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**The new Swedish model – combating benefit fraud in a welfare state**

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## **Curriculum vitae**

The Swedish National Social Insurance Board 1998 – 2004 Project Manager for comprehensive overhauls of IT-solutions and working practices within the Swedish social security administration.

Operations manager of quality control and recoveries.

The Swedish Social Insurance Agency 2005 – 2008 Coordinator of Quality Control at the Headquarters of the Swedish Social Insurance Agency.

Head of government initiative to employ 300 academics to the control unit of the Swedish Social Insurance Agency.

Insurance Manager of nationwide benefits.

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## **Abstract**

The welfare system in Sweden includes many benefits and also many different authorities, municipalities and unemployment insurance funds who administer them. While most benefits are directed at individuals, some are targeting businesses and can involve large payments. It is not uncommon in such fraud cases that faulty payments reach above EUR 100.000. This has made benefit fraud an interesting area for organized crime in Sweden. Members of organized crime can commit benefit fraud all by themselves, or with the help of a facilitator such as an employer or doctor. There are also large fraud schemes where groups have tried to cheat several systems at once. One of the most highlighted kind of fraud schemes concern assistance compensation.

The Swedish Social Insurance Agency is engaged in a specific project, focused on screening and controlling 26 assistance providing companies. These have been selected according to specific criteria. In cooperation with ten other agencies involved in the Swedish Government's special initiative against serious organized crime, The Swedish Social Insurance Agency has been investigating these assistance providers, their employees and the care recipients. Two examples of organized crime and the crimes uncovered in these cases will be provided in the presentation. The crimes cover large-scale benefit fraud and severe tax offences. The felonies committed by these lawbreakers end up costing the Swedish government and the Swedish society tremendously large amounts of money.