

ALLOCATION S DOCTORAL 2025 - NOTE - RECRUTEMENT OF DOCTORANTS

SUBJECT: Doctoral grants 2025 - Note - Recruitment of doctoral students

Employment information		
	Organisation / Company	University of Rouen Normandy
	Area of research	Business law / Rural law / Tax law
	Researcher profile	First-stage researcher (R1)
	Country	France
	Deadline for applications	Friday 6 June 2025, 12 noon Send the single document (PDF) by e-mail to Doctoral school DROIT NORMANDIE. The accused receipt will not be taken as proof of the admissibility of the application.
	Type of contract	Temporary
	Employment status	Full time
	Is the post funded by EU Research Framework Programme?	NO
	Is the job linked to a staff position within a research infrastructure?	NO

Description of the offer		
	Description of position and doctoral project (funded)	Thesis subject. Creating value and transferring the farm (CVTEA) A brief explanation. Farming is often seen in terms of agricultural work, but the countless technical developments that have taken place bear witness to the complexity of the activity and the need to adapt. have shown that the field is no longer the only place

		<p>where plants and animals grow. From a commercial point of view, farms heavy investment, generate a modest financial return and are often associated arduous working conditions. They are also exposed to the vagaries of the weather and the fragility of living organisms, which increases the risk of bankruptcy. What's more, by intervening directly in the biological cycle, they are at the heart of increasingly aware ecological issues. Yet farming is absolutely necessary. Recently, its protection, enhancement and development have been recognised as being of major public interest insofar as they guarantee the nation's food sovereignty.</p> <p>The law is trying to adapt and standards are multiplying in order to preserve the environment. To meet these challenges, the concept of sustainability, integrating social, environmental and economic factors, is being incorporated into European and national law. Agri- culture in particular links these three strands and should serve as an example. Rural law - which exists above all to govern economic situations - must therefore incorporate these realities. Similarly, specific legal forms no longer seem entirely appropriate in the face of the diversification of farming .</p> <p>By studying the legal and tax mechanisms for creating, accounting for, certifying and passing on values (economic, social, environmental), this project aims to encourage the introduction of more sustainable farming practices, in line with national and regional objectives (agro-ecological transition, making the most of co-products, reducing impacts and greenhouse gas emissions). This transition will have to be financed and structured legally and fiscally to avoid incurring additional costs, particularly at the time of transfer, so as not to discourage the takeover of farms, which remains one of the major challenges, and to encourage the development of these practices while ensuring that no single player bears the costs of services that benefit everyone.</p>
Requirements	Salary placement	2100-2300€ / month
	Eligibility: subject-specific prerequisites	<p>Eligibility conditions vary according to project leader :</p> <p>To apply for the project thesis funded by the University of Rouen Normandie, the candidate must</p>

		<p>hold a Master's degree in private or public law or be in the process of obtaining one by 1 September 2025. A distinction (AB, etc.) must have been obtained in Master 1 or 2.</p> <p>In addition, candidates must have taken courses in business and tax law (<i>company law, competition law, tax law</i>) during their university studies.</p>
	Admission	<p>After the candidate has been interviewed by a panel of judges, on Tuesday 10 June 2025, starting at 13:00.</p> <p>h. 30, after deliberation by the Restricted Council of the ED Droit Normandie, will be admitted to prepare a thesis devoted to the creation of value and the transmission of the farm, the student, having met the following conditions of admission:</p> <p>(1) Hold a Master's degree in law (private or public) as ^{at} 1 October 2025, with honours, and have followed a course of study in line with the funded thesis project.</p> <p>(2) Be able to position yourself in relation to the subject of your thesis in order to convince people of your suitability to undertake doctoral research on the subject.</p> <p>(3) Be able to present, during the audition, their university curriculum, the merits of their analysis of the subject and the timetable for their research over the 3 years of the doctoral contract. Experience as a tutor or supervisor in law is a strong asset.</p> <p>(4) Have written a dissertation in private or public law on a traditional or topical issue relating to farming, including a bibliography compiled in accordance with academic standards. If the Master's degree is in progress, the candidate must present and justify the subject of the dissertation, a detailed argument, avenues of research, the method followed and a bibliography.</p>
Applications		
		<p>The application must be submitted in the form of a single PDF document, with numbered pages. The entire document must contain :</p> <p>(1) A letter from motivation briefly describing the candidate's interests in the research and explaining reasons for applying for the thesis project.</p>

		<p>(2) A description of the 3-year research programme.</p> <p>(3) A curriculum vitae (CV).</p> <p>(4) Copies of , diplomas and documents attesting to the completion of courses and the award of a master's degree in law (private or public).</p> <p>(5) A research dissertation on a subject related to a traditional or topical farm issue (minimum size 60 p.).</p>
Place(s) of work		University of Rouen (Normandy, France) 3, av. Pasteur - 76000 Rouen. UFR Droit (site pasteur) - CUREJ.
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Deadline for online submission on the Normandie Université platform: **24 January 2025**

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GENERAL INFORMATION

Project title: Creating value and transferring farms (the legal issues involved in the necessary "socialisation" of farms)

Project acronym: CVTEA

Supporting institution: University of Rouen Normandie

Project location (name of laboratory and address): Centre Universitaire Rouennais
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Doctoral school to which the thesis supervisor belongs: *Normandy Law Doctoral School*

Project implementation :

From 01/09/2025 to 31/08/2028, i.e. a 36-month project.

