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

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 courses will be delivered on: Administration of Justice, Access to Justice, Public Procurement, Integrity, Management of Public Finances, Decentralisation, Quality, Implementation and Enforcement of Legislation and Alternative Dispute Resolution to participants from Albania, Bosnia-Herzegovina, Croatia, 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 2013:

- **Alternative Dispute Resolution, 13–23 January**
Organised by the T.M.C. Asser Instituut
- **Quality, Enforcement & Implementation of Legislation, 13–23 January**
Organised by the T.M.C. Asser Instituut
- **Administration of Justice, 27 January–6 February**
Organised by the T.M.C. Asser Instituut
- **Integrity of Civil Servants, 3–13 March**
Organised by the T.M.C. Asser Instituut in cooperation with The Hague Academy for Local Governance
- **Legislation, 7–17 April**
Organised by the T.M.C. Asser Instituut
- **Public Finance Management, 7–17 April**
Organised by the T.M.C. Asser Instituut in cooperation with Ecorys Nederland BV

- **Access to Justice, 15—25 September**
Organised by the T.M.C. Asser Instituut
- **Alternative Dispute Resolution, 20—30 October**
Organised by the T.M.C. Asser Instituut
- **European Procurement, 20—30 October**
Organised by the T.M.C. Asser Instituut in cooperation with Ecorys Nederland BV
- **Decentralisation, 20—30 October**
Organised by the T.M.C. Asser Instituut in cooperation with The Hague Academy for Local Governance
- **Administration of Justice, 17—27 November**
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 will implement 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 will be 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 2013:

- **Follow-up workshop with the participants of the first ‘Administration of Justice’ training : 7 - 8 March, Tunis**
- **Second ‘Administration of Justice’ training : 21 - 31 May, T.M.C. Asser Instituut**
- **Follow-up workshop for the participants of the second ‘Administration of Justice’ training: 23 - 25 September, Morocco**

In addition to the MATRA South “Administration of Justice” Programme for Arab countries, Asser co-organised a workshop on counter-terrorism together with the Club des Magistrats du Maroc and the International Centre for Counterterrorism. The workshop brought together over 20 Moroccan participants from the justice and security

sectors in Rabat, Morocco to discuss counter-terrorism and the rule of law in relation to the administration of justice in terrorism trials. The workshop covered the following main topics: 1) legislation to prevent the financing of terrorism, 2) human rights standards and the trial of terrorists, 3) evidence gathering and use in terrorist trials – with a focus on new (digital, chemical, biological) means of evidence, 4) compensation for witnesses, and 5) an analysis of the GCTF's Rabat Memorandum on Good Practices for Effective Counterterrorism.

Lebanon Programme, second season

February 2013 – July 2013

The T.M.C. Asser Instituut is very proud to have obtained three more years of funding for the inter-university programme on international criminal law and procedure. The programme was launched in November 2011 by the T.M.C. Asser Instituut in cooperation with the Special Tribunal for Lebanon and is unique in that it enables law students from no less than eight different universities in Lebanon to follow a 2-semester module (14 lectures) on international criminal law and procedure, from a central location in Lebanon. Not only has this initiative filled an obvious gap in the current curricula of the individual participating universities, but it provides a unique academic experience for all involved as the individual lectures (every other week) are 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 the lecture theatre where the students were gathered, in Beirut.

The third season started in November 2013.

Summer Programmes

Summer Law Programme on International Criminal Law and International Legal Approaches to Terrorism

3 - 26 June

The Summer Law Programme in The Hague is the product of a unique collaboration between the War Crimes Research Office of American University's Washington College of Law and the T.M.C. Asser Instituut. It was the 7th time that the Institute organised this programme for a group of 40 Washington College Law students. This year we had an additional 4 interested students /young professionals from across the globe joining the programme.

Summer Programme on International Sports Law: The Expanding Area of International Sports Law

1 - 5 July

The ASSER International Sports Law Centre (AISLC) successfully delivered its first week-long summer programme covering 'The Expanding Area of International Sports Law' in The Hague.

The Summer Programme attracted a diverse participant population and included representation from Europe (Denmark, United Kingdom, Lithuania, Poland, Germany, Hungary, The Netherlands, Greece, Denmark, and Albania), the Middle East, Asia and Russia and from various sectors of the sports law community, including students, academics, lawyers, policy officers and federation and sports organisation representatives.

Advanced Summer Programme on Countering Terrorism in the Post 9/11 World

26 – 30 August

The Summer Programme 'Countering Terrorism in the Post- 9/11 World' was organised in cooperation with the International Centre for Counter-Terrorism (ICCT) - The Hague for the third year.

Fourteen participants, coming from Africa, Europe and South-East Asia, and having a variety of backgrounds (PhD students, diplomats, CT experts, police officers, researchers and government officials) attended the 5-day programme hosted at the T.M.C. Asser Instituut in The Hague.

Summer Programme on Disarmament & Non-Proliferation of Weapons of Mass Destruction

2 – 6 September

The Annual Summer Programme on 'Disarmament and Non-Proliferation of Weapons of Mass Destruction in a Changing World' was organised in cooperation with the Organisation for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons (OPCW) for the fourth time this year.

26 participants from 16 OPCW Member States attended the Summer Programme. This year's programme was supported with contributions from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Netherlands and Norway's delegation to the OPCW, which together provided full scholarships for 8 participants from countries with developing economies.

Other

1st CLEER Summer School on the Law of EU External Relations

24 – 28 June, Brussels

Organised in cooperation with Maastricht University (UM) Brussels Campus. This unique and intensive one-week Summer School provided a thorough analysis of issues pertaining to the Law of EU External relations. Through a combination of interactive lectures by renowned academic experts, workshops led by key practitioners and study visits to the EU institutions, participants gained an extensive knowledge and a deep understanding in this dynamic area of EU law and recent developments.

The programme included legal and policy issues in the area of EU External trade, Energy, AFSJ, CFSP/CSDP, Environment, ENP and Development policies, discussion about mixed competences and the EU's global role.

'Raising Capacities of Professionals of the Supreme Court of Albania for Better Administration of Justice' - Netherlands Fellowship Programmes Tailor Made Training (NFP-TMT)

6 – 16 October

This training was part of the project entitled 'Raising Capacities of Professionals of the Supreme Court of Albania for Better Administration of Justice' which will be developed and implemented in the period October 2013 – March 2014.

The training had the aim to enhance the knowledge on the EU standards and skills and know-how of the legal advisors to the Supreme Court of Albania (SCA) and of the staff of the department for Public Relation and External Affairs (DPREA).

Inside International Justice

4 – 8 November

In cooperation with the RNTC (an international training institute serving media professionals working in broadcast, print and online media) the T.M.C. Asser Instituut organised a one-week training for professional journalists reporting or intending to report on the work of the various international tribunals and courts in The Hague. It was the third year this training was organised.