

Research Projects

Continuing projects in 2013

Corporate Crime – Preventive Measures and Best Practices against Fraud, Corruption and Bribery committed through Legal Entities for the purpose of Financial and Economic Gain

*Supported by ISEC Action Grant from the European Commission
2011 – 2013, with a total budget of 295.538*

International Crimes Database & Web-environment

*Supported by ICCT (International Centre for Counter-Terrorism (ICCT) - The Hague) and the Dutch Ministry of Security and Justice
2011 – 2015, with a total budget of € 275.680*

Commercial Power Europe: Advancing Societal and Environmental Goals through Trade Relations

*Supported by the European Commission under the Jean Monnet Life Long Learning Programme
2012 – 2013, with a total budget of € 18.951*

The Legislator's Role in Establishing the Rule of Law in line with EU and International Standards

*Supported by the Dutch Embassy in Kyiv (Ukraine) under the MATRA programme
2012 – 2013, with a total budget of €25.805*

Multiple Framework Contracts for the Provision of Services of Legal, Economic and Technical Assistance in the fields of Energy and Mobility and Transport Policies

*Supported by the European Commission, Shared Resource Directorate MOVE/ENER
2012 – 2015*

Criminal Justice Sector/Rule of Law Capacity Building Project: Protecting Intelligence Sources and Witnesses in Terrorism-Related Court Cases

*Supported by the Dutch Ministry of Foreign Affairs
November 2012 – April 2014, with a total budget of € 72.750*

New implemented projects in 2013

Study on sports organisers' rights in the EU

By addressing a range of questions crucial to the existence and enforceability of sports organisers' rights in the EU, this research project aims to enhance the European Commission's knowledge on sports organisers' rights from the perspective of the EU legal framework, and to assess on the necessity of future action in the field. Three sets of questions are clustered around three key players in the sports/media complex, which reveals their intertwined relationship as well as their respective roles and interests: sports organisers, media companies, and other commercial users.

*Supported by the European Commission, DG Education and Culture, Sport Unit
January – November 2013, with a total budget of € 267.820*

Handbook of EU Environmental Policy Implementation in the Netherlands

In January 2013, the Dutch Ministry for Infrastructure and Environment granted a contract to the consortium comprising of the Institute for Environmental Studies (IVM, Free University Amsterdam) and the T.M.C. Asser Instituut to update the Handbook EU Environmental Policy and the Netherlands (Handboek EU Milieubeleid en Nederland). Researchers from the University of Amsterdam also joined forces with the team. The updated Handbook will go online in a new format in the spring of 2014.

*Supported by the Dutch Ministry for Infrastructure and Environment
January – July 2013, with a total budget of € 23.050*

Study on the Competences of the European Union and the EU Member States in the IMO (International Maritime Organisation)

In February 2013, the Dutch Ministry for Infrastructure and Environment granted the Asser Institute funding for a short study on the Competences of the European Union and the EU Member States in the IMO (International Maritime Organisation). The final report was presented to the Ministry at the beginning of March 2013.

*Supported by the Dutch Ministry for Infrastructure and Environment
February - May 2013, with a total budget of € 17.890*

Foundations of the draft Environmental Code ('Omgevingswet') in the light of European and international environmental law

The Dutch Ministry of Infrastructure and Environment commissioned the T.M.C. Asser Instituut, in collaboration with the Centrum voor Omgevingsrecht- en Beleid/NILOS of the University of Utrecht and Element Advocaten (Eindhoven) to investigate the foundations of the draft Environmental Code ('Omgevingswet') in the light of European and international environmental law. The investigation was finalised in July 2013.

*Supported by the Dutch Ministry for Infrastructure and Environment
March - July 2013, with a total budget of € 104.207*

Twinning project: TR 11 IB JH 01 - Improvement of the Crime Analysis and Prevention Capacity in Turkey – ESEI

Twinning project - partnership between the UK, Hungary and the Netherlands.

This twinning Project is aimed at developing a crime prevention strategy in Turkey and improving the institutional capacity of the Gendarmerie and Turkish National Police such that they may carry out crime analysis and assessment more effectively.

The consortium comprises the UK's Home Office and Ministry of Justice and its Serious and Organised Crime Agency, the Hungarian Police, the Netherlands Police and the Royal Netherlands Military Police.

The T.M.C. Asser Instituut will facilitate a weeklong study visit to the Netherlands during 2014 for Turkish delegates from the Gendarmerie General command and the Turkish National Police.

The study visits will be designed to provide an accurate picture of both strategic and tactical levels of operation and to reveal actual practice and success through a range of case studies.

*Supported by the European Commission – DG Enlargement
2013 – 2015. (No budget yet)*

Rule of Law Curriculum: Manual on Best Practices

In cooperation with the International Centre for Counter-Terrorism (ICCT), the T.M.C. Asser Instituut delivered a Manual on Best Practices for curriculum development and presented the findings during a conference in Geneva in July 2013. This manual was elaborated for the International Institute of Justice and the Rule of Law in Tunisia.

*Supported by the Center on Global Counterterrorism Cooperation (CGCC), the Institute for Security Studies (ISS), and the International Centre for Counter-Terrorism (ICCT)
April - July 2013, with a total budget of € 16.000*

Human security as a new operational framework for enhancing human rights protection in the EU's Security and Migration policies

In July 2013, the European Union granted funding to CLEER toward its research project, 'Human Security as a new operational framework for enhancing Human Rights protection in the EU's Security & Migration Policies'. The research project runs from 1 September 2103 until 31 August 2014.

The research project is aimed at facilitating academic interaction in closely interrelated areas of EU external conduct, creating synergies between and raising awareness of global security concerns.

Another aim is to take the so-far distinct and separate research areas under one heading and facilitate the establishment of a comprehensive and operational framework contributing to the overall assessment of the EU's role in tackling challenges stemming from emerging crises.

The first conference, organised under this research project was:

'Human security as a tool for a comprehensive approach for human rights and security linkages in EU foreign policy' (6 December 2013)

In 2014 the second conference 'Using Human Security as a legal framework to analyse the Common European Asylum System' will be organised.

Supported by the European Commission DG Education and Culture, Jean Monnet Lifelong Learning Programme

Sept 2013 – August 2014, with a total budget of € 22.326

Capacity Building for Judicial Reform in Bosnia and Herzegovina

In August 2013, Hulla & Co Human Dynamics KG (Austria) in cooperation with Altair Asesores (Spain) and T.M.C. Asser Instituut have been awarded this project.

The main focus of the support will cover the judicial and prosecutorial training system currently applied in Bosnia and Herzegovina (BiH), in order to ensure that the resources available are used in an optimal way, and that the content and quality of the training provided is in line with the needs of the machinery of justice in a potential EU candidate country.

Supported by the European Commission

October 2013 – October 2015, with a total budget of € 16.000

Study on risk assessment and management and prevention of conflicts of interest in the prevention and fight against betting-related match-fixing in the EU 28

To promote the exchange of good practices in the prevention of match-fixing, the European Commission had announced in 2012 that it would develop a recommendation on preventive measures to be applicable across the EU Member States and sports disciplines. The research to be carried out by T.M.C. Asser Instituut in cooperation with the Queen's University Belfast will go towards informing policy on the Commission's recommendation.

Oct 2013 – April 2014, with a total budget of € 59.973