PROJECT SUMMARY

A summary of the project (maximum 2000 characters including spaces for each version):

Description intended for an uninformed/new audience on the subject. This paragraph may be used in communication documents if the project receives funding.

French version

Agriculture is often seen in terms of farm work, but technical developments show that the field is no longer the only place where plants and animals grow. In commercial terms, it requires heavy investment and arduous working conditions, and generates a modest financial return. It also remains exposed to the vagaries of the weather and the fragility of living organisms. What's more, by directly influencing the biological cycle, farms are at the heart of environmental issues. The law is adapting, and standards are multiplying to preserve a healthy environment that can be passed on.

With this in mind, the project is in line with the Regional Strategy for Higher Education, Research and Innovation (SRESRI) and ambition no. 1 of Normandy's Intelligent Specialisation Strategy (S3). By studying the legal and tax mechanisms for creating, accounting for and passing on value (economic, social and environmental), it will encourage the introduction of more sustainable farming practices, in line with regional objectives (agro-ecological transition, making the most of co-products, reducing impacts). It also plans to disseminate its findings through Scientific, Technical and Industrial Culture (STIC) initiatives supported by the Region, to raise awareness and educate farmers and the general public, with a view to making Normandy's agriculture more resilient and innovative.

To meet these challenges, the notion of sustainability, integrating social, environmental and economic factors, is gaining ground. Agriculture in particular links these three aspects and must serve as example. Like environmental law, rural law - above all economic law - must take account of these realities to make farms more sustainable.

The project will therefore study the legal and fiscal means of creating, accounting for and certifying these values. If they are considered to be assets, we will also need to analyse the procedures for their transfer and transmission, in order to encourage their development while ensuring that no single player bears the cost of services that benefit everyone.

English version

Agriculture is often seen through the lens of agrarian labor, yet technological advances show that fields are no longer the only place where plants and animals grow. From a commercial standpoint, it requires heavy investments, harsh working conditions, and yields modest financial returns. It also remains vulnerable to climate fluctuations and the fragility of living organisms. Moreover, by intervening directly in the biological cycle, farms lie at the heart of environmental issues. The law adapts, and regulations multiply to preserve a healthy environment that can be passed on to future generations.

In this context, the project is part of the Regional Strategy for Higher Education, Research, and Innovation (SRESRI) and the first ambition of Normandy's Smart Specialization Strategy (S3). By studying the legal and fiscal mechanisms for creating, accounting for, and transferring values (economic, social, environmental), it fosters more sustainable agricultural practices, in line with regional objectives (agroecological transition, coproduct development, impact reduction). It also intends to share its findings through Culture Scientifique, Technique et Industrielle (CSTI) activities supported by the Region, in order to

to inform and train both farmers and the general public, helping shape a more resilient, innovative form of Norman agriculture.

To tackle these challenges, the concept of sustainability-integrating social, environmental, and economic factors-gains prominence. Agriculture ties these three aspects together and should lead by example. Like environmental law, rural law-primarily economic-must embrace these realities to make farms more sustainable.

The project will therefore investigate legal and fiscal instruments for creating, measuring, and certifying these values. If considered assets, it will also analyze how to transfer them, so as to encourage their development without placing the entire cost of these collectively beneficial services on one party alone.

Keywords related to the project (5 words maximum) :

Law, Business, Agriculture, Transmission, Sustainability

PRESENTATION OF THE PROJECT :

Background and objectives (maximum 2 pages) :

Like farming, this study covers several themes and involves several branches law, including rural law, of course, but also civil and commercial tax law. Most of these topics are still in their infancy and would benefit from being grouped together and dealt with from a new angle, since rural law alone no longer seems capable of responding to the issues raised.

It must necessarily take account of international and Community standards, and because of the specificities of agricultural law, customary standards, but is positioned at national level.

Suggested bibliography :

A. European legislation

-Regulation (EU) 2018/842 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 30 May 2018 on binding annual reductions of greenhouse gas emissions by Member States from 2021 to 2030 contributing to climate action to meet their commitments under the Paris Agreement and amending Regulation (EU) No 525/2013.

