



# JUSTICE ACCELERATOR

We run justice challenges to identify and select innovative and promising justice start-ups in focus areas.  
We accelerate justice innovations to help them grow and maximise their impact.



# THE NEED FOR INNOVATION

An estimated four billion people do not have access to justice. States are increasingly struggling to provide the justice services citizens require. Going to court is all too often expensive and time consuming. In many countries courts are understaffed, underfunded and beyond the reach of most people. The rulemaking mechanisms and formal institutions that should hold governments to account are very often seen as inadequate.

The truth is: the core rules of the justice game today are updated versions of 19th century procedures that are entirely fossilised. The justice sector has painted itself into a corner. If legal systems, as they are designed today, are to stay relevant and affordable, they must innovate.

But it's not all bad news. In the world of leading tech innovations like Uber and AirBNB, the opportunities for innovation are huge. It is now time to bring this innovation energy into the justice sector.



# A WORLD OF OPPORTUNITY

The HiiL Justice Accelerator comes across **hundreds of practical justice solutions** every year that can really make a difference. Justice change makers who are busy building much faster and cheaper contract negotiation or conflict resolution procedures, more effective protection mechanisms of citizens' rights or more participative, accountable and transparent decision- and rule-making processes.

**But we also see many of them fail.** Justice innovators are often isolated. They feel trapped in rigid systems and too often lack the necessary skills, connections and support. Effective innovations need to be integrated in existing systems much faster and successful practices need much more exposure around the world. **It is time** to make justice delivery responsive, connected with real needs, private sector and investor networks and supported by a more sustainable ecosystem.

## WE SELECT ACCORDING TO 4 CRITERIA:

Impact



Scalability

Sustainability



Uniqueness

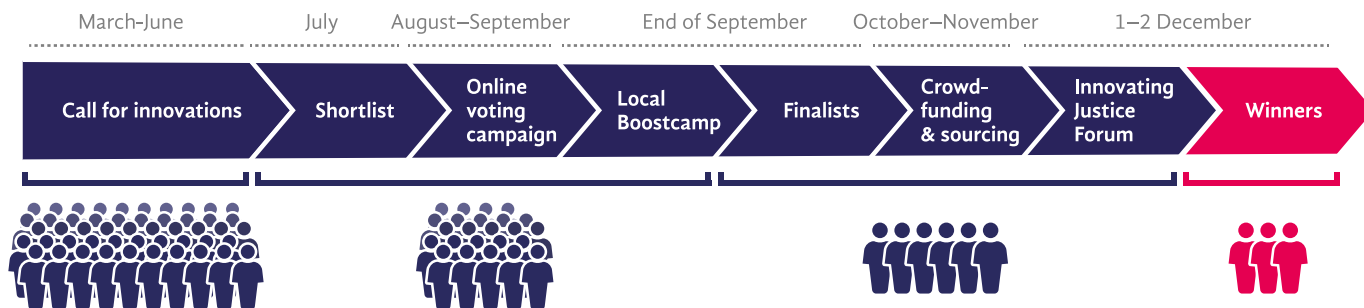
## OUR APPROACH IS TO ACCELERATE

Over the past 5 years HiiL has led the development of **a unique platform** that helps unlock the innovation potential in the field of justice. To promote justice innovation across the world, the Justice Accelerator issues Challenge competitions. Justice entrepreneurs are invited to respond to the challenge competition, **introducing new solutions around specific legal topics.**

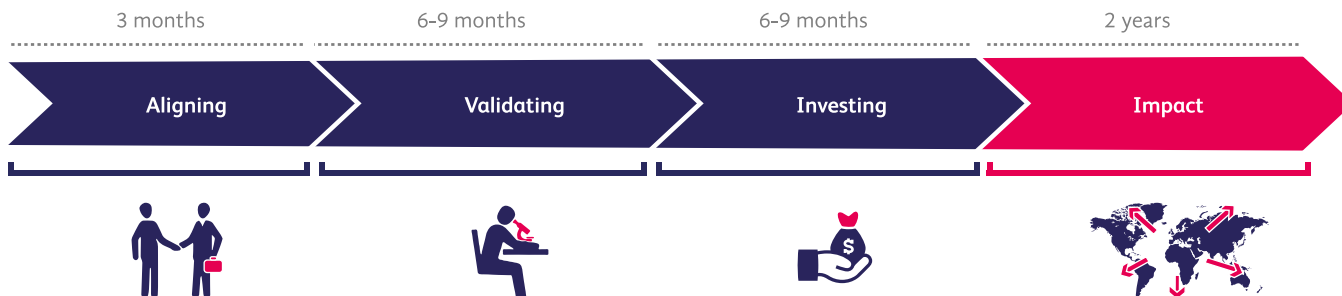
The most promising innovations are published on our platform, [www.innovatingjustice.com](http://www.innovatingjustice.com). After an online campaign, expert jury **evaluation and local boostcamps**, the most promising innovations are invited to the Annual Innovating Justice Forum in the Peace Palace. The finalists pitch their justice solution to a wide international audience of potential partners and investors. Moreover, finalists can win up to €100,000 seed-funding per challenge and professional acceleration support in developing their business plan. Throughout the process and the years that follow, we continue to track the impact of the investees.

