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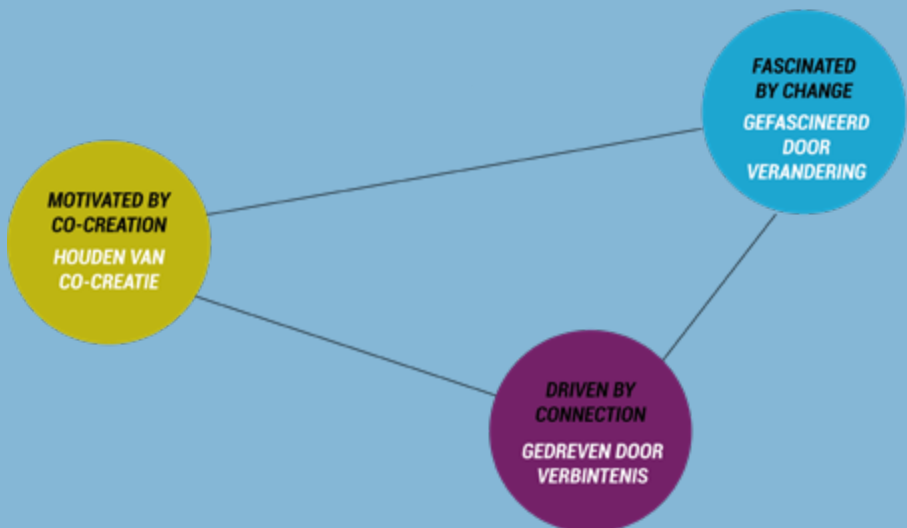
We believe that law cannot be static. As humans; our society, culture and values change continuously.

We believe in the exchange of ideas. Cross-pollination. Listening to others. Learning from each other. Assessing and adapting. Finding solutions together.

**We are bridging to justice in the 21st century. We are the Amsterdam Law Hub.**

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# 1 Who we are

The Amsterdam Law Hub is an innovation space for co-creation between the Amsterdam Law School and societal partners. We are fascinated by change, driven by connection and motivated by co-creation. This means we focus on setting up innovative or entrepreneurial initiatives coming from academia, projects that have a societal and social impact, and that are set up in collaboration between the research or education at our Faculty and external partners.

The Amsterdam Law Hub was opened in February 2019 as an intrinsic part of the Amsterdam Law School (University of Amsterdam). We strive to fulfil the School's Strategic Plans with regards to impact. We do this at the crosspaths between research, education and entrepreneurship.

We engage a community of academics, legal start-ups, *rechtswinkels* (legal clinics), designers, lawyers, governments and NGOs. In 2023, we brought these groups together as tenants or at our events, but we also engaged them through 4 core programmes:

1. **Impact Research** - Supporting academic talent with making their legal research more impactful in society.
2. **Impact Education** - Developing academic courses to teach innovative legal practices.
3. **Market Impact** - Nourishing (social) start-ups to solve justice problems.
4. **Public Impact** - Collaborating with NGOs and governments to improve access to justice.

# 2 Our activities in 2023

For the Amsterdam Law Hub 2023 was a year of reflection, in which we evaluated the strategy we launched 3 years ago. In the summer of 2023 we delivered the results of our evaluation with a re-focused strategy for the Law Hub to the board of the Law Faculty. This included the following main conclusions:

1. The Law Hub has built up a fantastic reputation as innovator and connector in the socio-legal space at the University, and is increasingly growing a reputation as an impactful legal hub externally too (NPS score 88.2%). We should continue what we do, but with more focus.
2. The focus should be more on the Law Hub being an incubator and innovator, instead of a project management bureau. As we design and launch successful projects, we should also let go of some projects to make room for new innovations.
3. The Law Hub can focus thematically more and deepen its network and expertise in the areas of Access to Justice and Climate Justice. These themes are urgent in society, while they also benefit from the academic expertise at the Law School.
4. The method of working in the Law Hub should focus on bringing education, research and entrepreneurship together where possible.

This new strategy was launched in Q4 of 2023 and will therefore reflect more in the 2024 annual report. Below, we will dive deeper into the activities and results as part of the Law Hub's 4 core programmes.

