Summary Monitor Mechanism ‘Justitie over morgen’

This study attempts to develop a prototype mechanism for monitoring key developments in the light of the scenarios ‘Justitie over morgen’ (Justice for Tomorrow). These scenarios originate from key uncertainties: people’s perception of security within society and internationalisation. Four scenarios have been developed by combining these key uncertainties: Forza Europa, The European Way, Samen.nl (“Together.nl”) and Bang Nederland (“Scared Netherlands”). The scenarios serve as a tool for policy making, taking long term developments in the field of Justice into account.

This study was set up to analyse the future direction of key developments by using the scenarios and a monitor mechanism. By monitoring empiric sources, we can determine where we stand and the direction we are heading, in relation to the scenarios.

Some of the sources we monitor directly measure the key uncertainties, others measure related developments. The sources also serve as early warning signals to indicate upcoming changes regarding people’s perception of security within society and an increase or decrease of internationalisation.

An application for 2007 is presented in this study to illustrate the working of the mechanism.