-Directive (EU) 2022/2464 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 14 December 2022 amending Regulation (EU) No 537/2014 and Directives 2004/109/EC, 2006/43/EC and 2013/34/EU as regards sustainability disclosure by companies (Text with EEA relevance)

-Directive (EU) 2024/1760 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 13 June 2024 on corporate sustainability due diligence and amending Directive (EU) 2019/1937 and Regulation (EU) 2023/2859 (Text with EEA relevance)

B. Treatises and general works

- J. Carbonnier, Flexible droit, Pour une sociologie du droit sans rigueur, 10th edition, LGDJ, 2007.
- M. COZIAN, F. DEBOISSY, A. VIANDIER, Droit des sociétés, 37th edition, LexisNexis, 2024.
- N. DISSAUX, Droit rural, Précis Domat, LGDJ, 2022.
- M.-O. GAIN, Le droit rural, l'exploitant agricole et les terres, 6th edition, LexisNexis, 2020.
- M. PRIEUR, Droit de l'environnement, 9th edition, Lefebvre Dalloz, 2023.

C. Doctoral thesis

- A. STEVIGNON, Le climat et le droit des obligations, thesis directed by J. MORAND-DEVILLIER, LGDJ, 2022.

D. Collective works and `

- M.-L. DEMEESTER and V. MERCIER, Colloque: L'agriculture durable, Essai d'élaboration d'un cadre normatif, Presses universitaires d'Aix-Marseille, 2016.
- A. LANGLAIS, Colloque : L'agriculture et les paiements pour services environnementaux, Presses Universitaires de Rennes, 2019.
- S. LEBRETON, H. JUILLET-REGIS, P.-L. BOYER, Droit de la terre. Tome 1. Droit rural & transitions agricoles, Enrick B. Éditions, 2024.

E. Articles and doctrinal notes

- C. BALDON, A. CLERC, Quel encadrement juridique des pratiques de greenwashing ? État des lieux et évolutions législatives, Gazette du Palais, Tuesday 5 October 2021, no. 34, p13-17.
- C. BALDON, Le nouvel encadrement des allégations environnementales par le droit européen : un changement de paradigme dans la lutte contre le greenwashing, Gazette du Palais, 23 avril 2024 n°14.
- M. BEHAR-TOUCHAIS & C. GRIMALDI, Distribution - The Descrozaille law known as "Egalim 3" La Semaine juridique Entreprise et Affaires n°22, 01 June 2023, LexisNexis.
- L. BETTONI, Les mystères de l'exception agricole en droit européen de la concurrence (1re partie), Revue Lamy de la concurrence, No 120, 1 October 2022.
- T. BONNEAU, L'originalité de la finance verte, Revue des sociétés 2023, p.501, Dalloz.
- G. CERQUEIRA, La démocratie, garante de la sécurité alimentaire française, Droit rural n°2, Février 2024, alerte 16, LexisNexis.
- J.-N. CLEMENT, Après la loi Climat et résilience : vers un nouveau droit pénal de l'environnement, Bulletin du Droit de l'Environnement Industriel, No. 100, 1 July 2022.
- A. COURET, Le nouveau visage de la vie sociétaire, Revue des sociétés 2023 p.508, Dalloz. -G. LERAY, Contentieux climatique et devoir de vigilance, Revue des sociétés 2023, p.601, Dalloz.
- D. GADBIN, Réforme de la PAC - Le projet de programme stratégique national aux prises avec les objectifs issus du Pacte vert, Droit rural no. 504, June-July 2022, study 23.
- D. GADBIN, L'absorption de carbone par les terres agricoles : une politique agricole européenne bis ?, Droit rural n°5, mai 2023, repère 5.

-Y. GAUDEMET, Entreprises - De la compliance à la vigilance : les entreprises au secours de l'Etat ? La semaine juridique Edition Générale n°21, 29 May 2023, LexisNexis.

-B. GRIMONPREZ, Le droit rural entre déclin et regain, Droit rural n°7-8-9, July-August-September 2023, study 14, LexisNexis.

-P. LOKIEC, interview, Repenser l'entreprise au prisme de l'environnement : SSL, p.3 in N. JULIAN, Sociétés à mission : bientôt 5 ans d'introduction d'une once de non-lucrativité en droit des sociétés, Droit des sociétés n° 4, Avril 2024, repère 4, LexisNexis

-J. MARCHAND, Banque-Le rôle de la compliance sur l'évolution de l'éthique bancaire et financière, Revue de droit bancaire et financier n°2, Mars-Avril 2024, LexisNexis.