## Impact Research

In 2023 we consolidated our existing training programmes for research impact, expanding their reach and focus to improve the quality and variety of the knowledge utilisation strategies employed by the faculty. In addition, we commenced an impact mapping exercise with Olga Gritsai to offer the first comprehensive understanding of the valorisation activities currently performed by researchers of the law faculty.

In summary, our activities focusing on Impact Research in 2023:

- Individual consultations on knowledge utilisation and societal impact development, either as part of a grant application process or on a case-by-case basis.
- The restructuring and rebranding of the Talent Factory programme into SkillShare; spaced throughout the year for post-docs, mandatory for PhDs and trialed at AISSR.
- Internal research and development of the Impact Database as a measure of the Faculty's impact activities.
- The development and organisation of the Faculty Impact Committee.

We will expand on each of these below.

### **Individual support for researchers on impact**

The Law Hub has been guiding all NWO Veni and Vidi applicants in their impact sections of their proposals and is now an integrated part of the grant support process. In the second quarter of 2023, this year's successful Veni candidates were announced, resulting in three awards and a new personal best for the Law Faculty. All three of the recipients, Andrea Leiter, Marijn Sax and Vladimir Bogoeski, received personal support during the grant process and featured the Law Hub as an impact partner in their application. Once again, all three applicants received exceptionally high marks in their Knowledge Utilisation sections, in part due to the tailoring of each impact strategy to specific user groups; a structure pioneered and developed by the Law Hub.





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In addition, the Law Hub supported Wieteke Conen with pitching and app development advice, resulting in a successful award of an ERC Starting grant for her work on moonlighting in the labour market.

In addition to grant support, the Law Hub also provided personal impact support to researchers on a number of key topics including; marketing and positioning of research groups or projects; pitching or communicating research for videos; participatory action research (PAR) methodologies; and impact co-creation. Some highlights include:

- PAR support: Connecting Vladimir Bogoeski (Veni recipient) to our network of Participatory Action Research specialists at NU Law Lab in Boston for advice and mentoring in developing the methodology of his Veni project.
- Marketing for research projects: The Law Hub has advised on the positioning and messaging of two research groups in 2023; SGEL led by Ivana Isailovic, and PSC led by Jacob Giltai.
- Pitch videos: The Law Hub worked closely with the Faculty IP theme Sustainable Prosperity to write and produce two pitch videos for Margarethe Wewerinke Singh and Chris Sloomweg, which were presented at the annual USP event.
- Impact co-creation: For the first time, the Law Hub will be a partner of a research project to develop and fund the impact activities of an NWO SSH large project, working directly with Agnes Akkerman.

### **Group trainings for researchers on relevant skills through SkillShare**

In 2023 the Law Hub training programme Talent Factory, delivered jointly with Olga Gritsai, underwent a restructuring to consolidate and apply everything we learned in 2021 and 2022.

The result was SkillShare; renamed to reflect the requests of participants at AISSR following a trial there in Q1 & Q2; with modules now spread throughout the year to reflect the grant application cycle more effectively. For postdocs, associate and assistant professors, SkillShare runs once a year and is strongly recommended for anyone applying or considering applying for a research grant.

In 2023 we saw a total of 19 researchers take part in the new programme structure: Grant Applications - October (to coincide with NWO & ERC full proposal writing season for grant applicants); Research Design & Methods - November (also to support full proposal writing); Impact - January (held later in the year to highlight impact sections for full grant proposals); Pitching & Career Choices - March (to polish pitches in preparation for grant interviews).

Spreading out the programme through the year has lowered the barrier to entry for academics with full schedules and has improved the quality and preparation of researchers in the grant process itself. Modules held in 2023 were all highly reviewed by participants, with participants highlighting the following aspects of the programme in particular:

1. Inter-departmental networking: The programme brings together researchers from different levels and different departments offering a unique opportunity to meet colleagues and build new relationships.
2. Practical and tailored information: The programme is unique in emphasising pragmatic advice which is tailored to the specifics of researchers at the Law Faculty.
3. Beyond grant focus: The programme is designed to meet the grant cycle but offers valuable training for those not applying to grants. In particular the pitching, CV & Career advice and the time saving tools and strategies were most valued.

