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Valérie Vandegaart was called to the Brussels Bar in 1998, where she started her professional career. She devoted herself immediately to public and administrative law, including environmental and planning and zoning law.

From 2003 to 2013, she was in-house counsel in the energy sector, first at the Belgian electricity transmission network operator, then at a major energy producer and provider. Valérie acquired specific and operational experience in energy law, especially with respect to regulated activities, market mechanisms and renewable energy.

Since June 2016, Valérie is Compliance Officer of Balansys, a joint undertaking founded by Creos Luxembourg (50%) and Fluxys Belgium (50%). Balansys acts as a balancing operator for the area of the Luxemburg and Belgian integrated H-gas and the Belgian L-gas markets.

With an extensive knowledge of the operational realities of regulated market operators, Valérie provides advice combining theoretical excellence with practical relevance, especially in energy and environmental law.

PRACTICE AREAS

- Regulatory
(Energy; Environment)

LANGUAGES

French, Dutch, English, Spanish

RECENT MATTERS

- Successfully assisting a leading industrial operator in litigation concerning injection on the electricity network
- Acting as a compliance officer in the energy sector
- Assisting the Belgian electricity TSO on balancing mechanisms and in implementing European network codes
- Assisting leading global industrial operators on self-production of renewable energy and closed distribution systems
- Part-time secondment in the legal department of a Belgian electricity DSO
- Assisting a waste management company in its defence against various administrative and criminal prosecutions
- Assisting a variety of industrial, waste management and distribution companies in permit acquisition and defence

RECENT PUBLICATIONS

- « Services auxiliaires et délégation de pouvoir du Roi au Ministre », note under Conseil d'Etat, n°226.468, 19 February 2014, *RDIR*, 2014, liv. 2, 241 et s.
- « Actualité : arrêté du Gouvernement de la Région de Bruxelles-Capitale du 17 décembre 2015 relatif à la promotion de l'électricité verte », *RDIR*, 2016, liv. 2, 215-218.