

The research focuses on, for example, such matters as trends of economic crimes, various types of economic crimes and ways of committing them, and the characteristics of economic crime investigation. In addition, cooperation between the authorities, the efforts to combat economic crime and economic crime in criminal policy are examined. The research team is headed by Vesa Mutttilainen (PhD).

Research projects in progress:

- The trends of economic crimes
- The grey economy in the construction sector in Finland
- Economic malpractices, administrative sanctions and crime suspicions
- Economic safety threats related to business activities
- Scientific research on economic crimes in Finland in the 2000s
- Corruption and bribery in business and public-sector activities

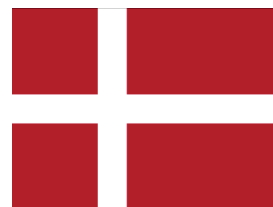
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New Knowledge and Research Centre in the Danish National Police



The Danish National Police has established a new centre, the Danish Police Knowledge and Research Centre. The centre has been commissioned with the task of integrating police research and police science into the activities of the Danish National Police, and with making research and development knowledge about policing available to the police.

The centre will not only produce research that can contribute to the development of all areas of policing, but will also collect and disseminate research and knowledge that may help to secure the continued development and quality of policing. The centre will thus be cooperating with, and distributing knowledge and research from, police research institutions in other countries, private and public research institutions and universities.

Educational Reform

The Knowledge and Research Centre plays a key role in the educational reform under way in the Danish police force. The National Police College is to be transformed into a University College with effect from August 2010. This requires substantial changes in the existing educational structure, not least a stronger emphasis on research and development within both education and practical policing. The Knowledge and Research Centre is expected to support these changes by producing, communicating and disseminating research and knowledge, and by working towards the development of a culture for lifelong learning and knowledge-sharing within the Danish police force.

Participation in working groups and consultancy work related to the educational reform has thus been a substantial part of the new centre's work portfolio since its establishment. The centre will continue to work closely together with the

National Police College, in order to ensure the integration of research and development in all educational activities within the Danish police force.

Police Research and Development in Denmark

The field of police research and science is under-developed as an independent research field in Denmark, both within and outside of the police. The establishment of a knowledge and research centre is thus a first step towards developing this field of research.

Up until now, development within the police has been initiated by individual departments on an operative level and only in relation to particular problems of policing. These initiatives have been carried out mostly within the forums for cooperation and exchange of knowledge set up by European police forces such as ENFSI, Europol, CEPOL and the like.

An important objective is to facilitate the integration of research and development, and to facilitate development within more general fields of policing, such as patrol work, investigation of common crimes, public order management, etc. Also, the centre aims to set strategic goals in order to integrate development initiatives with general knowledge and research policies and to ensure that projects and developments are responsive to future trends and perspectives within Denmark and the EU.

The Centre Model

The centre is geographically situated at the National Police College, but is organisationally placed under the auspices of the Department for Human Resources and Education within the Danish National Police. The centre runs a library that is intended to become a research and educational library that can service both researchers and students at the new University College.

The centre will employ both tenured and project researchers as well as police officers. In addition to its research staff, the centre will host police officers and specialists carrying out development projects supervised by the centre's

meant to facilitate a vibrant research environment, producing creative synergy and integration of research and practice perspectives, and is aimed at supporting the development of a culture for learning and knowledge-sharing.

The Knowledge and Research Centre currently hosts research within the areas of criminal investigation (methodology), police psychology and interrogation, and police ethics. It also participates in the establishment of a national multidisciplinary network of police researchers employed outside the National Police.

A significant part of the centre's activities will be organised around an Internet portal for sharing and disseminating knowledge. A web platform is under development that will host an Internet site, research databases, work spaces, e-learning facilities, and network facilitating and knowledge-sharing facilities, such as a 'Police Wiki' (user-edited encyclopaedia) and a 'Police Face book' (network tool with professional profiles).

The centre welcomes ideas, suggestions or advice from both individuals and institutions. We would also like to get in contact with researchers, research environments and networks, with a view to investigating the possibilities of developing joint ventures and exchanging knowledge about research initiatives within the field of police research and science.

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