SkillShare for Law Faculty PhDs was also expanded in 2023 to include an introduction to grant writing module. The programme is now mandatory for second year PhDs and participants in early sessions in 2023 requested development of a smaller module on research funding for those considering continuing their career in academia. This module was co-created and held in May of 2023 and following positive feedback will be introduced as a permanent feature of the PhD programme in 2024.

Finally, SkillShare was launched as a pilot at AISSR to explore opportunities for the programme's expansion and for inter-faculty research training programmes. The programme was popular and will be further expanded by the newest member of their grant advisory team Emil Holland.



## **Research on impact database**

It is a consistent challenge to create impact indicators for legal studies due to the lack of background information available about the activities of SSH scholars. Unlike technical and life sciences where non-academic impact is mostly assessed in market terms as a financial return on investment, in SSH the dominating form of impact is societal. While there is no question that societal impact offers a valuable return on investment in research, it can be difficult to quantify that success.

To develop a unique approach to societal impact indicators, Frances Singleton and Olga Gritsai decided the best course of action was to take a step backward from measuring to instead focus on mapping what is currently happening. They developed a new table which pulls existing categories from PURE but enriches them with law-specific impact activities and stakeholder information. After carrying out 35 interviews with a representative sample of researchers at the Faculty, we have been able to gather the first comprehensive view of the impact our academics have. A full report will follow in 2024.

It is our ambition to pilot the database with another faculty in addition to professionalizing the functionality and user interface. Interest has already been expressed for this pilot by the Faculty of Humanities, which will hopefully take place in Q2 & Q3 2024.

## **Faculty Impact Committee**

The Law Hub took the initiative in 2022 to set up the Impact Committee, an advisory group within the Faculty of Law to advise on policy regarding valorisation and impact based on research. Chaired by the Dean, Prof. Nollkaemper, the Impact Committee continued to hold quarterly meetings in 2023, with discussions focusing on a.o. the need for a Faculty Impact Fund, the development of an impact indicator database and the work of new impact developers and nexus to IXA. Aside from the dean the members sitting on the Committee are Joao Quintas, Laura Burgers, Margaretha Wewerinke-Singh, Katarina Perehudoff, Marcella Reneman, Romyana van Ark, Saskia Woutersen, Olga Gritsai and Nathalie Dijkman.

## Impact Education

The Law Hub supports education at the Amsterdam Law School focusing on entrepreneurship, community-service learning and innovation. In 2023 this meant we engaged in the following educational programmes:

1. Justice Entrepreneurship as an ALP master's elective
2. Justice Entrepreneurship as an PPLE Integrative Seminar
3. Clinic Rechtshulpverlening as an ALP bachelor's elective
4. Clinic Recht & Beleid as an ALP master's elective
5. Masterclass Climate Justice for our Bachelor's honouurstudents
6. Masterclass Responsieve Overheidsjurist (new professional education course)

For the third year in a row we coordinated and taught the course Justice Entrepreneurship to 13 master's students in 2023 from various Master tracks, including *Privaatrecht* (both Commerciële- and Privaatrechtelijke Rechtspraak), *Arbeidsrecht*, European Private Law and Public International Law. The 8 week course was completed successfully by all students and evaluated with an average 9.0. Out of the 7 start-up teams, 3 continued developing their solutions after the course through the Law Hub's incubator programme.

***“What I really liked about this course is the practicality of it and how it brings law into a new light.”***  
[masterstudent Justice Entrepreneurship 2023]

In addition to teaching Justice Entrepreneurship to master students, the Law Hub repeated the adjusted curriculum for bachelor students as part of the PPLE Integrative Seminar in block 6. The same 8-week course was boiled down to a 4-week intensive format and taught to 16 students. At the end of the course, 4 teams continued to develop their initiatives in the Law Hub's incubator programme. >>



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For bachelor students of the regular law tracks at the UvA, we also took part in the honours track by hosting one masterclass in the Law Hub focusing on climate justice. This masterclass was conducted in March 2023 with about 100 students, who developed business ideas focusing on urgent climate justice problems.

