

Training Programmes 2014

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MATRA Pre-Accession Training Programme (MATRA PATROL) - Strengthening Institutional capacity in the Rule of Law

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Commissioned by the Netherlands Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Europe Department (DEU), the T.M.C. Asser Instituut, with its partners, Ecorys Nederland BV and The Hague Academy for Local Governance, will implement the Matra Pre-Accession Training Programme (Matra PATROL) - Strengthening Institutional capacity in the Rule of Law - during the period 2012 – 2015.

Each year, eight, 10-day training programmes are being delivered on: Access to Justice, Administration of Justice, Alternative Dispute Resolution, Decentralisation, European Procurement, Integrity of Civil Servants, Public Finance Management and Quality, Implementation and Enforcement of Legislation to participants from Albania, Bosnia-Herzegovina, Kosovo, Macedonia, Montenegro, Serbia and Turkey.

This training programme aims to stimulate, support and contribute to the efficient implementation of the EU acquis in the area of 'rule of law' and to strengthen relations between the Netherlands and the target countries by sharing the necessary knowledge and skills with policy advisors, members of the judiciary and other civil servants.

The following trainings were organised under MATRA PATROL in 2014:

- **Public Finance Management, 9 – 19 March**
Organised by Ecorys Academy, delivered at the Asser Institute
- **Access to Justice, 9 – 19 March**
Organised by the T.M.C. Asser Instituut
- **Integrity of Civil Servants, 6 – 16 April**
Organised by The Hague Academy for Local Governance
- **Quality, Application and Enforcement of Legislation, 6 – 16 April**
Organised by the T.M.C. Asser Instituut
- **Alternative Dispute Resolution, 21 September – 1 October**
Organised by the T.M.C. Asser Instituut
- **Decentralisation, 19 – 29 October**
Organised by The Hague Academy for Local Governance
- **European Procurement, 19 – 29 October**
Organised by Ecorys Academy, delivered at the Asser Institute
- **Administration of Justice, 19 – 29 October**
Organised by the T.M.C. Asser Instituut

Matra South Programme for Arab Countries - Supporting Democratic Transition in the Arab Region

Commissioned by Agentschap.NL, EVD Internationaal, the T.M.C Asser Instituut has implemented the Matra South Programme for Arab Countries - Supporting democratic transition in the Arab region, on behalf of the Netherlands Ministry for Foreign Affairs. The programme has been delivered in 2012, 2013 and 2014.

This programme aims to stimulate and support the democratic transition in the Arab region and to strengthen relations between the Netherlands and the target countries by sharing the necessary knowledge and skills with policy advisors, members of the judiciary and other civil servants working for the administration of justice in order for them to lead and inspire the modernisation of the judicial systems of their home countries building from the Dutch experience. Eligible countries for the Matra South training programme are: Morocco, Tunisia, Egypt, Libya and Jordan.

The following trainings and workshops were organised under the Matra South Programme for Arab Countries in 2014:

- **Third 'Administration of Justice' training : 18 – 28 May 2014, T.M.C. Asser Instituut, The Hague**
- **Follow-up workshop for the participants of the third 'Administration of Justice' training: 8 – 9 September 2014, Rabat, Morocco**

Inter – University Programme on International Criminal Law and Procedure

The T.M.C. Asser Instituut and the Outreach and Legacy Section of the Special Tribunal for Lebanon (STL) have created an Inter – University Programme on International Criminal Law and Procedure. The first session was delivered in November 2011 and the last one in November 2014, both by former STL President Sir David Baragwanath. The programme was designed for Lebanese undergraduate students in their 3rd and 4th year of studies, as well as a limited number of graduate students. Students from the following Universities took part: American University of Science and Technology (AUST), Beirut Arab University (BAU), Notre Dame University (NDU), Université La Sagesse (ULS), Université Libanaise (UL), Université Saint-Esprit de Kaslik (USEK), Université Saint-Joseph (USJ) and the American University of Beirut (AUB).

This programme was unique in that it enabled law students from eight different universities in Lebanon to follow 14 lectures on international criminal law and procedure together. This initiative provided a unique academic experience for all involved as the individual lectures were delivered by prominent (international) academics and practitioners in the field, via internet streaming, from the T.M.C. Asser Instituut in The Hague, the Netherlands, to one of the lecture halls in the participating Universities in Lebanon.

