



## Energy

**Our energy practice is unanimously recognised** for its expertise and in-depth understanding of the energy markets.

### FIELDS OF ACTION

We assist clients in sectors including electricity (generation, transmission/distribution, supply, consumption/storage), gas (conventional gas, LNG, industrial gases) and oil (refining, petrochemical, distribution and retail). Renewable and alternative energy form an important part of our practice, in particular on- and offshore wind, solar and biomass, but also hydro, waste-to-energy, district heating, EVs, etc. Our experience includes market regulation, support and penalty schemes, infrastructure project development (power plants, wind farms, pipelines, grid assets, gas terminals, etc.), M&A, contracts, permit acquisition, climate change requirements, business design, etc.

### OUR STRENGTHS

#### Long established presence in the energy markets

Liedekerke has been advising major operators in the energy markets for decades. This forms the backbone of our diversified sector know-how.

#### Multidisciplinary expertise with in-depth knowledge of the energy sector

On a day-to-day basis our energy law specialists join forces with colleagues from other departments on matters relating to M&A, competition, tax, finance, real estate, IT and other areas, forming teams to provide seamlessly dedicated sector-focused services.

#### Pragmatic approach

Our approach is no-nonsense, aiming to deliver swift, clear, practical, value-creating solutions.

#### Truly Belgium-wide coverage

Due to Belgium's institutional complexity (energy matters being split between the federal and regional levels), providing clients with truly country-wide, high-quality coverage is a real challenge. Liedekerke's energy team is very much recognised for its established presence across the country's regions, thanks to its cultural diversity and multilingual practitioners.

### OUR CLIENTS

Our clients include project developers, producers, major and alternative energy suppliers, big industrial consumers, SMEs (e.g. in renewables), grid operators, investment funds and industry associations, as well as regulators.

## OUR SERVICES

We provide our clients with energy sector focused services including:

### Market regulation

Advising on European as well as Belgian federal and regional energy regulations (e.g. green certificates, ownership unbundling, closed distribution systems, grid tariffs, generation and supply licenses, public service obligations, supply price control, etc.).

### Project development

Assisting at all stages of project development from conception to operation including tendering, site acquisition, PPPs, licensing, financing and security arrangements, tax optimisation, incorporation, outsourcing contracts, etc.

### Acquisitions

Due diligence, transactional negotiations, corporate matters.

### Operational issues

Drafting or restructuring energy supply contracts, licensing issues, commercial contracts, REMIT, legal aspects of crisis management.

### Dispute Resolution

ADR or litigation in any of the relevant jurisdictions, e.g. licensing, tariffs, grid access, relocation of pipelines, support or penalty schemes, contracts, liability claims, energy taxes, etc.

## EXAMPLES OF INTERVENTIONS

- Major reimbursement claim for breach of the EU Directive regarding taxation of energy products (CCGTs)
- Advising on the legality of a subsidy decrease for offshore wind farms
- Full-chain hydropower project development in the Democratic Republic of Congo
- Advising re the regulatory regime of the Modular Offshore Grid
- FIDIC contracts and long term PPAs for some of the biggest offshore wind farms in Belgium
- Sale of a challenger power and gas supplier, with MIFID-II implications
- Assisting a power supplier in defining innovative business models around photovoltaic systems
- Full legal service for the development of an onshore wind farm in Wallonia
- Development of a new 35 km oxygen gas pipeline in West Flanders
- Revising the general conditions for new entrants on the retail gas supply market
- Assistance to a major electricity supplier in the acquisition of a company specialised in energy services to the industry
- Advising about the consequences of the Flemish unbundling regime applicable to DSOs
- Contractual and regulatory opinions for the development of electrical vehicle charging infrastructures in the three regions of the country



## WHAT THEY SAY ABOUT US

*Top-tier team offering expert advice on regulatory issues, including the taxation of energy products, European incentives for energy companies and capacity remuneration. Also proficient in representing clients in complex disputes and corporate transactions. Particularly experienced in the renewable energy sector, advising on a broad range of issues relating to hydropower dams and offshore wind farms. Notable proficiency in international work, with distinct expertise in energy mandates in the Democratic Republic of Congo.*

**Chambers Europe - band 1**  
(Energy - Belgium, 2020)

*Liedekerke Wolters Waelbroeck Kirkpatrick's practitioners are singled out as 'absolute leaders in energy law'.*

**Legal 500 - tier 1**  
(Energy - Belgium, 2020)



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