

Research Projects

Continuing projects in 2014

International Crimes Database & Web-environment

Supported by ICCT (International Centre for Counter-Terrorism (ICCT) - The Hague) and the Dutch Ministry of Security and Justice

Period: 2011 – 2015, with a total budget of € 275.680

Multiple Framework contracts - Impact Assessment EU: LOT 1 - Supply of Impact Assessment, evaluation and evaluation related services in the area of Justice, Fundamental Rights and Citizenship (lead: MATRIX Belfast)

Supported by the European Commission

Period: March 2011 – March 2014

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

Supported by the European Commission, Shared Resource Directorate MOVE/ENER

Period: 2012 – 2015, overall project value € 3.000.000

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

Combining the experience and expertise of the Netherlands Ministry of Security and Justice in counter-terrorism law making and source and witness protection with Asser/ICCT's work on the use of intelligence in terrorism-related court cases and rule of law based approaches to counter-terrorism, this project aims to:

- create a technical and administrative framework for capacity building missions focused on developing or improving an effective and rule of law-based criminal justice sector response to terrorism, specifically aimed at the usage of intelligence and the protection of intelligence sources and witnesses in terrorism-related court cases;
- coordinate and implement four needs assessment missions and two subsequent capacity building missions within the span of 1,5 year;
- implement evaluation tools and mechanisms to measure the results of the missions; and
- establish within the proposed 1,5 year of operation a solid and effective programme and targeted outreach that attracts external funding for additional missions in similar or related thematic areas during and after the duration of this project.

Supported by the Dutch Ministry of Foreign Affairs

Period: November 2012 – April 2014, with a total budget of € 72.750

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 2013 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' was organised.

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

Period: September 2013 – August 2014, with a total budget of € 22.326

Raising capacities of the professionals of Supreme Court of Albania for better administration of justice / Administration of Justice

The objective of this project is to build capacity within the SCA (Supreme Court of Albania) and the staff of DPREA (Department for Public Relations and External Affairs) to enable staff to better understand and adopt EU standards in the justice management system in order to reduce the time for case adjudication in the Albanian courts.

Supported by the Netherlands organisation for international cooperation in higher education (NUFFIC)

Period: October 2013 – March 2014

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

Period: October 2013 – October 2015

Study on risk assessment and management and prevention of conflicts of interest in the prevention and fight against betting-related match-fixing in the EU28

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.

Supported by the European Commission (DG Education and Culture)

Period: October 2013 – April 2014, with a total budget of € 59.973

Montenegro - EU Support to the Rule of Law (EU ROL)

In November 2013 the consortium led by NI-CO Belfast and T.M.C. Asser Instituut as consortium member has been awarded an EU Action Grant for the implementation of the project EU Support to the Rule of Law in Montenegro.

The global objective of the action is to support the reform of rule of law in line with EU standards and best practices. The specific objective of the action is to strengthen the independence, efficiency and accountability of the Judiciary, and the fight against corruption and organised crime.

The target groups are: Ministry of Justice, Supreme Court of Montenegro, Supreme State Prosecution Office, the Ministry of Interior, the Police Administration, the Administration for the Prevention of Money Laundering and Terrorist Financing, State Property Agency

*Supported by EC Delegation of the European Union to Montenegro
Periode: January 2014 – January 2017*

New implemented projects in 2014

Georgia – Support to the Constitutional Court Human Dynamics

In March 2014 the EU delegation to Georgia has awarded a contract for the project “Support to the Constitutional Court of Georgia” to the consortium led by Hulla & Co Human Dynamics (Austria). The consortium includes the following partners: T.M.C. Asser Instituut (The Netherlands), DMI Associates (France), Bureau for Institutional Reform and Democracy (BIRD) GmbH (Germany) and Centre for European Constitutional Law (CECL) (Greece).

The purpose of this contract is the Institutional Strengthening of the Constitutional Court of Georgia (CCG). This will contribute to the effectively fulfilment of its functions, e.g. ensure just and highly professional approaches in constitutional review, separation of powers, adjudication upon complaints challenging constitutionality of laws, treaties, by-laws, and regulations vis-à-vis the basic principles of the Constitution of Georgia as well as fundamental rights and freedoms enshrined therein and in international acts.

The overall objective of the project is to strengthen the rule of law and human rights protection in Georgia in line with Georgia's own international commitments.

