



Invitation

Webinar 'Insights in MH17 Proceedings' – moderated discussion

Thursday 28 September 2023

Online session via ZOOM (registration required)

10.00 – 13.00 Kyiv time / 09.00 – 12.00 CET

Experts

- Digna van Boetzelaer (Chief Public Prosecutor)
- Marieke de Hoon (Assistant Professor of (International) Criminal Law)
- Brechtje van de Moosdijk (Spokesperson National Public Prosecutors' Office)

Content

This webinar provides insights in (aspects of) the legal proceedings in the MH17 case. On 17 July 2014 Malaysia Airlines flight MH17 crashed in eastern Ukraine, killing all 298 people on board. Four people held responsible for the crash faced criminal charges before the District Court of The Hague. This case bears, in certain aspects, similarities to criminal proceedings that are (to be) investigated by the Ukrainian judiciary. We therefore invite you to engage with us about our experiences.

The crash had a major social impact and there was high (international) public interest in the case. In this webinar three experts, all closely involved in the process in different roles, will speak about the choices that were made during the investigation. We will review applicable legal provisions in national and international law and speak about how the investigation by the Public Prosecution's Office (PPO) was managed and coordinated. The legal proceedings called for careful communication with the public and between all parties involved in the process. We will explain how this was implemented (and why in this manner), taking into account the special requirements of the case. Also, we will discuss the 'lessons learned' and we look at the impact of such cases for ensuring just and legitimate proceedings, and the flow of cases through the national criminal justice system.

Information about MH17

The webinar includes a Q&A session. To inform yourself about the content and specifics of the case, please turn to the following websites:

- [MH17 plane crash | Public Prosecution Service](#)
- [Timeline: important steps in the investigation and legal proceedings | MH17 plane crash | Public Prosecution Service](#)
- [MH17 trial | District Court of The Hague \(courtmh17.com\)](#)

Experts

Digna van Boetzelaer is Chief Public Prosecutor. She directed the overall investigations of the Joint Investigation Team (JIT) in the MH17 case.

Marieke de Hoon is Assistant Professor of (International) Criminal Law at the University of Amsterdam. She followed the MH17 sessions at court closely and has researched and published about the case.

Brechtje van de Moosdijk is the Spokesperson of the National Public Prosecutors' Office in The Hague. She was spokesperson for the JIT in the MH17 case and as such responsible for media contacts, international partners in the JIT and relatives of MH17 victims.

How to join

This webinar is hosted via ZOOM by the National School of Judges of Ukraine. Please pre-register using the link below.

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