

# Training Programmes 2015



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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 Academy and The Hague Academy for Local Governance, has implemented 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 were 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 25 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. [More information](#)

The final MATRA Patrol training programmes organised in 2015 include:

- **Access to Justice, 15 – 25 March 2015**  
Organised by the T.M.C. Asser Instituut
- **Quality, Application and Enforcement of Legislation, 12 – 22 April 2015**  
Organised by the T.M.C. Asser Instituut
- **Public Finance Management, 12 – 22 April 2015**  
Organised by Ecorys Academy, delivered at the T.M.C. Asser Instituut
- **Integrity of Civil Servants, 12 – 22 April 2015**  
Organised by The Hague Academy for Local Governance
- **Decentralisation, 4 – 14 October 2015**  
Organised by The Hague Academy for Local Governance
- **European Procurement, 4 – 14 October 2015**  
Organised by Ecorys Academy, delivered at the T.M.C. Asser Instituut

- **Administration of Justice, 4 – 14 October 2015**  
Organised by the T.M.C. Asser Instituut
- **Alternative Dispute Resolution, 18 – 28 October 2015**  
Organised by the T.M.C. Asser Instituut



## Matra Patrol in the Region

The past four years have seen a large number of alumni (some 775) participate in the Matra Patrol training programmes in The Hague. Recognising the power of peer to peer interaction and support, and keen to preserve the good relations built through the Matra Patrol trainings on a national and regional level, the Netherlands Ministry for Foreign Affairs extended the Matra Patrol training programme to include a series of activities in the region. This follow-up project involved a series of five one-day events (thematic roundtables followed by alumni receptions) in Turkey, Albania, Macedonia, Bosnia-Herzegovina and Serbia, between November 2014 and January 2015.

Alumni were not only delighted to meet and greet their friends again but they were particularly keen to share their experiences and discuss all aspects of their daily work related to harmonisation of legislation with EU standards, judicial cooperation, fighting corruption, legal aid and alternative dispute resolution.



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

Commissioned by the Netherlands Enterprise Agency, the T.M.C. Asser Instituut has implemented the MATRA South *Administration of Justice* training programme for Arab Countries - Supporting democratic transition in the Arab region - on behalf of the Netherlands Ministry of Foreign Affairs, in the year 2015.

This programme aimed 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. [More information](#)

The following activities were organised under the Matra South *Administration of Justice* training programme for Arab Countries in 2015:

- **Administration of Justice training: 22 – 31 March 2015, T.M.C. Asser Instituut, The Hague, the Netherlands**
- **Follow-up workshop for the participants of the Administration of Justice training: 18 – 21 October 2015, Rabat, Morocco**

## Inter – University Programme on International Criminal Law and Procedure

The T.M.C. Asser Instituut is very proud to have obtained another year 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 Outreach and Legacy Section of the Special Tribunal for Lebanon (STL) and is unique in that it enables law students (3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> year of their studies) from nine different universities in Lebanon to follow 15 lectures on international criminal law and procedure, together from a central location in Lebanon. This initiative provides a unique academic experience for all involved as the individual lectures 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 one of the lecture halls in the participating universities in Lebanon. The fifth season started in October 2015, with a lecture by Judge Ivana Hrdlickova, President of the Special Tribunal for Lebanon (STL).

[More information](#)

## Summer Programmes

### Summer Law Programme on International Criminal Law and International Legal & Comparative Approaches to Terrorism

18 May – 12 June 2015

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: How to Play Football's Legal Game?

29 June – 3 July 2015

The first week of July marked the third edition of the Summer Programme on International Sports Law organised by the Asser International Sports Law Centre. This year's programme focused for the first time specifically on European and International football law, which include *inter alia* the fundamentals of FIFA's and UEFA's private regulations, the principles pertaining to the CAS arbitration procedure, and various rights and duties imposed by EU law on the world of football. During the week-long programme, the global audience of participants joined for a series of lectures and workshops, led by internationally renowned sports law experts, academics, practitioners, arbitrators, and enjoyed some *in situ* experience by attending the FIVB Beach Volleyball World Championships. [More information](#)



Mr. Theo van Seggelen, Secretary General FIFPro

## Summer Programme on International and European Environmental Law: The Future We Choose

24 – 28 August 2015

The second edition of the Summer Programme on International and European Environmental Law focused on the theme 'the future we choose'. It emphasised the impact that we, human beings, have on the future state of the environment and the conditions into which new generations of human beings are being born.

Professor Malgosia Fitzmaurice opened the Summer Programme with a keynote lecture, guiding the participants through the history of the concept of sustainable development in international law, and commenting on the challenge of giving the concept substance and applying it.



Dr. Leonardo Massai, Lecturer, Catholic University Lille & Legal and Policy Advisor, Coalition for Rainforest Nations

Amongst the highlights of the week was a climate change workshop held by Dr Leonardo Massai and Jürgen Lefevere, whereby the participants took on the role of negotiators. Furthermore, the study visit to the International Court of Justice (ICJ) made a lasting impression on the participants, emphasising the position of The Hague in the world as capital of international peace and justice. [More information](#)

## Advanced Summer Programme on Countering Terrorism: Legal Challenges and Dilemmas

24 – 28 August 2015

The T.M.C. Asser Instituut, together with the [International Centre for Counter-Terrorism \(ICCT\)](#), delivered in the last week of August the fifth edition of the Summer Programme on Countering Terrorism; an excellent programme with a focus on the international legal aspects of counter-terrorism.

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 High Level Panel on "The Dilemmas Involved in Countering Terrorism through the Internet: What's at Stake?"

[More information](#)



Mr. Fulco van Deventer, Human Security Collective

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

31 August – 4 September 2015



20 participants from across the world convened, discussed and debated, under the guidance and steering of an excellent pool of experts, topical and relevant issues concerning Weapons of Mass Destruction (WMD) in our changing world. The WMD Summer Programme, organised by the T.M.C. Asser Instituut in cooperation with the Organisation for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons ([OPCW](#)), provided clear insights into the functioning of the four international WMD treaty organisations and illustrated the

main challenges each organisation faces today. The keynote speaker of this year's WMD Summer Programme was H.E. Ahmet Üzümcü, Director-General of the OPCW. [More information](#)

## Other

### Training of Judges from Montenegro

23 – 26 November 2015

The T.M.C Asser Instituut delivered a training programme concerning justice reform and international cooperation towards the strengthening of the rule of law within the Montenegrin judiciary, under the EURoL programme. Course participants included members of the Montenegrin Supreme Court, senior representatives of the State Prosecutor Office and senior policy makers from the Ministry of Justice of Montenegro. The project was carried out in cooperation with NiCo. [More information](#)