The specific objective of the project is the Institutional Strengthening of the Constitutional Court of Georgia. Constitutional justice in the modern democratic society is meant to strengthen the principle of separation of powers and the interaction between them. It is also to help resolving the social and political problems by legal means. The review of constitutionality of laws and their applicability according to the constitutional standards and best constitutional practices is vital and mandatory for any constitutional system nowadays.

Target group

Civil servants, Courts and tribunals, Judges, Legal officials in administrative institutions

*Supported by EC Delegation of the European Commission to Georgia
Period: June 2014 – December 2016*

European Parliament – Framework Contract on Impact Assessment and European Added Value - Lot 3 (Environment, Public Health, Food safety, Employment and Social Affairs)

In March 2014, MATRIX UK with T.M.C. Asser Instituut was awarded a multiple framework contract by DG for Internal Policies at the European Parliament. Within this contract, Asser provides independent legal advice services in the field of Impact Assessment and European Added Value, specifically in the area of Environment, Public Health, Food safety, Employment and Social Affairs.

Expertise is provided principally in the form of documents to be delivered upon request (briefing papers, research papers, studies). The contract has a maximum duration of 48 months.

Supported by European Parliament, DG for Internal Policies

Period: March 2014 – March 2018, overall framework contract value of € 2.500.000

European Parliament – Framework contract Foreign policy expertise

In April 2014, TEPSA with T.M.C. Asser Instituut was awarded a multiple framework contract by DG for External Policies at the European Parliament. Within this contract, Asser provides independent legal advice services in the area of (Lot 5): Development, (Lot 8): Human Rights.

Supported by European Parliament, DG for External Policies

Period: April 2014 – April 2018, overall framework contract value of € 3.080.000

EC Commission Study to evaluate the Brussels Ibis Regulation - an appraisal of the application in The Netherlands

Asser contributed to a 'Study on the assessment of Regulation (EC) No 2201/2003 and the policy options for its amendment' that is being carried out by Deloitte & Touche GmbH, Hamburg. This multi-country study, commissioned by the European Commission, undertakes to map out the practice of the Member States courts and authorities in relation to the Brussels Ibis Regulation (Regulation 2201/2003). The report drawn up by Michiel de Rooij (Asser Institute) for the Netherlands describes relevant case law for the year 2012 and identifies specific problems which have arisen in the Netherlands with regard to the application of the Brussels Ia Regulation based on case law. The multi-country study of Deloitte & Touche is expected to be completed in 2015.

Supported by European Commission

Period: April 2014

EP Framework research contract on justice and home affairs 2013/S 051-082662: "Provision of External Expertise to the Committee on Civil Liberties, Justice and Home Affairs, in the field of Justice and Home Affairs" - Lot 5: Police and Judicial Cooperation in Criminal Matters and Data Protection – MATRIX

In March 2014, MATRIX UK with T.M.C. Asser Instituut was awarded a multiple framework contract by DG Internal Policies at the Union at the European Parliament. Within this contract, Asser provides independent legal advice services in the area of (Lot 5): Police and Judicial Cooperation in Criminal Matters and Data Protection.

Supported by European Parliament, DG for Internal Policies of the Union

Period: March 2014 – March 2018, overall framework contract value of € 2.500.000

EU-Study: Mapping the labour status of sportspeople under EU law

In September 2014, the Asser Institute was awarded a contract by the DG Employment of the European Commission to analyse the impact of intra-EU mobility on the labour status of sportspeople under EU and national law.

The study will result in a report describing the labour concept applicable to sportspeople (worker or self-employed person) under EU law, CJEU case law, decisions of Court of Arbitration for Sport (CAS) and national law and jurisprudence in five Member States (Belgium, Croatia, Czech Republic, United Kingdom and Germany). Stock will be taken of the situation and specificities of contractual relationships at national level in five chosen Member States concerning the status of professional footballers. Participate in club championships and the impact of cross-border movement of sporting

professionals on national systems and contractual relationships, will be studied. The distinction between intra-EU free movements of workers (Article 45 TFEU) from cross-border provision of services (Article 56 TFEU) and freedom of establishment (Article 49 TFEU) in the sports sector will be analysed.

Supported by European Commission, DG Employment

Period: September 2014 – March 2015, with a total budget of € 48.260

Extension of Handbook EU Environmental Policy Implementation in the Netherlands

Updating of the Dutch online Handbook Implementation EU Environmental Policy in cooperation with IVM, VU Amsterdam.

Supported by the Dutch Ministry of Infrastructure and the Environment

Period: July 2014 – June 2015, total budget of € 49.500