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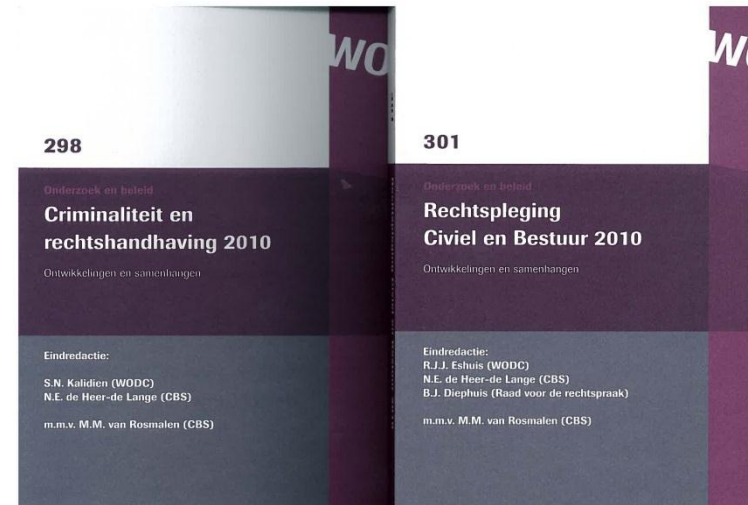
The Ministry of Justice Research and
Documentation Centre:
an introduction

WODC

the Dutch Ministry of Justice Research and Documentation Centre

- Founded in 1973
- All justice research initiated by the Justice Department, the Minister, Parliament is carried out or supervised by the WODC
- All research is published
- Large data collection, confidential data are made accessible for research

Research activity



- Data collection, publishing statistics on the legal system
- Evaluation of Laws
- Research on Crime and Legal problems
- Modelling demand for Justice institutions, forecasts

'Empirical' research

- 'Law in Books' vs. 'Law in Practice'
- Research based on unbiased observation
- Not 'formal' or 'normative' science

- Statistics
- Descriptive or testing hypotheses
- Opinion polls, user satisfaction

The institute

- Data collection and preservation
- Statistics and forecasts
- Research by the WODC
- Research by others (350 research institutes, universities etc.)

Quality Control and transparency

- Annual research program
- Start document (includes method, budget, time frame) for each project
- Three research institutes compete for project
- Supervision committee for each project (including research by WODC)
- All research is published (free access)

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Dutch site includes all research reports (downloadable)

<https://www.wodc.nl>

English site includes selection of research

<https://english.wodc.nl/>

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