

Gijs van Midden

Gijs studied European Law at Utrecht University and the College of Europe in Bruges, Belgium. He began his career in the legal profession in 2010 at Pels Rijcken, before moving to BarentsKrans in 2017. After spending five years as an EU law specialist and section head at the Advisory Division of the Council of State, he returned to the legal profession, joining Straatman Koster in December 2024, where he was appointed as a Partner in 2025.



Practice areas

EU & State aid law

Sustainable energy

Expertise:

Gijs is an all-round EU legal expert, adept across the wide spectrum of European law and specialising in state aid, the internal market and market regulation.

He has many years of experience providing legal assistance to public authorities and companies in these fields. He advises parties on a range of matters, including those related to area developments, finance, public-private partnership, energy regulation as well as matters where private sector and public sector interests intersect. He also regularly litigates on diverse matters and regulations with an EU legislative dimension.

Gijs has listed the following main and secondary legal practice areas in the register of legal practice areas of the Netherlands Bar (Nederlandse orde van advocaten, NOvA):

- European law
- Economic planning law

This listing requires him to obtain ten training credits in each registered main legal practice area in accordance with the standards of the Netherlands Bar each calendar year.

Gijs is a highly regarded author in the domain of EU law and state aid in particular. He is also editor of the Dutch Journal of European Law (Nederlands tijdschrift voor Europees recht, NtEr) and is a board member of the Netherlands Association for European Law (Nederlandse Vereniging voor Europees Recht, NVER).

Selected publications:

- Intern salderen met stikstofemissies: nog ruimte onder de streep?, NtEr 2025, nr. 3/4.
- Gelijkheid als bron van (on)zekerheid?, TA 2024/72 (equality as a source of (un)certainty?)
- De zaken Sātiņi-S en Hemwegcentrale: grote gevolgen voor de Nederlandse nadeelcompensatiepraktijk?, NtEr 2023/7-8 (The Sātiņi-S and Hemwegcentrale power plant cases: major implications for Dutch practice related to compensation for loss resulting from administrative acts?)
- World Duty Free Group, the sequel, NtEr 2022/5-6
- De zaak TenderNed: de reikwijdte van overheidsgezag en het staatssteunrechtelijke economische-activiteitenbegrip, NtEr 2020/5-6 (The TenderNed case: the scope of government authority and the concept of state aid law-related economic activity)
- 'Zeilen tussen rotsen': naar een afgewogen algemeen-belang-uitzondering in de Wet Markt en Overheid, TvS 2020/1 (sailing between the rocks: toward a balanced general interest exemption in the Public Enterprises (Market Activities) Act)
- De zaak Spaansen: civielrechtelijke gevolgen van niet-gemelde staatssteun, BR 2019/79 (The Spaansen case: civil law implications of unnotified state aid)
- World Duty Free Group: de complexe selectiviteitseis bij fiscale steunmaatregelen, NtEr 2017/8 (World Duty Free Group: the complex selectivity requirement in relation to fiscal State aid measures)
- Staatssteun en gebiedsontwikkeling (deel 1 en 2), BR 2016/88 en 97 (State aid and area development (parts 1 and 2))
- Vermogensrechtelijke aspecten van ongedaanmaking onwettige staatssteun, MvV 2014/7 (property-related aspects of reversing unlawful State aid)

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