

# ILS 2.0 MEMO

## *GOVERNANCE & BUDGET FOR THE PROFILE AREA INTERACTION BETWEEN LEGAL SYSTEMS 2016-2020*

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Leiden Law School has been granted € 1.000.000 from the University Board of Leiden University in relation to its Profile Area *Interaction Between Legal Systems* (ILS 2.0), pursuant to the successful completion of ILS 1.0 in February 2015. The main goal of ILS 2.0 is to stimulate multidisciplinary and innovative research transcending faculty institutes and sections (“afdelingen”) with a substantive focus on the interaction between legal systems. It runs from 1 April 2016 - 1 April 2020. This memo sets out: (I) governance of ILS 2.0; (II) overview of ILS 2.0 activities and (III) description of ILS 2.0 activities and budget allocation per activity.

### **I. Governance of ILS 2.0**

The project leaders of the three key projects (see under III a) are jointly responsible for the governance of the ILS 2.0 research portfolio. This means that the project leaders will also become “ILS-trekkers” and in that capacity they will be responsible for the governance of ILS 2.0 and for attribution of the other ILS-activities outside their own key projects. They are accountable to the “ILS-penvoerder”, which is the Faculty Research Director/Vice Dean (currently prof. Van den Herik).

### **II. Overview of ILS 2.0 activities**

The granted budget of € 1.000.000 for the profile area *Interaction between Legal Systems* is divided over the following activities:

- a. Three key projects at € 200.000: € 600.000
- b. Three Matching PhD-positions: € 180.000
- c. Three “Toogdagen” / International conferences: € 60.000
- d. Ten ILS seminars: € 40.000
- e. Seed money to promote second- and third-current projects: € 60.000
- f. Lorentz Events: € 60.000

### III. Description of ILS 2.0 activities and budget allocation per activity

#### **a. Three key projects at € 200.000: € 600.000**

A total sum of € 600.000 is reserved for three key projects. Per key project € 200.000 is available. The aim is to finance innovative, frontier research transcending individual faculty sections and significantly enhancing cooperation and synergy between faculty institutes and/or research programmes.

The main criteria for financing a key project are:

- innovative, frontier research which transcends individual faculty sections and which significantly enhances cooperation and synergy between faculty institutes, sections and/or research programmes;
- a substantive focus on the (horizontal, vertical) interaction between legal systems;
- substantive scientific output and spin off, including significant scientific footprint of the project and societal relevance;
- track record of the project leader regarding management, governance, and scientific output;
- the application must be supported by a minimum of three professors/associate professors (each appointed for a 0,6 fte or more), from different faculty institutes and/or sections.

Other criteria:

- possibility of generating future funding/continuation of the project after exhaustion of the ILS-budget (in this context the calls of various societal challenges under Horizon 2020 can be considered, for instance in the field of juvenile justice, immigration law, financial law and equal treatment law);
- possibilities for fruitful international cooperation.

#### **b. Three Matching PhD-positions: € 180.000**

Three ILS PhD positions of € 60.000 each, to be matched by institutional or other funds. Institutes and their sections may exploit their own reserves/ 3<sup>rd</sup> current flow (“Sap-potjes”) for the creation of research positions. This example could include the deployment of LL.M. advanced funds to create PhD places for LL.M. advanced students. The ILS 2.0 funds can offer € 60.000 matching per position. The position may be linked to the key project mentioned sub III a.

#### **c. Three “Toogdagen” / International conferences: € 60.000**

€ 60.000 will be available for three international conferences, which have a multidisciplinary character and/or which promote interaction between different faculty institutes and/or sections. The conferences may be linked to the key project mentioned sub III a. During these

conferences research will be initiated or presented. The conference must therefore be directly focused on scientific output and result in high quality publications.

**d. Ten ILS seminars: € 40.000**

To promote interaction and synergies between researchers from different faculty institutes and/or sections through scientific debate and to further stimulate and encourage the research environment a further € 40.000 will be available for ten ILS seminars. These seminars will be small-scale afternoons where reputable and/or international guests can be invited. Researchers will be encouraged to apply for an amount of approximately € 4.000 per seminar with the guiding criteria that the seminar is of multidisciplinary nature and/or is organized by researchers from various faculty institutes and/or sections of Leiden Law School. Serendipity is the leading concept behind the ILS seminars; the seminars are a forum for interaction between faculty institutes and/or sections with the idea that new and unexpected ideas may arise. The existing ILS blog can also be used in this context to explore these new insights and to enhance more generally the internal dynamics of researchers and the internal and international scientific debate.

**e. Promote second- and third-current projects through seed money: € 60.000**

To promote applications for new second- and third- current (“2e en 3e geldstroom”) funded projects € 60.000 (4x € 15.000,-) is available for Meijers fellows. Meijers fellows can apply for € 15.000,- for preparing project proposals – partly also by keeping an eye on ERC grants and societal challenges. They can thus finance their own replacement for education and/or finance travel and accommodation costs of a short stay research period.

**f. Lorentz Events: € 60.000**

To promote the multidisciplinary approach with a view to preparing proposals in the area of societal challenges, € 60.000 is available for workshops in the setting of the [Lorentz Center](#) for the alpha and gamma domains, where similar contribution may be made from other profile areas.