The Law Hub also worked in collaboration with the Amsterdam Law Practice on teaching the elective course specifically for students working in the 'Rechtswinkels'. This extra-curricular course, Clinic Rechtshulpverlening, had 15 bachelor students enrolled in 2023. Furthermore, on behalf of the Vrouwenrechtswinkel, research was conducted by 5 master students in the Clinic *Recht & Beleid* (Law & Policy Clinic), also part of the Amsterdam Law Practice. The research focused around visitation agreements between divorced parents with a history of domestic violence. The students looked at the how judges in the Netherlands implement relevant international law and how they weigh the interests of the children against the interest of the victim of domestic violence (one of the parents). The Clinic took place in the spring of 2023 and was coordinated by the Law Hub's team.

Finally, in collaboration with the Amsterdam Centre on the Legal Professions and Access to Justice, the Law Hub developed a new masterclass for professionals working as government lawyers. Together with a team of 5 teachers and support from the Faculty Teaching and Learning Centre, the Law Hub hosted the first edition of the Masterclass 'De Responsieve Overheidsjurist' on 2 and 9 February 2023. The course focused on Dutch public law and ethics in the context of an increasing demand from society to tailor legal government services to individual citizen's needs ('responsiviteit'). In total, 20 civil servants paid for- and attended the course, and the course was very well evaluated.



## Market Impact

2023 saw the continuation and expansion of our Justice Incubator, which received permanent funding from Stichting Allemansrecht to cover the investments and costs for training and events associated with the programme for the coming three years. Our incubator is unique in supporting both start-ups and non-profits; in addition to having a technology-agnostic focus. All enterprises must be set up by students to provide a legal solution, receiving support in the following ways:

- A 12-month coaching and mentoring programme tailored to individual teams.
- A legal start-up investment fund of 2500 EUR per start-up (4 awards available per year).
- Visibility for start-ups and our legal network through our annual Legal Start-up pitch event.
- Legal advice for start-ups through the Incuboater and our network of connected Law Firms.

In 2023 we doubled the number of justice startups in our incubator compared to previous years. We supported 10 legal start-ups, 7 of which came from the justice entrepreneurship education programmes and 3 from our external network. Four startups are in the process of fundraising, with each seeking investment of €150.000 or more and two non-profits are also applying for funding for creative projects.

The start-ups we supported in 2023 were:

- **TenantHero** - AI-powered analysis of tenancy contracts, which identifies illegal clauses and explains your rights and next steps even after a contract has been signed.
- **UpRent** - Supporting tenants in applying for housing to collect trend data on applicants in the housing market. This information can support municipalities in making data-driven choices to address the housing crisis.

- **No Impunity** - SDG impact measurement tools and case management platform for climate litigation in addition to funder matching services.
- **Empowering** - Creating clothing with explanations of rights in collaboration with artists and musicians to engage with vulnerable or hard-to-access groups on justice topics.
- **Let Us Speak** - Creating games and visually appealing handbooks as accessible and engaging products which support engagement and encourage participation in protests.
- **ScamCam** - Safety and scam information for travellers in addition to an explanation of insurance and next steps should you fall victim to a scam when abroad.
- **Access to Justice toolkit** - Information and advice for survivors of international crimes on their legal rights in the Netherlands.
- **Polareis** - Handy information for expats and new arrivals to Amsterdam or the Netherlands explaining a wide range of topics; from housing to healthcare.
- **Raising Rights** - Accessible advice for parents in Austria during a divorce regarding access to children.
- **Diverse Directions** - A queer travel app combining safety information as well as trusted support services for the LGBTQIA+ community on holiday.

From these start-ups EmpoWEARing, TenantHero and Uprent received an investment from the Law Hub's Start-up Fund. This Fund accepts applications for start-up ideas on a rolling basis, and awards up to (maximum) 4 seed investments of 2500 EUR per start-up per year. The Fund makes awards with an external investment committee, selected on a rotating basis from our pool of (legal) entrepreneurs, including individuals like Pablo van Klinken, Pieter van der Hoeven, Farshida Zafar, Ronald Mooijer, Olaf Stolk and Maria Angel Stiruk.