Summer Programmes

Summer Law Programme on International Criminal Law and International Legal Approaches to Terrorism 2 – 25 June

This month-long Summer Law Program in The Hague provided a unique opportunity for students from our partners, Washington College of Law and various American universities, together with external applicants to connect, network and learn together in the legal capital of the world. Our annual opening lecture by H.E. Judge Fausto Pocar started what was to be a month of excellent guest lecturers, ranging from academics to practitioners.

**Summer Programme on International Sports Law:
*Is Sport Playing by the Rule of Law?***

30 June – 4 July

This second Summer Programme, organised by the Asser International Sports Law Centre (AISLC), provided participants with a unique insight into the pressing issues such as *The FIFA Dispute Resolution Chamber, Procedural Aspects and Relevant Jurisprudence*, and *Marketing and Exploitation of Sports Media Rights* through a combination of lectures and workshops that provided both a general knowledge of the legal principles at play and a practical experience of the legal reality on the ground.

Summer Programme on International and European Environmental Law (New in 2014!)

August 25 – 29

This new Summer Programme was successfully launched in 2014 in cooperation with the European Environmental Law Network (EELN) and The Hague Environmental Law Facility (HELFL).

With thought provoking topics such as *Cross Boundary Environmental Impact Assessment and Challenges in Ensuring Sustainable Management of Natural Resources*, this programme provided the perfect platform for debate and discussion. It also enabled participants to get a better vision of the general principles and how they are of use in protecting the environment.

**Advanced Summer Programme on Countering Terrorism in the Post 9/11 World:
*Legal Challenges and Dilemmas***

25 – 29 August

The last week of August saw the fourth edition of the Summer Programme on Countering Terrorism in the Post 9/11 World: *Legal Challenges and Dilemmas* organised in cooperation with the International Centre for Counter-Terrorism – The Hague (ICCT). Throughout the week theory was supported by study visits to institutes such as Eurojust and the Special Tribunal for Lebanon with on the final day a practical workshop on *Foreign Fighters: Definitions, Legal Challenges and Threat Assessments* and a *High Level Panel* on “The Use of Military Evidence in Counter-Terrorism”.

Summer Programme on Disarmament & Non-Proliferation of Weapons of Mass Destruction in a Changing World

1 – 5 September

The fifth Annual Summer Programme on Disarmament and Non-Proliferation of Weapons of Mass Destruction (WMD) in a Changing World provided participants with a historical overview of arms control concepts and approaches, and considered the role of WMD disarmament and non-proliferation in the context of international law, security policies and geopolitical considerations.

The programme welcomed many honourable speakers such as H.E. Ahmed Üzümcü, Director General of the OPCW and Mr. Paul Walker, International Programme Director for the Green Cross. The programme covered many recent and current subjects such as the Nuclear Security Summit 2014 in The Hague and the removal and destruction of chemical weapons in Syria. Field visits to the Nuclear Research Reactor in Delft, the OPCW equipment store as well as the TNO in Rijswijk provided a practical element to the fourth day of the programme.

The Asser Institute organised this programme in cooperation with the Organisation for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons (OPCW).

Other

Enhancing the Expertise of Civil servants on EU Legislation 23 – 24 January, Moldova

In cooperation with the College of Europe Development Office, Wybe Douma (Senior Researcher, European Law at the T.M.C. Asser Instituut) prepared and delivered a 2 day training in Chisinau on EU Environmental Policy to civil servants working for the Centre of Legal Approximation under the Ministry of Justice of the Republic of Moldova.

The larger project encompasses training seminars aimed at enhancing the skills of the Moldovan civil servants on different areas of EU legislation, namely EU Environmental Policy and Fundamental Human Rights in the EU.

2nd CLEER Summer School on the Law of EU External Relations 23 – 27 June, Brussels

The T.M.C. Asser Instituut and the Centre for the Law of EU External relations (CLEER), together with UM Campus Brussels, organised their second intensive one-week summer school on EU External Relations Law which took place from 23-27 June 2014 in the Belgian capital: Brussels. The summer school was hosted by Maastricht University's UM Campus Brussels and drew over twenty participants from a range of political science, law and international relations backgrounds, with an interest in the field of EU external relations. The aim of the summer school was to provide participants with an extensive knowledge of the core institutions and instruments forming the foundations of the EU's external action, as well as a deep understanding of legal and policy issues in a number of key fields.