

ENLENS: Energy Transition Through the Lens of SDGs

Call for proposals



The aim ENLENS is to stimulate and initiate interdisciplinary cross-faculty research that maps the energy transition in the Netherlands (or Europe) against the SDGs beyond Dutch (or European) borders with focus on trade-offs and synergies. It will provide seed money for joint cross-faculty initiatives to generate new opportunities for researchers to apply their expertise in an interdisciplinary approach, and develop joint proposals for external research funding.

Deadlines: 1 April and 1 October each year

Who can apply? Staff members of the faculties FNWI, FEB, FMG, FdR, FGw (permanent staff or with tenure track). If there are too many high-quality applications, priority is given to junior staff and newly appointed staff while diversity or spread over faculties may be taken into account.

What to apply for? Cross-faculty interdisciplinary research or an activity that cannot be achieved within a single faculty.

Up to €15.000 per faculty and if well motivated with an extra €15.000 for data acquisition/preparation, with a maximum of €45.000 per project

Eligible expenses

- Small teaching buy-outs (to be agreed by section head and education director)
- Research assistance
- Research expenses such as travel, equipment, data access/collection
- Outreach activities

Selection criteria Quality of the proposal (50%)

- Societal case and relevance of the problem in the domain of “Energy transition through the lens of SDGs”

- Scientific case and interdisciplinary synergy

Contribution to the aims of the ET-SDG (35%)

- Contribution to the development of a UvA community on interdisciplinary research in the domain of Sustainability, and energy transition more specifically

- Proposed continuation, next step after this project

- Collaboration with and contributions by external stakeholders, or

- Effective links with education, or

- Specific outreach

Efficiency of using the grant to reach the project aims (15%)

- Why do you specifically need this grant instead of normal budgets

When the project is granted, you are supposed to fulfill the following expectations:

- collaboration or at least share information with PostDoc and Philosopher of Sci.

- Provide information on the project for the website and other outreach activities

- Frequent participation in Future of Energy seminar series and workshops and a presentation at the end of the project

- Contribution to the ENLENS organization (project assessment,)

Proposals will be ranked by the assessment committee and will be granted from top to bottom until the available amount of money has been reached. Proposals can be accepted, accepted under condition (e.g. partial funding), rejected and invited for resubmission, or rejected.

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Application Form

Strict limit: 2 pages, Calibri 11

1. Title:
2. Name main applicant and co-applicants (with contact info, position and faculty)
3. Societal case
(max 200 words; describe how the energy transition in the Netherlands (or Europe) is linked with which of the SDG's abroad with focus on geographical trade-offs, synergies, and best solutions; What are the innovative aspects?)
4. Scientific case (max 200 words + references)
(max 200 words; what is the scientific question? how will you study this (methodology)? Explain the interdisciplinary synergy. What is the intended output?)
5. Contribution to the aims and success indicators of ENLENS (max 300 words in total).
 - A. How will your project evolve after the proposal research/activity. What is the long-term goal? (ENLENS aims at initialization of new activities that may carry on thereafter (seed-money))
 - B. Why and how does your project contribute to the UvA-community of interdisciplinary research and ENLENS more specifically?
 - C. ENLENS aims at broadening the community beyond the group of project PI's. Describe how your project will contribute to this goal, with at least one of the following:
 - C1 Collaboration with and contributions by external stakeholders, e.g. agreed new collaboration with external stakeholders; inside-out or outside-in (preferred); in cash/in kind contribution of stakeholder
 - C2 Effective links with education, how will education take advantage of this project; e.g. how specific students will participate in interdisciplinary research or how results are disseminated through lectures in some course
 - C3 Outreach and dissemination (how will you contribute to the outreach of ENLENS and/or to UvA-Sustainability in general?)
6. Budget
 - Specify requested amount, specify how it will be used, in total and per faculty
 - Why can this project not be paid by normal budgets?