

COMCRIM
COMbatting CRIMes that undermine democracy and
the rule of law in a comprehensive and smart manner



COMCRIM Kick-off event

Agenda

COMCRIM is an interdisciplinary research project conducted by an international public-private research consortium into crimes that undermine democracy and the rule of law in and via the Netherlands (*ondermijning*). Over 28 scholars from more than nine disciplines jointly examine the systemic factors of organized crime. Public and private partners collaborate to detect such crime in unconventional data sources such as banking records, follow the money and discern criminal networks, patterns, and effects. This kick-off event for the consortium, researchers, and the general public aims to provide further information about the research project and its social impact including through collaborative work sessions on the first day of the event.

Monday 16 and Tuesday 17 December 2024
Faculty of Law, Department of Criminal Law and Criminology
Bouillonstraat 1-3, 6211 LH Maastricht

Program Day 1. Public event and working sessions

11.00-11.30	REGISTRATION/COFFEE			
	Room B1.113 - Feestzaal			
11.30-13.00	WELCOME and OPENING REMARKS			
	Key note speech delivered by Prof. Dr. Nikos Passas, chair of both the Project Advisory Committee and International Expert Group of COMCRIM			
	Presentation of past research: lessons learned and benefits of working in an international research public-private partnership			
	Introduction to COMCRIM and its work packages			
	Word by Prof. Dr. Jan Smits, Dean of the Faculty of Law			
13.00-14.00	LUNCH			
14.00-14.45	Panel discussion with the International Expert Group and Project Advisory Committee			
14.45-15.30	Panel discussion with the package leaders, including Q&A with the audience			
15.30-15.40	BREAK			
15.40-16.30	Breakout session 1 Youth recruitment and (financial) crime scripting into crimes that undermine democracy and the rule of law Room C0.311B	Breakout session 2 High-value unique goods pertaining to crimes that undermine democracy and the rule of law Room C0.302	Breakout session 3 Drug (related) crime that undermines democracy and the rule of law and forensics Room C0.308	Breakout session 4 Logistical hubs and regional cooperation pertaining to crimes that undermine democracy and the rule of law Room C1.306
16.30-16.40	BREAK			
16.40-17.30	Breakout session 1 <i>Socio-legal research: collaboration with and between partners</i> Room C0.311B	Breakout session 2 <i>Computer science research: collaboration with and between partners</i> Room C0.302	Breakout session 3 <i>Socio-economic research: collaboration with and between partners</i> Room C0.308	
17.30-17.45	MOVEMENT TO THE FEESTZAAL			
17.45-18.00	Plenary wrap-up			
18.00-19.30	CLOSING RECEPTION (OPTIONAL)			

19.30-21.30 DINNER (OPTIONAL)**Program Day 2. Closed event for research core team, IEG, PAC, and others who indicate an express interest**

8.45-10.15	Team building session for PhDs Room C0.311B	Furthering the common theoretical framework with supervisors Room C0.302
10.15-11.30	Work sessions between PhDs and supervisors Rooms C0.311B and C0.302	Revision of the project annual report with the Project Advisory Committee Room C0.308
11.30-12.15	Session on research ethics Room C0.311B	Review of project governance and plan of the International Expert Group Room C0.302
12.15-13.00	Session on data management led by Fieke Wauters Room C0.311B	Review of project governance and plan of the Project Advisory Committee Room C0.302
13.00-13.15	Plenary wrap-up Room C0.311B	
13.15-14.00	LUNCH/DEPARTURE	