In June 2023 we also organised our annual Legal Start-up Pitch Event, seeing the pitches of 8 legal start-ups, including 2 from outside UvA, and engaging our external network of legal partners. The jury consisted of Marika Bazelmans (Amsterdam Student Investment Fund), Pablo van Klinken (Stichting Allemansrecht), Mieke (ForwardInc). The event attracted 60 attendees, and hosted a panel debate with Maurits Fournier (founder of Patroon), and Laura Kistemaker (founder of Uit Elkaar.nl).



In order to support the wider ecosystem of start-ups with legal advice, in 2023 we hosted another edition of our annual Incuboater. During this successful second edition, we saw our rechtswinkel students and 16 lawyers from 6 law firms (including Stibbe, Loyens & Loeff and Bird & Bird) provide legal advice to 38 startups or nonprofits in one day while touring on a boat through Amsterdam. It also inspired a further 14 students to join the *Startup & Stichting Rechtswinkel* and laid the groundwork to begin a series of legal health check clinics for startups with partners in the UvA/HvA/VU venture studios network in 2024.

## Public Impact

In close collaboration with- (and funded by) external partners, the Law Hub develops and supports programmes at the intersection of research and education that are specifically tailored to solving access to justice problems. In 2023 these activities included:

- Expanding the reach and impact of the *Vrouwenrechtswinkel Amsterdam* (free legal advice center for women).
- The launch of the *Nederlandse Vereniging van Rechtswinkels*, a country-wide independent association of free legal advice centers.
- Proof-of-concept for a *rechtswinkel* focusing on debts (Schuldenrechtswinkel).
- A digital platform for knowledge-exchange between the UvA community of rechtswinkel students.

In 2023 *Vrouwenrechtswinkel Amsterdam* continued its operations at 3 locations in Amsterdam with the financial support of the Gemeente Amsterdam, and in collaboration with Bureau Clara Wichmann. In 2023 we have been able to support 667 women; which is an increase of 62% compared to 2022. This was thanks to the opening of two new locations in 2023 in Amsterdam Zuidoost and Amsterdam Noord. Furthermore, we focussed on making the *Vrouwenrechtswinkel Amsterdam* an independent entity with a student board and access to new financial resources.

We have improved our legal services by increasing the frequency of gender- and culturally-sensitive work and conversation skills training. Given the sensitive topics that are discussed in the consultations, it is important that the legal student advisors are familiar with the culture of the target group, are trained to be culturally and gender sensitive, and have good conversation skills. In this period, we have investigated whether psychology or social work students can support the legal student counselors in dealing with clients. To this end, a preliminary study was conducted by master's students in psychology as part of their research for their theses.



Another improvement in services has been achieved through the development of a handbook for the legal student counselors that brings together best practices and a tool kit for conducting interviews.

From the conversations we have with clients it appears that for many working women it is not always clear what their rights and obligations are during their pregnancy. Reason for us to develop a pregnancy form and leaflet for employees and employers that we have distributed not only in Amsterdam but nationwide.

The Law Hub's main job in setting up and stabilizing the Vrouwenrechtswinkel was finished in 2023. We handed the project over to our partners of Bureau Clara Wichmann for further continuation and project management.





### **The Dutch Association of Legal Advice Centres (Nederlandse Vereniging van Rechtswinkels)**

Aside from the Women's clinic, the Amsterdam Law Hub hosts and coordinates 11 other *rechtswinkels* (legal clinics) where law students from our Faculty work.

Based on our observation we noticed *rechtswinkels* in Amsterdam and beyond have the same needs for representation, training and software, among others. This inspired us to set up the *Nederlandse Vereniging van Rechtswinkels* (Dutch National Association of Legal Aid Clinics, NVR). The Ministry of Justice and Security and Stichting Allemansrecht funded the concept, helping it to launch formally in 2023. In 2023 the NVR recruited 53 members from the Netherlands, Aruba and Curacao. Members had access to 14 training sessions, including workshops on communication methods, labor law and referral methods. The NVR has been mentioned by the Minister in multiple letters to Parliament, for example on 17 August 2023, where the additional value of the *rechtswinkels* in the legal aid system was assessed, mentioning the importance of the existence of the *Nederlandse Vereniging van Rechtswinkels*. Furthermore, in 2023 strong partnerships were developed with actors of the Dutch legal aid system, such as the Legal Aid Council (Raad voor Rechtsbijstand). The NVR is widely recognized as an important partner in legal aid and access to justice debates.

