



## Invitation

### Webinar 'Insights in MH17' – court's perspective

Tuesday 22 October 2024

Online session via ZOOM (registration required)

10.30 – 12.30 Kyiv time / 09.30 – 11.30 CET

#### Experts

- Mirjam Ekkart (Former senior legal staff advisor international crimes DC The Hague)
- Paul Rouwen (Judge at DC Zeeland-West Brabant, pressjudge during MH17)

#### 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 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 the two experts, closely involved in the process in different roles, will speak about the choices that were made during the proceedings. They will address legal issues as well as how the trial was managed from the court's perspective.

Mirjam Ekkart will focus on the legal aspects of the case as it was handled and assessed by the court. She will address issues such as the international (and national) legal framework including admissibility, trial in absentia, the legal reasoning leading up to the acquittal of one of the defendants and the overall weighting of the evidence presented by the court.

Paul Rouwen will focus on the proceedings at the court during the trial. What decisions were made regarding the implementation of the process? What choices were made to ensure due process of law and why? Paul Rouwen will address the special circumstances of the case that led to certain choices in the way in which the court dealt with the cases surrounding the legal proceedings.

## Agenda

- 09.30 Welcome and opening words by Margreet Blaisse, Board Member of SSR and by Mykola Onishchuk, Rector of the NSJ Ukraine
- 09.40 Presentation followed by Q&A by Mirjam Ekkart about the decision-making by the court
- 10.35 Presentation followed by Q&A by Paul Rouwen about the way the court handled the circumstances that were surrounding the legal proceedings
- 11.30 Closing of the event

## 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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