Our justice challenges are organised around focus areas, such as Human Rights, Employment Rights or SME Empowerment. Together with our partners, among which the **Ford Foundation, Thomson Reuters, C&A Foundation, De Brauw Blackstone Westbroek and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs**, we select and accelerate justice innovations in areas that create most impact and potential for growth.

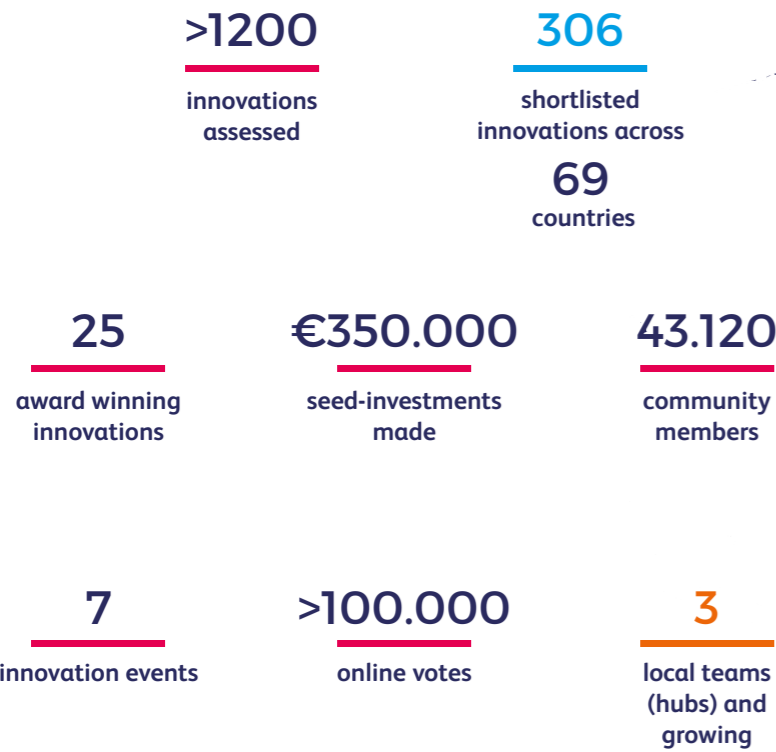
## CHALLENGING: FINDING QUALITY



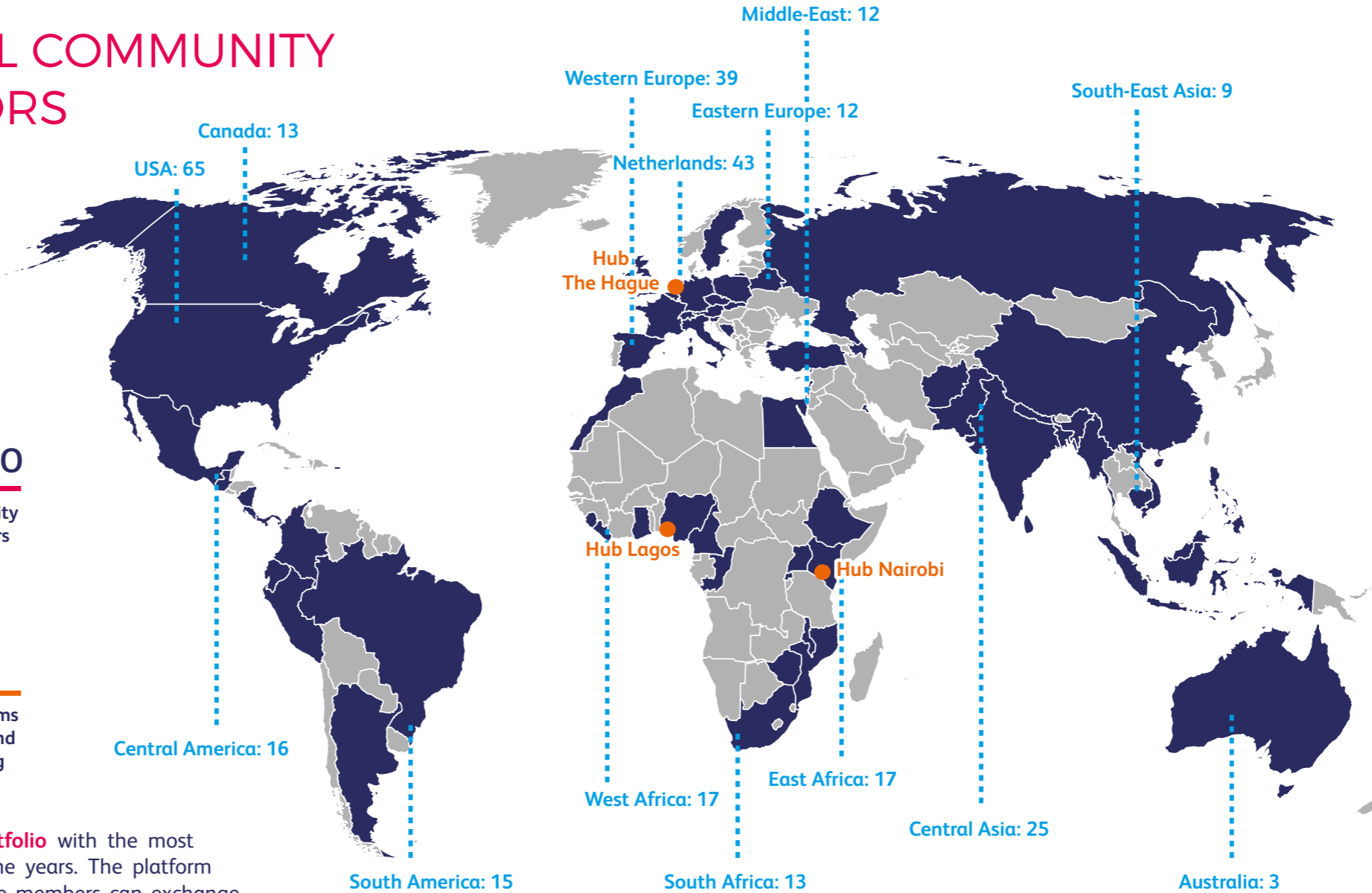
## ACCELERATING: GROWING IMPACT



# WE ENGAGE A GLOBAL COMMUNITY OF JUSTICE INNOVATORS



Our online platform contains a **justice innovation portfolio** with the most promising justice solutions that we've attracted over the years. The platform contains a large community of justice enthusiasts where members can exchange ideas, post blogs, vote on projects and follow the selection of our annual Innovating Justice Awards. In our local hubs in Lagos, Nairobi and The Hague our agents accelerate innovators, guide workshops and organise events.



## OUR INNOVATIONS OFFER SOLUTIONS IN THESE SECTORS:

- legal services
- lawyers 2.0
- rights awareness
- legal education
- data and transparency
- rule-making
- legal governance
- advocacy and litigation
- dispute systems
- land- and property rights
- innovative procedures
- compliance and enforcement
- mediation
- human rights
- protective measures
- environmental protection
- business registration
- intellectual property

## Legal Tech



Justice change makers who build accountable and transparent decision- and rule-making processes and much faster and cheaper contract negotiation or conflict resolution procedures.



## WE RUN THEMATIC CHALLENGES

Together with our partners, we develop Challenges around the most urgent justice needs.



## SME Empowerment



Justice entrepreneurs address bureaucratic and regulatory barriers hindering the progression of SMEs and youth led start-ups across Africa and other regions.