-C.-S. PINAT, Incidences du projet de loi Egalim en matière de distribution et de concurrence, 10 October 2018, Dalloz actualité

-A. STEVIGNON, Devoir de vigilance & transparence : les nouvelles obligations climatiques des entreprises - L'émergence de la vigilance climatique des entreprises, sources de contentieux. Revue internationale de la Compliance et de l'éthique des affaires n°06, 11 December 2023, LexisNexis.

-M. TIREL, Notation ESG - Les nouvelles règles de transparence et d'intégrité des activités de notation ESG, Droit des sociétés n°4, Avril 2024, comm.58, LexisNexis.

-M. TIREL, Taking CSR law seriously, Bulletin Joly Sociétés, November 2022.

Detailed project (scientific details on the subject, questions or issues addressed, programme and planned timetable) and prospects for the team/laboratory (3 pages maximum) :

1. General context and objectives

Rural law has historically been built around the figure of the farmer, conceived as an individual, often working as part of a family. When the first agricultural policy laws were passed in 1960, one-fifth of the French population made a living farming. The legal framework was designed to provide a framework for small, essentially family-run farms. Today, this model of the individual farmer is no longer fully in line with reality: farming businesses have grown considerably, are becoming less family-based, and are opting for more varied legal structures (companies, cooperatives, etc.). What's more, the Code rural et de la pêche maritime provides for specific corporate forms, but experience shows that many farms are now turning to "classic corporate law forms, thereby optimising their assets and financing.

At the same time, the regulatory context is being enriched to take account of increasingly important environmental, social and economic issues, such as animal welfare, soil conservation and reducing the ecological footprint. However, rural law is still characterised by the pre-eminence of the concrete and the land, even though modern agriculture is seeing the emergence of intangible assets (shares, securities, environmental service contracts, etc.). The legal hurdles lie in the difficulty of reconciling these new assets with the historical logic of rural law.

Through its Intelligent Specialisation Strategy (S3) and its Regional Strategy for Higher Education, Research and Innovation (SRESRI), the Normandy Region has set itself the goal "preserving and sustainably transforming agricultural, marine and forestry resources and production systems". This project is in line with this objective: it looks at ways of making farming more socially responsible (taking account of social issues) and of passing on farming businesses, in order to develop more resilient agriculture and promote the long-term future of farms.

2. Scientific issues and challenges

Changes in the legal status agricultural businesses.

- How can rural law, designed for individual farmers, be adapted to collective entities (companies)?
- What mechanisms should be put in place for the governance and organisation of the business, particularly when intangible assets (shares, securities) are becoming increasingly important?

Environmental and social issues

- How is the ecological transition redefining legal obligations (animal welfare, soil conservation, carbon footprint reduction)?
- What is the role of rural law in the face of multiple environmental standards (European, national, regional) and incentives such as payments for environmental services (PES)?

Financing and new assets

- What forms of green finance (green bonds, carbon credit mechanisms) can support the modernisation of farms?
- How to structure legally and tax the valuation of environmental, social and economic assets to make them transferable?

Transmission issues

- How can we ensure that farming continues despite the ageing of the farming population and the complexity of legal arrangements?
- What procedures and tax arrangements facilitate the transfer of farms, taking into account new assets (environmental contracts, labels, etc.) and the need to share costs?

These issues are part of the wider challenge of making farming more secure in the face of economic challenges (low profitability, heavy investment) and environmental challenges (climate hazards, depletion of resources).

3. Research programme and planned progress

The project will run for 36 months (2025-2028), with a PhD student funded by the Normandy Region. It will be carried out in several phases:

Literature review and scoping (first 6 months)

- Review of the legal and economic literature on agricultural societalization, green finance and farm transfers.
- A closer look at national and regional public policies (agricultural orientation laws, strategies to support rural innovation, SRESRI, S3 Normandie, etc.).

Data collection and case studies (6 to 12 months)

- Interviews with farmers, experts (lawyers, notaries, bankers) and institutional players (Chambers of Agriculture, Region, Normandy IPCC 2).
- Analysis of concrete cases of farms that have undertaken structural reforms (societal approaches, PSE, creation of companies).

Legislative and fiscal frameworks (12 to 24 months)

- Comparison of national, European and regional regulations.
- Study of legal barriers and opportunities for integrating new assets (e.g. carbon, "green" labels).
- Drawing up scenarios to secure transmission and share environmental costs.

Summary and proposals (24 to 36 months)

- Drafting of the thesis, with recommendations and practical guides for operators and legal practitioners.
- Promotion of results (publications, conferences, training courses).
- Dissemination to institutional and professional players, particularly as part of Scientific, Technical and Industrial Culture (STIC) initiatives supported by the Region.

4. Prospects for the team/laboratory

The project is led by the Centre Universitaire Rouennais d'Études Juridiques (CUREJ), a research unit renowned for its work in rural law, environmental law and economic law.

