We are looking for an innovative and dynamic scholar to lead the Law Group at Wageningen University & Research (0.8 - 1.0 fte), one of the leading universities on food, health and environment.

The Law Group offers research and education on law and regulation in relation to food and environment, with a focus on food law, transnational law, intellectual property law, human rights, business and environmental law. The research programme evolves around three themes: transnational regulation, business and consumer regulation and new legal research methods. The group teaches courses in a variety of BSc and MSc programmes on food law, European Union law, intellectual property rights, human rights; sustainable development law; and environmental law.

As head of the Law Group, you will strengthen the group’s innovative research and education programme and you will effectively and constructively manage the group’s internal processes. You will ensure the group provides a supportive working environment to young and senior academics. Strengthening the acquisition of external funding for research and attracting PhD candidates are key elements of your responsibility. You will strengthen the profile of the group in national and international networks, and you will further enhance the group’s scientific and societal impact.

The current group (6 scientific staff, 3 PhD candidates and 2 support staff) is efficiently organised and supported by dedicated secretarial, financial and HR advisors. The student community is largely international and the courses of the group are taught in English.

We ask

As a successful candidate, you:

- Are a scholar with a PhD degree in law and a proven scientific track record of recognised international quality in the field of law and regulation in relation to food, health, environment and/or business;
- Have a vision for future legal research and education on food and environmental regulatory affairs;
- Have a demonstrated ability to lead disciplinary and interdisciplinary research;
- Have the ability to manage professionals and have an inspiring, collegial, and unifying leadership style characterized by a passion to develop people, to build teams, and to create synergy;
- Are an inspiring teacher and supervisor for students of diverse backgrounds, with proven ability to develop courses at Bachelor, Master, and PhD level, and an interest, vision and capacity to innovate teaching methods;
- Possess a proven capacity of acquiring, leading and managing externally-funded research projects;
- Have the ability to effectively interact with professionals and societal partners in the development of research and education.

We offer

You will be working for an inspiring international organisation with a large number of interdisciplinary projects all over the world. A strong commitment to teaching and fundamental research, combined with innovative applied research, creates a rich learning environment. Our students – the innovators of tomorrow – also benefit from first-class research and educational facilities.

The scientific quality of Wageningen University is affirmed by the prominent position we occupy in international rankings and citation indexes. Dutch students voted Wageningen University & Research as the best university in the Netherlands for thirteen years in a row.

We offer you a challenging position as full professor and Chair of Law. Besides a competitive salary, we offer a number of additional benefits, such as an end-of-year extra month’s salary, a holiday allowance and a pension plan with the Dutch pension fund for government and education.
Coming from abroad

Wageningen is a centre for research and entrepreneurship. The themes we deal with are relevant to everyone around the world and Wageningen, therefore, has a large international community and a lot to offer to international employees. It is a historic university town of about 36,000 residents in the central Netherlands. The academic community hails from more than 100 countries, giving the town a lively, international feel.

Applicants from abroad moving to the Netherlands may qualify for a special tax relief, by which 30% of their salary is exempt from tax.

Our highly qualified team of advisors on Dutch immigration procedures will help you with the visa application procedures for yourself and, if applicable, for your family. A specialized staffing agency will help your partner to find a job.

The Wageningen University & Research’s International Community page (https://www.wur.nl/en/International-students-and-staff.htm) contains practical information about what we do to support international employees and students coming to Wageningen.

Equal opportunities employer

We are an equal opportunities employer and welcome applications from all suitably qualified persons regardless of their race, sex, disability, religion/belief, sexual orientation or age.

Contact information

Further information about the position can be obtained from Professor Dr Alfons Oude Lansink, Chair of the Appointment Advisory Committee (Email: alfons.oudelansink@wur.nl Tel: +31317485194). More detailed information on the profile and the LAW Chair Group is available upon request (via esther.roquas@wur.nl).

Application

You are invited to send your complete application to Dr Esther Roquas, esther.roquas@wur.nl. Please include an application letter with curriculum vitae and a separate list of publications. The deadline for applications is 14 September 2018.

The Appointment Advisory Committee will interview selected candidates for this position on 26 October 2018. The Committee will thereafter invite short-listed candidates for a second interview and a trial lecture on 7 December 2018.

Wageningen University & Research

Delivering a substantial contribution to the quality of life. That’s our focus – each and every day. Within our domain of good and safe food & food production, food security and a healthy living environment, we search for answers to issues affecting society – such as sustainable food production, climate change and alternative energy. Of course, we don’t do this alone. Every day, 5500 people work on ‘the quality of life’, turning ideas into reality, on a global scale.

Could you be one of these people? We give you the space you need.

For further information about working at Wageningen University & Research, take a look at www.wur.nl/career.