

Hydrogen, Chemicals & Energy Transition

Navigating the constant change in the energy transition

“Trusted advisors when times are critical.”

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We look
forward to
working with
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Hydrogen, Chemicals & Energy Transition Team

When it comes to the energy transition, we're going from hydrocarbons to electrification of European society – and the key to that is chemicals. Hydrogen and fuel cell technologies, for instance, have significant potential to enable the transition to a clean, low-carbon energy system. Our Benelux Hydrogen, Chemicals & Energy Transition team is there to support and unlock the opportunities that arise in a constantly evolving landscape. In the shift towards the electrification of Europe's economy, our multidisciplinary team oversees the entire spectrum.

We can help you

NautaDutilh provides a drive to contribute to the energy transition based on half a century of relevant experience

Virtually from the discovery of the natural gas resources in the Netherlands halfway the past century until now, our energy and industrials team is involved

We coordinate; the energy transition is complex, it cannot be just the companies involved

Its our conviction that a low-carbon future requires the full support and an active stance from all angles, including governments, financiers, industries, advisors & academics

Our firm delivers a multidisciplinary approach

A multidisciplinary challenge requires a multidisciplinary approach, our corporate, finance, regulatory, tax and dispute resolution teams combined just make the difference

About NautaDutilh

NautaDutilh is an international law firm with offices in Amsterdam, Brussels, London, Luxembourg, New York and Rotterdam. With over 400 lawyers, notaries and tax advisers, we are the largest independent law firm in the Benelux. We are particularly strong in regulated markets. Our specialists regularly set the tone on the world stage, and apply the same knowledge and skills to serve clients in our home markets.

● **NautaDutilh**

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Recent work highlights

★ **Organisation of the Dutch Hydrogen Market**

We participated in the public consultation.

★ **Nobian**

Assisted Nobian with the separation of its green hydrogen business.

★ **HyCC**

Guided Nobian in setting up a joint-venture to form a leading industrial green hydrogen player: HyCC.

● **HyXchange**

Advising the HyXchange initiative launched by the Port of Rotterdam and others on certifying hydrogen.

● **Vopak**

Assisted Vopak in acquiring a stake in Hydrogenious GmbH.

● **H2M**

Advised as sole joint counsel to Air Liquide, Daimler, Shell, OMV and Total to the H2M initiative.

● **Technip Energies**

Advised Technip Energies in their JV with John Cockerill on green hydrogen.

Our Clients

BP, Braskem, Chemelot, Dutch State, Eneco, Engie, Eteck, Equans, FRV, Green Investment Group, Groendus, HyCC, HyXchange, NAM, Nebras Power, Neste, Nobian, Nouryon, Petrobras, PZEM, SABIC, Shell, Sonnedix, Technip, TenneT, TotalEnergies, Vermillion, Vopak, Warmtebedrijf Rotterdam

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Meet our multidisciplinary team

“They are thorough in all areas of their work and their ability to deal with complex matters is certainly impressive.”

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29
experts

(15 partners,
14 associates)

1724

The roots of our firm can be traced back to 1724. With adaptive thinking as part of our DNA, we retain the best of the old, embrace the new and – together with our clients – keep on moving forward.

Corporate Social Responsibility

We take responsibility for the social, environmental and economic effects of our activities. Our focus in doing so is on ‘Empowering the Next Generation’. We share our progress on CSR in our CSR annual report: [\[link\]](#).

Your expert team

The Hydrogen, Chemicals & Energy Transition team consists of experts with decades of experience in both the traditional and renewable energy and chemical sectors. We are deeply involved in the EU and domestic administrative and environmental regulation and enforcement developments. We closely monitor the latest developments in the political and regulatory hydrogen debate. This approach enables us to deliver the pragmatic and up-to-date legal advice relevant for our clients’ business operations and partnerships.

Benelux roots, global reach

We assist you in our corporate home markets of the Netherlands, Belgium and Luxembourg and worldwide. Our network connects to all leading law firms in the world’s major jurisdictions and financial centres. Like us, these firms are committed to quality and genuine partnerships. It is thanks to this close-knit network that we can bring large-scale, high-powered international cases to a successful conclusion.

Our team leads



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He has extensive experience in international mergers, acquisitions, capital markets and restructurings, acting for companies active in the chemicals sector and in hydrogen.



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Specialised in the property law aspects of (renewable) energy, such as the structuring of cables and pipelines and solar installations.



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Focuses on contractual aspects such as making (existing) agreements ESG compliant and with respect to the development and implementation of hydrogen in the energy chain.



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Over 20 years of experience, almost exclusively in the energy sector. Advises on the transition to a low-carbon economy.



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Addressing the regulatory and regulatory uncertainty angles in contract negotiations for various hydrogen and biofuels contracts.



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Jaco has extensive experience in domestic and international corporate-, acquisition-, project- and asset financing transactions and is also leading member of the team advising on major PPP projects in the Netherlands