- Scientific enrichment: The study will strengthen CUREJ's research dynamic and consolidate its position as a centre of excellence in rural law and ecological transition. Interdisciplinary exchanges (private law, public law, economics, sociology) will broaden the team's field of expertise.
- Strengthening partnerships: By working with the Chambers of Agriculture, farmers, the Normandy 2 IPCC and the Region, CUREJ will develop a wider network of local and national partners, making it more attractive to Masters/Doctorate students.
- Educational innovation: The results of the research (practical fact sheets, concrete cases of transmission, modules on green finance) will be used in the teaching of bachelor's, master's and continuing education courses. Digital media (video clips, interactive platform) will facilitate dissemination to professional and general audiences, with a view to promoting scientific, technical and industrial culture.
- Regional benefits: This project meets regional objectives (S3, SRESRI) and aims to strengthen the competitiveness and sustainability of Normandy's agricultural businesses. The legal proposals drawn up will contribute to the sustainability of the business in the region and encourage the emergence of innovative agricultural models.
- Thanks to its interdisciplinary and applied scope, this work is in line with CUREJ's overall strategy: to address contemporary developments in the law in the service sustainable territorial development. It will produce both theoretical knowledge and operational tools that will be useful to farmers, lawyers and public decision-makers.

Human, material and financial resources used and requested to achieve objectives :

CUREJ (Centre Universitaire Rouennais d'Études Juridiques) provides a workspace, access to databases and the necessary logistical resources.

the smooth running of the research. project also relies on the doctoral student liaising with national and regional institutions (ministries, chambers of agriculture, professional organisations, etc.) to gather the information required for the study.

Apart from the funding already granted for the researcher's remuneration, major additional resources are required; a moderate travel budget (train tickets, particularly for Paris) will nevertheless be needed to facilitate the meetings and interviews in the field, which will provide the empirical material for the project.

Dissemination and capitalisation of results :

Scientific results, publications, promotion, teaching or training approach, target audience (if applicable)

The results of this research will be put to good use both in the academic world and in professional practice, in order to respond to the specific challenges facing Normandy:

1. Scientific publications and communications

- Writing articles for specialist journals (rural law, environmental law, etc.).
- Communication of advances at university conferences and seminars in France and abroad.
- Targeted presentations to regional bodies (Chambers of Agriculture, local authorities, etc.) to enlighten decision-makers on the mechanisms of agricultural transfer.

2. Teaching tools and training approach

- Development of course materials (practical fact sheets, case studies, case law analyses) for training courses in rural and environmental law.
- Integrating the knowledge gained from the project into Bachelor's and Master's degree courses, filling the current shortage of specialists and reinforcing the relevance of the training on offer.
- Setting workshops or continuing education modules for professionals (farmers, lawyers, notaries), linked to changes in the agricultural sector.

3. Promotion to socio-economic players

- Distribution of summary sheets and practical guides for farmers, cooperatives, financial organisations and law firms.
- Participation in regional events (agricultural shows, professional conferences) to popularise and share the project's contributions with as many people as possible.
- Strengthened cooperation with institutions in Normandy (Region, Normandy IPCC 2) to promote effective knowledge transfer and innovation on farms.

4. Impact on the teaching of rural law

- Enriching university curricula with up-to-date adapted to contemporary challenges (ecological transition, societal changes, etc.).
- Training new specialists in rural law, in response to a growing need in the market for legal advice and support for farms.

Actions planned as part of the dissemination Scientific, Technical and Industrial Culture (STIC) in addition to the Fêtes de la Science actions (1 page maximum) :

Following on from the work carried out within the Normandy IPCC 2, the project entitled "The transfer of farming businesses: the legal issues involved in the necessary socialisation of farming businesses" actively contributes to the dissemination of CSTI. In line the Regional Strategy for Higher Education, Research and Innovation (SRESRI) and the Normandy Region's priorities for sustainable agricultural development, several actions are planned:

1. Organisation of meetings and open conferences.

- Meetings for the general public: conferences and debates (at universities, media libraries, centres) to explain the legal mechanisms involved in the transfer of farming ownership and to raise awareness of the social role of farming, with a view to preserving resources.
- Professional conferences: round tables with the Normandy Chambers of Agriculture and various economic players (farmers, lawyers, etc.) to share the state of research and good practice in the field of sustainability (e.g. agroecology, making the most of by-products).

2. Creation of teaching and multimedia materials

- Practical information sheets: illustrated brochures explaining the legal steps involved in transferring ownership (sale, partnership agreement, etc.), available on the University and Regional websites.
- Video vignettes: short (5-10 min) popularisation videos showing concrete examples of transferable and sustainable farms, put into context with the regional ambitions for 2027 (reduction of inputs, innovation for a zero waste industry, etc.).

