND SEMINARS

- Bijdrage bij de voorstelling van Jaarboek Energierecht 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015 & 2016 (KULeuven – Instituut voor Milieu en Energierecht, Leuven, mei 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016 & 2017)
- “Closed Distribution Systems in Wallonia”, UWE – Febeliec, Namur, 2015

## MARKET RECOGNITION

- Damien Verhoeven is ranked as *“Leading individual”*. *“Damien Verhoeven and his team are swift, comprehensible, creative, and have an in-depth knowledge that is incomparable to anyone else.”* – Legal 500, 2020
- Damien Verhoeven is ranked in Band 1 (Energy). Clients “can think of no better expert in Belgium” than Damien Verhoeven, stressing that *“he is so knowledgeable and client-friendly.”* He has a broad range of experience advising clients on PPAs, regulatory compliance and major renewable power projects. – Chambers Europe, 2020
- Damien Verhoeven is ranked in Band 1 (Energy) and is praised by clients, saying *“He is by far the best expert in his field in Belgium. His knowledge is amazing and he knows everything about the industry.”* – Chambers Europe, 2019
- Damien Verhoeven is ranked as Leading Individual in the Industry Focus Energy (Tier 1). – Legal 500, 2019
- Damien Verhoeven is ranked as Expert – Who’s Who Legal Energy, 2019
- Damien Verhoeven is ranked in Band 1 (Energy). *“Damien Verhoeven remains an established figure in the Belgian energy market, who is valued by clients for his availability, pragmatism and specialist knowledge of the sector. Verhoeven advises significant energy clients on M&A transactions, regulatory issues and dispute resolution proceedings.”* – Chambers Europe, 2018

- Damien Verhoeven is praised for "*his ability to combine knowledge of energy law and administrative law.*" - Chambers Europe, 2017

