

# LDE Centre for Safety and Security

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# SOCIETY AT RISK

**Our societies are becoming increasingly complex: economic activities become more and more interrelated, stakeholder involvement increasingly dynamic, whilst buffer capacity and redundancies decrease on a day by day basis. Hence, society becomes more susceptible for both intentional and non-intentional disruptions. Today, straightforward solutions for safety and security issues fall short.**

The Leiden-Delft-Erasmus Centre for Safety and Security focuses on safety and security as complex societal and scientific problems. The Centre has bundled research, education and dissemination of knowledge and know-how in this extremely important area for Dutch society and economy.

## VISION

Our vision is to continuously improve safety and security within society and industry, based on scientific research. Multidisciplinary approaches, in which we combine security studies with safety science, are key to our center.

## MISSION

Our mission is to be an inter-university center of excellence for fundamental, applied and action-oriented academic research concerning safety and security topics. Our research is based on scientific and industrial data and information and leads to pro-active as well as reactive (multi- and interdisciplinary) theories, applications and tools to improve existing (business and governmental) settings. We seek to connect scientists from our three universities and external parties, stimulating them work together in multidisciplinary projects.

## STRATEGY

- Gain and develop safety and security (theoretical as well as practical) knowledge and know-how from an in-depth holistic viewpoint (i.e., cross-academic, cross-company, cross-sectoral, national, international, etc.). This knowledge is used to elaborate ideas, concepts, frameworks, approaches, tools, procedures, codes of good practice, software, recommendations, scientific theories, etc. and to disseminate these to society and industry through publications (books, scientific articles, proceedings, professional literature, and popular (social) media).
- Develop education for university and post academic scholars.
- Participate in, and organize colloquia and conferences and to take part in the public debate as regards safety and security issues.

We have an up-to-date website summarizing our approaches, projects, newsletters and activities: <http://www.safety-and-security.nl/home>.