3. Interactive workshops and training

- Simulations and role-playing: fun introductory workshops to the issues involved in transferring ownership under rural law (rural leases, management of environmental externalities, etc.).
- Ongoing training: specific modules for farmers and professionals (farmers, notaries) to help them take greater account of ecological and socio-economic issues (soil conservation, reducing the carbon footprint).

4. Participation in regional and national events

- Agricultural shows and fairs: information stands and themed presentations to showcase research, raise public awareness and promote legal tools

adapted to the ambitions of the Normandy Region (e.g. sustainable resource management, agro-ecological transition).

- Institutional collaboration: integrating research results into awareness-raising programmes supported by the Region, in particular those linked to the five development priorities of the S3 (innovative agro-ecological strategies, making the most of co-products, etc.).

5. Disseminating and promoting results

- Articles and publications: summary notes for decision-makers (local authorities, farmers), scientific publications (rural law, social sciences), illustrating how the law can support the development of more resilient agriculture in Normandy.
- Regular communication: a dedicated space on the Université de Rouen Normandie website to follow the progress of the project, also accessible via the Region's portal, highlighting the contribution of the 100% regional doctoral student funding.

These actions, led by the grant holder and the research team, will meet the requirement for annual commitment to CSTI actions, in line with regional guidelines. They are designed to strengthen dialogue between researchers, the general public and professionals, while at the same time helping agricultural practices to move towards sustainability and innovation, in line with ambition no. 1 of the Normandy S3.

PROJECT IMPACTS

Impact on the team :

Expected spin-offs (team, host institution or organisation)

1. Strengthening the research dynamic and scientific expertise. Carrying out this project within CUREJ will consolidate the team's position as a centre of excellence in rural law and environmental law, fields directly linked to ambition no. 1 of the S3 Normande ('preserving and sustainably transforming agricultural resources'). The work, fuelled by interdisciplinary exchanges and participation in bodies such as the Normandy IPCC 2, will enhance the skills of researchers and teacher-researchers in the socialisation of agricultural enterprises. In addition, the in-depth analysis of the legal mechanisms involved in the transfer of ownership will help to raise the scientific profile of the institution, on a regional, national and international scale.

2. Strengthening partnerships and institutional attractiveness. The project will stimulate the creation and management of new academic, institutional and professional partnerships (Chambers of Agriculture, farmers, law firms, notaries, etc.), consolidating the position of the Université de Rouen Normandie as a key player in agricultural and environmental issues. These collaborations, based on the sharing of knowledge and experience, will enhance CUREJ's expertise and the team more attractive to students, doctoral students and researchers, including internationally. They will also help to strengthen the applied dimension of the research carried out within the University, in response to the concrete needs of the Normandy region and in line with the SRESRI.

3. Impact on training and educational innovation. The research results from this project will feed directly into teaching at the Université de Rouen Normandie (bachelor's, master's and continuing education courses), creating a strong link between theory and practice.

The development of innovative teaching aids (case studies, teaching sheets, video clips) will provide the team with new resources for training the lawyers of tomorrow, while at the same time widely disseminating research findings to a wider audience (professionals, players in the world of agriculture, the general public). This dynamic will enhance the quality of the school's training offer and contribute to its local, regional and national reputation, in line with the regional guidelines for sustainable and responsible agriculture.

Impact on the region :

Expected spin-offs (social and economic links, outreach, CSTI, etc.)

1. Consolidating socio-economic links and integrating local players. By focusing on the transfer of farming businesses, the project strengthens exchanges between farmers, cooperatives, legal and financial advisors, chambers of agriculture and local authorities, all key elements in the economic and social fabric of Normandy. This collaborative approach, supported by the Region, fosters the emergence of innovative solutions in line with the ambitions of the S3 and the SRESRI (agro-ecological transition, development of local resources), while sustaining agricultural activity and rural jobs.

2. Contributing to regional influence and visibility. Through the production of scientific knowledge and the creation of dissemination media (public meetings, popularised publications, video clips), the project places agricultural socialisation at the heart of debates in Normandy. In this way, it is promoting the region as a veritable laboratory of ideas and exemplary practices in the field of sustainable agriculture and ecological transition. This strong commitment to the Normandy Region and the Normandy IPCC 2 is enhancing the region's reputation and attracting the attention of outside players (researchers, investors, media), who are likely become involved in other initiatives in synergy with the region's strategic objectives.

3. Strengthening the dissemination of Scientific, Technical and Industrial Culture (STIC). The educational and popularisation initiatives (conferences, workshops, multimedia support) target the university community, the general public and agri-food professionals. This broader communication strategy, which is in line with the Region's CSTI priorities, is helping to raise awareness of the challenges of the agricultural transition (environmental, economic and social) and is encouraging local ownership of knowledge. At the same time, it strengthens the region's capacity for innovation and resilience, line with ambition no. 1 of the S3, which aims to "preserve and sustainably transform agricultural resources".