## Family Justice



Solutions aimed at resolving family disputes over property, heritage or land, easing procedures for separation and divorce and ensuring a safe and fair environment for children.

# SOME SUCCESS STORIES



## Accountability Lab

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Community Justice Teams in Liberia have mediated over 150 cases in their communities in 2014, saving citizens \$20,000.

## Project JUST

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Giving citizens an application to review 64 fashion brands for transparency, working conditions, environmentally-friendly policies and social responsibility.



## LawForMe

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The Indian platform which simplifies legal information with the use of infographics received 60,000 hits in the first 4 days after its launch.



## mSMEGarage

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A legal-advice service brought by Ugandan 'Barefoot' lawyers is aiming to reach 1000 clients by August 2016.



## Five-0

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A police rating app that has reached over 10,000 users across the USA and was highly praised in the Economist.

# WHO WE ARE

The HiiL Justice Accelerator is headed by Wilfried de Wever and counts a core-team of 5 Innovating Justice Agents. The Accelerator is a product of HiiL, which is a foundation based in The Hague – the City of Justice and Peace. Current annual revenues are €3 million (in 2016). Besides running the Justice Accelerator, we measure citizen's justice needs, develop innovations ourselves and provide technology for online dispute resolution platforms. The HiiL team is led by CEO Sam Muller and Research Director Maurits Barendrecht. The MT is supervised by a professional supervisory board and assisted by a well-placed international group of honorary patrons.

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# MAIN PARTNERS



**Global Agenda Council on Justice**  
World Economic Forum

**Next2Company**

## Supporting partners



DE BRAUW  
BLACKSTONE  
WESTBROEK

