

# **MATRA Pre-Accession Training Programme**

## **Strengthening Institutional Capacity in the Rule of Law**

# **Decentralisation**

**9 - 19 December, 2012**

**The Hague, The Netherlands**

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### **Who may apply:**

This training is intended for senior civil servants (experts and policy makers) at different government levels involved in the design and implementation of decentralisation policies.

### **Eligible countries:**

Application is open for civil servants from: Albania, Bosnia-Herzegovina, Croatia, Kosovo, Macedonia, Montenegro, Serbia, and Turkey.

### **Fees:**

The Netherlands Government will provide full fellowships to selected participants. Each fellowship will cover the cost of international travel (economy), board and lodging in The Hague, visa and insurance, tuition fees, lecture materials, field trips and excursions.

### **Approach:**

The training will offer a combination of theory and lectures, skills development and field trips.

**Language of Instruction:** English.

### **Training programme objective:**

Through this Matra PATROL training programme, the Netherlands Ministry of Foreign Affairs aims to stimulate, support and contribute to the efficient implementation of the EU *Acquis* in the area of 'rule of law'. In addition, relations between the Netherlands and the target countries will be strengthened by sharing the necessary knowledge and skills with policy advisors, members of the judiciary and other civil servants working on effective decentralisation and strengthening decentralised government for them to lead and inspire the modernisation of government in their home countries.

### **How to apply:**

Further information and application forms available at: [www.asser.nl/matrapatrol](http://www.asser.nl/matrapatrol)

**Deadline for submission of application: 4 November 2012**