OPINION OF THE PROJECT MANAGEMENT

Thesis supervisor

Full name: **Jean-Philippe DOM**

Affiliated Institution / Organisation: Université de Rouen Normandie

A reasoned opinion from the thesis supervisor on the proposed research, with regard to the scientific and technological objectives pursued and their place in the research guidelines of the host laboratory:

This project, which focuses on the creation of value and the transfer of farm assets, responds to a well-known issue in the rural environment. The interplay between rural law, tax law and related laws allows for a resolutely interdisciplinary approach. Taking into account environmental and societal aspects (societalization) enhances the transition towards sustainable agriculture. The research timetable appears coherent. The fact that it is anchored in the CUREJ consolidates the quality of the analyses, thanks to the recognised positioning of the Université de Rouen Normandie. The planned partnerships (Chambers of Agriculture, legal professionals, farmers) demonstrate a desire to have a tangible impact in the field. The dissemination of results (conferences, multimedia supports) will feed into the Scientific, Technical and Industrial Culture, in addition to the actions already planned. The prospects for strengthening the dynamics of research and training seem convincing. The spin-offs for the region (employment, outreach, agricultural resilience) promise real socio-economic benefits.

Consequently, in view of its rigorous methodology and innovative potential, this project deserves strong support and a very favourable opinion.

Date: 19 January 2025

Surname and first name: Dom, Jean-Philippe



Information on the last doctoral students supervised (maximum 5 last doctoral students): Fate, production/publications related to thesis research, etc.

1. Christophe Masle defended his thesis entitled "La gouvernance de la société anonyme cotée" at the University of Rouen on 7 March 2023. This in-depth research looks at governance structures and practices in listed companies, a subject of vital importance in the context of global financial markets. Masle, who now teaches at Rennes Business School, plans to contribute further to the legal literature by focusing on the law of obligations.

2. N'daneda Essossinam Awesso presented her thesis "Étude comparée des mécanismes de règlement des différends internationaux relatifs au commerce et aux investissements devant l'ORD et le CIRDI" on 6 January 2022. Her work examines the

nuances and intersections between dispute settlement systems in the trade and investment spheres, offering critical perspectives on the effectiveness and fairness of these mechanisms. Ms Awesso is currently pursuing her training as a student lawyer in a Paris law firm.

3. Inès Sonia Mouyaga defended her thesis "L'économie du contrat en droit privé" on 27 September 2019. This work illustrates how economic principles influence and are influenced by contract law, a key area for the regulation of trade and the protection of parties. Ms Mouyaga has become a notable figure in Gabon, being the first woman to head a firm of notaries in the country.

The laboratory director will indicate how the project fits in with the host laboratory's strategy:

The project is part of CUREJ's 'Professional, economic and financial activities' theme. It also has synergies with the 'Heritage and transitions' and 'Territories and mobility' themes. This project, which focuses on the transfer and 'societalization' of agricultural businesses, in line with CUREJ's research approach, which emphasizes the synergies between law, society and territory. It reflects the laboratory's desire to explore issues rooted in regional and environmental reality.

Its interdisciplinary and applied scope strengthens existing areas of research, particularly in the field of ecological transitions, with rural law playing a key role.

Lastly, the project is in line with the priority themes of the school and the region Normandy.

Date: 20 January 2025

First name: Cécile Legros

Cécile LEGROS, Directrice CUREJ UR4703



By 10 March at the latest, the laboratory director must provide (separately from the application) **an inter-ranking (with justification) of the laboratory's applications**, including establishment and 100% regional allocations (1 ranking per site for multi-site units), *validated by the Unit Council. Please do not indicate any inter-ranking in this submission document.*

SPECIFIC SECTION REGIONAL ALLOWANCES (do not complete if the application is for an establishment allowance only)

	Normandy Research Doctoral students 100% support" application form	
	Theme: Research and innovation	
	Strategic objective	For a dynamic, attractive and innovative economy in Normandy
	Mission	Supporting research and innovation as a lever economic development
	Territory	Normandy Grant
	Type of aid	

The Normandie Recherche - Soutien Doctorants 100% scheme is designed to meet ambition 2 of the SRESRI by helping to support the ambitions of Normandy's students, teacher-researchers, researchers and ESRI institutions to help them succeed.

Before submitting your application, please consult the regulations for the scheme concerned, available at the following link: [Normandie Recherche | Région Normandie](#)

This application will be used as a basis a regional appraisal.



All the information in this application is compulsory. Applications that are incomplete will not be considered.

Only applications completed French will be considered.