## **Proof-of-Concept Schuldenbrug**

In partnership with the Amsterdam University Fund we used the fall of 2023 to explore the set up of a debt-focussed legal aid clinic, the *Schuldenbrug*. The *Schuldenbrug* focusses on informal serviceproviders (working for organisations where people seek help for their debts), in Amsterdam. The idea is to support these service providers with legal information, not people dealing with debts directly. We hired 5 students to set up the network with informal and formal services in Amsterdam and to conduct a feasibility study to test the *Schuldenbrug*-concept. This study was finished in december 2023 and being used as a proof-of-concpet for setting up the organisation.

## **Digital platform for knowledge exchange between rechtswinkels**

The Faculty Teaching & Learning Centre awarded the Law Hub a small fund to set up a platform to ease the knowledge exchange between rechtswinkel students of the UvA. This online platform is being developed and ready to be used by rechtswinkels to exchange knowledge and best-practices amongst each other. Information around topics such as communication skills, employment law, family law and rental law have been made available. The platform has been developed together with the National Ombudsman.



## Community Building

The Amsterdam Law Hub is not just a set of programmes, we are also a community of legal innovators, academia, technologists, artists and start-ups. In our space, we organize events, share insights through our podcasts and social media channels, and organize art exhibits. Read below a summary of what we brought out.

In 2023, we organised an event with Spui25 focusing on the nexus between art and law, particularly focusing on detention and criminal law.

In May we were proud to host another seminar by our sister hub NuLawLab (at Northeastern University School of Law in Boston, USA) on spatial justice and interdisciplinary collaborations. With this seminar we gave colleagues an insight in how to involve community projects in their research. Aside from this seminar we solidified the partnership between the Law Hub and NuLawLab, including the ambition to have annual exchanges of fellows, which was formalized in 2023 and first exchanges launched in 2024.

In November we co-organised another event at Spui25 focusing on the Dutch Feminist Foreign Policy as a side-event to the Ministerial Conference which took place on 1 & 2 November. We had an open conversation with civil society leaders and scholars, to discuss how academic research can better support civil society in bringing their knowledge and needs to the table when it comes to policy making. Speakers included Helen Kezie-Nwoha (Women's International Peace Centre), Wanjiku Mung'ala (Hivos Foundation) and Hanna Mühlenhoff (UvA) and we had about 65 attendees.

Our team also visited the International Access to Justice Forum in Los Angeles (USA) on 11-13 October, where we discussed with a diverse group of scholars, researchers, practitioners, and court and dispute resolution experts new developments and ongoing challenges in access to civil justice around the world. We presented the methodology we developed to improve access to justice for women during an interactive session on transformative justice.

This year we also created a new podcast series about climate justice. The speakers included Jan van de Venis (Ombudsman Toekomstige Generaties, owner JustLaw), Raki Ap (GroenLinks, spokesperson of the Free West Papua Campaign), Hannah Prins (Legal advisor Instiction Rebellion), Margaretha Wewerinke-Singh (Associate Professor of Sustainability Law, UvA).

Finally as we launched our new strategy we also revamped our website and made sure we have a clear story about who we are to the outside world. Behind the scenes, our new strategy was worked out in clear project plans on our new thematic areas and our business development pipeline.



