



 EU Funded Project

Upcoming events

- 11 March, The Hague:
*Reflections on COP 15
Climate Change Conference
and Beyond*
- 4 or 11 June, Brussels:
*External action and
representation of the EU*

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Prof. Christophe Hillion has joined the Swedish Institute for European Policy Studies (SIEPS)

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External dimension Stockholm Programme

On 5 February 2010, the T.M.C. Asser Instituut hosted a conference organised by CLEER on the implementation of the external dimension of the Stockholm Programme, the EU's new multi-annual programme in the Area of Freedom, Security and Justice. The debate revolved around three topics: (1) basic principles of mutual legal assistance and extradition agreements of the EU with third countries; (2) combating illegal immigration; and (3) data exchange and data protection. Dr. E.M.H. Ballin (Dutch Minister of Justice) delivered the keynote speech. Among other issues, the Minister called the participants to pay attention to the need for coherence between the internal policies in the AFSJ and the consistency of the EU's external actions. He stated the necessity of ensuring coherence between the institutions based in Brussels and agencies like Frontex, Europol and Eurojust. He also questioned the future role of COSI and the parameters for inter-institutional cooperation as set out by the Council. The three main topics were discussed by speakers from academia and from the world of policymaking, under the Chatham House Rule. The closing panel was chaired by Juan Antonio Martin Burgos, representing the Spanish Presidency. The event was financially supported by the Dutch Ministry of Justice and the European Commission.

Inter-institutional research cooperation

CLEER is now cooperating in a more structured way with EU external relations law experts from all Dutch universities. So-called 'faculty liaisons' have been found willing to represent their universities in the management structures of CLEER. This group of experts will meet at least once a year and will otherwise stay regularly informed about the decisions of the Board, the plans and activities of CLEER. To enhance research cooperation and the acquisition of funding at a European level, this group of 'liaisons' has been expanded to include representatives from other centres of excellence, e.g. Ghent University.

CLEER is eager to establish structural links with other academic institutions elsewhere in Europe, but prefers to do so through concrete cooperation in jointly managed projects. Through the Working Papers series, CLEER has built up an excellent cooperation with the Leuven Centre for Global Governance Studies. Another example is the development of the 2011 Summer School on EU External Relations Law with the Inter University Centre of excellence Rijeka-Zagreb.

Links are also established through personal contacts. In the second quarter of 2010, the T.M.C. Asser Instituut is hosting CLEER's first visiting fellows: Dr. Iavor Rangelov (Centre for the Study of Global Governance, LSE) and Nicole Betz (Research Fellow at the Max Planck Institute, Heidelberg).



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New CLEER Working Papers

- CLEER Working Papers 2009/5: 'Ensuring compliance? Enhancing judicial application of the *acquis communautaire* before accession', by Allan F. Tatham
- CLEER Working Papers 2009/6: 'EU peacebuilding in Georgia: limits and achievements', by Michael Merlingen and Rasa Ostrauskaite
- CLEER Working Papers 2010/1: 'The European Union and transitional justice', by Thomas Unger
- CLEER Working Papers 2010/2: 'Free movement of persons between Turkey and the EU: hidden potential of Article 41(1) of the Additional Protocol', by Narin Tezcan/Idriz and Piet Jan Slot
- CLEER Working Papers 2010/3: 'Europe and the revival of international trusteeship: lessons from the Balkans', by Tonny Brems Knudsen and Christian Axboe Nielsen

The board of CLEER, in its capacity as editorial board of the CLEER Working Papers series, welcomes the submission of papers for on-line publication (max. 20,000 words, incl. footnotes)

Funding

In December 2009, a request for funding was awarded by the Dutch Ministry of Justice for the organization, on 5 February 2010, of an international conference devoted to the implementation of the external dimension of the EU's Stockholm Programme.

In January 2010, Leonardo Massai (T.M.C. Asser Instituut) submitted a 'VENI' application for NWO funding under the tile 'Climate change law'.

In February 2010, CLEER applied to the European Commission (DG Education and Culture) under its Jean Monnet Lifelong Learning programme for a grant for the organisation of two international conferences.

CLEER reaches out to other academic institutions to cooperate in national and European tenders for research funding and welcomes any initiatives in this respect.

Below: Hans Nilsson (Council), flanked by Philippe De Bruycker (ULB) and Peter Bosch (Commission), showing a copy of the Stockholm Programme to participants of the conference on 5 February 2010 in The Hague