Eligible actions :

The Region's support is aimed at setting up and carrying out research projects. The regional aid paid enables doctoral students to be hosted in academic laboratories for a **maximum of 36 months**.

The Region supports young researchers preparing a thesis and wishing to obtain a university doctorate. This is 100% thesis funding.

Doctoral students funded by the Region must be **employed by a higher education and research establishment in Normandy** and take part in initiatives to disseminate scientific, technical and industrial culture (CSTI).

Compulsory documents to enclose with the application:

☐ A description its appraisal process

☐ 2 external scientific assessments (outside Normandy)

Each expert report must indicate the expert's status (position and employing establishment).
If the appraisal is graded B, the establishment explain the reasons why the dossier is being submitted.

☐ Provide the project **selection process** and the **rules for switching** from the complementary list to the main list

☐ Provide the main and supplementary of projects

Terms and conditions :

Before completing this application form, please read the **rules and the annual timetable** for call for expressions of interest: <https://www.normandie.fr/normandie-recherche>.

The complete application must be submitted by the establishment on the Espace des Aides platform before the date communicated annually by the Region.

The ES department will take the following criteria into account.

- scientific quality of the project, which will be verified by the submission of two expert reports from outside the organisation (outside Normandy).
- expected spin-offs and prospects for the region in terms of territorial development, promotion of the project, attractiveness and influence of the Normandy teams,
- developing or strengthening regional, inter-regional and international partnerships,
- registration in one of the areas of the S3 or in the themes specified the Region-University partnership agreement.

The candidate must:

- be hosted in a laboratory located in Normandy,
- be enrolled in a Normandy Doctoral School,
- submit a thesis project in line with the host laboratory's research areas and the institution's strategy,
- take part each year in Scientific, Technical and Industrial Culture activities coordinated by the Normandy Region or one of its partners,

At the end of the project, the Region will ask establishments for data on the impact of the regional policy of support for doctoral grants on the regional research dynamic.

Please note that this data may be used in particular by the Higher Education, Research and Innovation Observatory.

Eligible expenditure :

- Gross salary over 36 months (excluding operating and teaching costs related to the doctoral student's activity)

Linking operation to the Strategic Partnership Agreement

The project is in line with the Regional Strategy for Higher Education, Research and Innovation (SRESRI) and ambition no. 1 of Normandy's Intelligent Specialisation Strategy (S3). By studying the legal and tax mechanisms for creating, accounting for and passing on value (economic, social and environmental), it will encourage the introduction of more sustainable farming practices, in line with regional objectives (agro-ecological transition, making the most of co-products, reducing impacts). It also plans to disseminate its findings through Scientific, Technical and Industrial Culture (STIC) initiatives supported by the Region, to raise awareness and educate farmers and the general public, with a view to making Normandy's agriculture more resilient and innovative.

It also corresponds to two of the objectives of the University of Rouen's strategic partnership with the Normandy Region. It is of primary interest to the ISDCT strand (Social Innovations, Development, Culture and Territory), but is also in synergy with the I3E strand, particularly in its environmental aspect.

Administrative contact at the sponsoring institution :

The project is in line with the smart specialisation strategy (S3) of the 2021-2027 ERDF-SSE/IEJ Normandy Regional Operational Programme and the 2022-2028 Regional Strategy for Higher Education, Research and Innovation (SRESRI).

Please select only **the priority area** of specialisation in which your project falls:

☒ Preserve and sustainably transform agricultural, marine and forestry resources and production systems

☐ Developing a energy mix towards zero emissions ☐

Transforming processes for an efficient, sustainable and digital industry

☐ Developing new, safe and efficient low-carbon mobility solutions

☐ Accelerating synergies and innovation for 5P human and animal medicine ☐ Making Normandy a resilient region by managing technological, natural, health and social risks

If applicable, select one or **secondary** areas of specialisation in which your project fits:

☐ Preserve and sustainably transform agricultural, marine and forestry resources and production systems

☐ Developing a energy mix towards zero emissions ☐

Transforming processes for an efficient, sustainable and digital industry

☐ Developing new, safe and efficient low-carbon mobility solutions

☐ Accelerating synergies and innovation for 5P human and animal medicine ☒ Making Normandy a resilient region by managing technological, natural, health and social risks

If the subject of the thesis does not correspond to any area of the S3, please refer to the elements of the Strategic Partnership Agreement signed between the Region and the lead institution, justifying this application.

COMMUNICATION

Action to communicate regional funding :
see your obligations at obligations of communication on the
website: <https://www.normandie.fr/demande-daides-regionales>

FINANCIAL SUMMARY OF THE PROJECT :

Total amount of the thesis: €

Amount of grant requested: **XXX** € (details of salaries to be completed appendix 3)
