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Abstract

Scientific research at the Scientific Institute of Criminalistics and Criminology are carried out in response to requests by the police authorities. The subjects of research are the most important problems confronting law enforcement. Although the area of research is fairly diverse, we focus on the prevention of, and fight against, organised crime.

The most important subjects which the institute has worked on in recent years have been: “The sexual exploitation of children and police preventive counter measures”, “Organised drug crime – criminalistic characteristics and police prevention”, “Corruption and police prevention”, “Prevention and detection of ecological crimes”, “Child crime and police preventive counter measures” and “Computer crime”. The members of the institute are currently concentrating their efforts on the following themes: “Crimes committed by the use of electronic means of payment” and “Prevention and detection of crimes related to the production and circulation of forged means of payment”. Some of these themes concentrate exclusively on the problem of organised crime whilst others analyse some problems related to organised crime.

The institute’s main task is to support the practical work of the police through scientific analysis of current and future trends in the field of crime and in particular with regard to the most dangerous crimes. The perpetrators, the victims as well as the criminogenic und victimogenic factors are at the centre of the institute’s work.

The objective is to identify the most important practical problems confronting the police in their daily work and to offer solutions to these problems in order to improve their work. With this in mind we analyse best practices in other countries with a view to whether or not these might be suitable within the Bulgarian context. Cooperation with other state and social institutions and organisations which work within the field of crime suppression is also the subject of research. Each research project carried out at the institute concludes not only with a prognoses on trends within the field of crime researched over the coming years, but also with concrete recommendations as to how to improve police work.