# 3 Big wins 2023

The Amsterdam Law Hub has run many activities and projects in 2023, but we are particularly proud of these **9 big achievements**:

1. Our tailor-made skills-programme for researchers to enhance impact activities was integrated into the PhD schooling curriculum and exported to other faculties.
2. With our grant writing support focusing on knowledge utilisation, the Faculty hit a new record of three successful Veni awards and one ERC award, for which the Law Hub will be the developing impact partner.
3. The first edition of the masterclass Responsieve Overheidsjurist in collaboration with ACLPA was fully booked and received fantastic evaluations, resulting in a waiting list for next editions.
4. We supported more legal start-ups than ever in our incubator programme, with our students directly contributing to solving urgent legal challenges related to housing, migration and demonstrations.
5. Exceeding everyone's expectations with the *Nederlandse Vereniging van Rechtswinkels* (association of legal clinics) by gaining over 50 members nationwide and receiving recognition by the Minister of Rechtsbescherming (legal aid) and Parliament.
6. We made the *Vrouwenrechtswinkel* ready for independent operations and successfully closed off our 3-year collaboration with the launch of a women's magazine.
7. We designed a new *rechtswinkel* with law students focusing on debts in the city of Amsterdam (*Schuldenrechtswinkel*).
8. We launched a refined Law Hub strategy and website, making it crystal clear who we are and what we have to offer.
9. Through our program at SPUI25, focusing on the relationship between art and law, our women's magazine and podcast where we communicate about our programs, research, education, and innovation in law, we have effectively positioned ourselves as a central hub for creative dissemination.





# 4 Our team and partners

In 2023, the Amsterdam Law Hub consisted of the following innovative and entrepreneurial team members: Nathalie Dijkman (Director), Frances Singleton (Research & Innovation Manager), Susan Leclercq (Vrouwenrechtswinkel Manager), Gabriela Petralia (Communications Advisor), Tim Verheij (Coördinator Legal Aid & Education), Lou Errens (Consultant start-up programme from January to July 2023), Nura Elsheikh (Student Assistant), Dorottya Bajna (Student Assistant from September to December 2023), Tinne Sie (Communications Consultant Vrouwenrechtswinkel from August to December 2023). In addition, we continue to receive invaluable support from our Faculty of Law colleagues in the Management, HR, Finance and Marketing & Communications departments.

On the next page, you will see an overview of our co-workers, renters, *rechtswinkels*, start-ups and funding partners.



## Our co-workers and renters



## Our rechtswinkels



## Our start-ups



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## Our funding partners

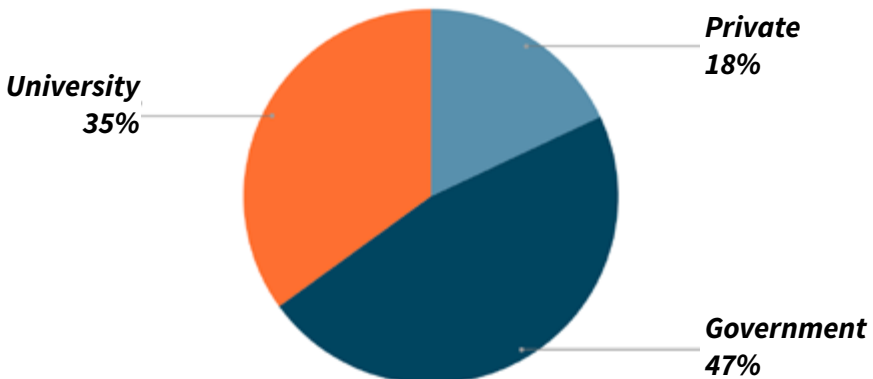


# 5 Financial Sustainability

The Amsterdam Law Hub is generously supported by the Amsterdam Law School. But as entrepreneurs we also supplement the financial support from the University with other sources of funding. In 2023, we were very glad to have received financial support from the Gemeente Amsterdam, the Ministry of Justice & Security, Stichting Allemansrecht, the Amsterdam University Fund, UvA Ventures Holding and the University of Amsterdam. In previous years we had also received support from the Raad voor Rechtsbijstand, Start-up Amsterdam, Nauta Duthil and ARAG.

Our total budget in 2023 was approximately €580.000. The Amsterdam Law Hub intends to get at least 50% of its revenue from sources outside of the University of Amsterdam's core funding. We have surpassed this target in 2023, as 65% of our expenses were funded by other sources, including government subsidies and private sector income (i.e. donations or services).

**Law Hub Revenue Sources 2023**







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