



## Join the Recharge Earth Young Energy Leader Award

and become a catalyst for change in the energy sector!



Are you a driven and passionate student with a vision for a sustainable future? If so, we invite you to apply for the **Recharge Earth Young Energy Leader Award, powered by Eneco**. This prestigious award recognizes up-and-coming talents in the energy sector and offers an incredible opportunity to kick-start your career!

## WHAT WILL YOU DO TO HELP BUILD A ZERO-EMISSION FUTURE?

Eneco proudly supports this initiative and recognizes the vital role of young talent in driving the energy transition forward. That's why they sponsor a great prize for both categories available for you to participate in: HBO or WO. **You can win €5.000,-** to spend on your own sustainable education and development. This means you can choose to follow a program or course in sustainability at a university of your choice. Alternatively, you can opt for a study trip centered around sustainable practices.

Eneco is a renowned leader in accelerating the energy transition. It is their ambition to be climate neutral before 2035 and to keep global warming under 1.5 °C. Innovative ideas find a platform at Eneco. This unique prize package not only recognizes your commitment and potential but it is also your opportunity to make a tangible impact and contribute to building a greener, more sustainable world as a Young Energy Leader. So don't miss out on this opportunity and apply for the Young Energy Leader Award today.

\*The prize must be spend within 1 year.

**Click to watch the 2024  
Young Energy Leader Award**



At Recharge Earth, the leading congress held in Rotterdam Ahoy on 17 and 18 September, 2025, energy professionals from various backgrounds come together to find innovative solutions for a sustainable tomorrow. The congress serves as a platform for collaboration, where government institutions, innovative entrepreneurs, knowledge institutes, grid operators, and energy generators unite to address the complexities of the energy transition.

As a young energy leader, you will have the chance to showcase your talent and ideas in front of industry experts and key stakeholders.



### Criteria for the Recharge Earth Young Energy Leader Award are as follows:

- ⚡ You are enrolled in a HBO or WO degree program.
- ⚡ Your thesis topic must focus on the energy transition, encompassing either a technical or social-economical theme.
- ⚡ Demonstrated passion for the energy sector and commitment to sustainability.
- ⚡ Innovative thinking and the ability to propose creative solutions.
- ⚡ Strong communication and presentation skills.
- ⚡ You should be available to pitch your thesis in real life during the pitch day and the congress (so you are in the Netherlands September 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup>).

The participating programs will nominate the best thesis that fit with the above criteria. A team of judges will evaluate the student projects on these criteria during the Recharge Earth event, where students will be able to pitch their project.

**Don't miss out on this incredible chance to be recognized as a young energy leader. Join us at Recharge Earth and be part of a movement to shape a sustainable future.**



### WINNERS 2024

Christian Porro (Avans Hogeschool) ⚡ Florian B. J. Popkes (TU Delft)

### Assessment criteria

- ⚡ **What?** Content and depth of the analysis/ application of proper methodologies / creativity in the approach.
- ⚡ **Why?** Relevance & impact towards accelerating the energy transition (potential) scientific and/or societal impact.
- ⚡ **How?** presentation and convincingness pre-pitch this can be based on the presentation of the thesis: structure, lay-out, adequate use of figures.

### Application and deadline

To apply or learn more about the Recharge Earth Young Energy Leader Award, visit our website at [www.recharge-earth.com](http://www.recharge-earth.com). We look forward to receiving your submission and witnessing your potential to become a driving force in the energy transition.



### Young Energy Leader Award jury

**Eric Wiebes**, Jury Chairman

**Marjan Kreijns**, Director Green Village TU Delft

**Leonie Reins**, Professor Public Law & Sustainability Erasmus University Rotterdam

**Gijsbert Korevaar**, Lector Circular Energy Transition Rotterdam University of Applied Sciences

**Petra de Groene**, Director Economy & Sustainability Municipality of Rotterdam

**Dick Velings**, Managing Director B2B Eneco

**Patrick van Tol**, Researcher at the Centre of Expertise Mission Zero, The Hague University of Applied Sciences

**Saleh Mohammadi**, Lector Renewable Energy Carriers Avans University of Applied Sciences

**Hans van Kranenburg**, Professor of Strategic Management Radboud University

### Young Energy Leader partners

