ACCESS EUROPE and VU Centre for European Legal Studies invites you to an afternoon symposium on

The Future of EU Criminal Law and Mutual trust
22 March 2018

Place: The Faculty of Law, VU, Initium room 2A-47

Time: 2 pm-5.30 pm

We have invited four eminent scholars on EU criminal law and asked them to reflect on the future of EU criminal law, mutual recognition and the function of trust. The EU area of freedom, security and justice (AFSJ) is one of the most evident examples of where trust is needed and especially difficult to achieve. Criminal law (which is part of the AFSJ) offers also one of the best test cases for EU integration, in particular the question of horizontal harmonization through mutual recognition and the idea of trust based legislation. With more than one and a half decade ago since the European Arrest Warrant was adopted, we are still faced with many of the same questions: inter alia if the EU should have coercive measures based mainly on trust between States? What are the possibilities of rebutting trust? What is the legal situation with regard to EU citizens being subject to a prison sentence and transfer to another Member State? Added to this is the interesting and complex situation of Brexit: The UK has signified its interest in participating in some of the security related measures in EU criminal law which possibly creates an curious tension with the EU Charter of Fundamental Rights. These and other questions will be debated at this mini symposium on the future of EU criminal law.

Program

2 pm: Welcome and coffee/tea

Chair: Ester Herlin-Karnell (VU Amsterdam).

2.10-5 pm

- André Klip (Maastricht University), “Mutual Trust in Cooperation in Criminal Matters, Challenges Ahead”
• Estella Baker (De Montfort University): “EU criminal law after Brexit”

• Tony P. Marguery (Utrecht University), “Euprisoners and the future of mutual recognition in EU criminal law”

Small coffee break
  • Auke Willems (London School of Economics): Rejoinder and discussion

Panel discussion and debate.

5 pm onwards drinks reception

All are welcome!