

Policy Plan – Stichting Energy for Refugees

Stichting Energy for Refugees (EfR) is a student-led, non-profit organization founded in 2018 by students of TU Delft. The foundation aims to provide access to renewable energy solutions in locations where energy is scarce, particularly in refugee camps, schools, hospitals, and other essential facilities.

Each year, a new board of nine TU Delft students is formed to select, design, fund, and execute a new energy-related project. The foundation achieves its purpose through the following activities:

- Identifying a project location where energy access is limited, often in partnership with local NGOs or organizations.
- Engineering a sustainable energy solution, typically a solar PV system with a battery storage and inverter to ensure reliable power.
- Raising funds through donations from TU Delft faculties, private companies, associations, and occasional grants.
- Executing the project, including purchasing components, arranging logistics, and overseeing the installation (usually by local contractors).
- Raising awareness through social events, workshops, and lectures at TU Delft, educating students about the intersection of energy access and humanitarian aid.

The projects are conducted on a voluntary basis, with no board members receiving financial compensation or academic credits for their work.

The board is composed of 9 students and this year's board members are the following:

- Kalliny Hamilton: Team Leader
- Charlotte Röhnelt: Project Manager
- Ben Schäfer: Finance and funding
- Luca Puglia: Finance and Funding
- Pablo López San Martín: Finance and Funding
- Kasra Mohammadi: Engineering
- Lesna Christwinarso: Engineering
- Laura Zanon: Communication and Events
- Leire Antia Guisasola: Communication and Events

The foundation's activities are entirely non-profit, and funds are raised through:

- Donations from TU Delft faculties and academic institutions.
- Financial support from private companies and associations aligned with EfR's mission.
- Occasional grants and subsidies (though these are difficult to obtain).
- Fundraising events, such as social gatherings, lunch lectures, and workshops, which also help raise awareness.

The collected funds are used exclusively for the realization of the annual project.

All funds raised are directly allocated to the execution of the yearly project, including:

- Purchase of solar panels, batteries, inverters, and other necessary components.

- Payment to local contractors for installation and maintenance, ensuring job creation in the project location.
- Logistical expenses, such as transporting materials to the project site.
- Administrative costs, such as website hosting or minor operational expenses (kept to a minimum).

Board members do not receive any salary and personally cover their own travel expenses to the project location, as funds are typically insufficient to cover full travel costs.

If there are leftover funds at the end of the year, they are retained in the official EfR bank account to provide a financial buffer for future projects or unexpected expenses. The goal is to maintain a small reserve for emergencies while ensuring that the majority of funds are spent on direct project implementation.

Stichting Energy for Refugees has an official bank account with ABN AMRO Bank, managed by a designated board member from the funding team. A budget plan is created each year by the finance team of the foundation to track expenses and financial planning. This plan gets evaluated and approved by the formal board of the foundation.

The number identifying the legal entity (RSIN) is the following: 859784307

Each year, a new board is selected through an application and interview process, conducted by the existing board. In January, a general handover meeting is held between the old and new board, followed by individual handover meetings for each team (Funding, Communications, Engineering, etc.) in the following months. A small advisory board consisting of the previous year's team leader, the current team leader, and a current board member ensures continuity and provides strategic support.

If Stichting Energy for Refugees were to be dissolved, the remaining funds would be allocated to a non-profit organization with similar goals, ensuring that the resources are still used for humanitarian energy projects. The exact procedure would be determined by the board in consultation with relevant stakeholders.