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- Research projects on criminology and criminal matters

I. Preliminary remark

For the first time it is possible to present an EU-wide analysis of transnational research projects on criminology and criminal matters carried out or initiated by institutions connected with the police or judiciary. There are fifty such projects in all, including

- 27 projects from Germany
- 4 projects from Denmark
- 5 projects from France
- 6 projects from United Kingdom
- 8 projects from Italy
- Luxembourg reported that it had no such projects

The precise designation of the projects, together with the type of project and the progress of research, will be found in the Annex.

The following points were noted during analysis of the questionnaires received:

- some of the questionnaires were not fully completed; i.e. not all questions were answered or the descriptions supplied were of projects unconnected with the questionnaire.
- Although only transnational research projects in the field of criminology and criminal matters were supposed to be mentioned there were references to
 - projects devoid of any transnational character
 - and projects concerned with purely technical aspects of detection work

- Projects concerned with purely technical aspects of detection work are not dealt with here.
- Any further queries may be addressed to the Federal Criminal Investigation Office on 0611/6085.

II. Individual analysis

1. Main fields of research covered by the projects

It is possible to identify 6 focal points among the fields of research concerned with criminology and criminal matters. There are also national focal points as the following summary shows.

(a) Narcotics/drugs

Federal Criminal Investigation Office/Germany

- Preventive models in the field of drug-related crime (serial number 5)
- Duration and development of addiction in drug-dependent subjects (serial number 8)
- drug legalization: the arguments for and against (serial number 9)
- expertise on methods for gauging the extent of the drugs problem in Germany (serial number 10)
- Drug consumption and crime – Survey on the prevalence of drug abuse on the basis of blood tests (serial number 11)
- Police data on drug-related deaths – definition, structures, registration, significance and evaluation (serial number 15)

Land Criminal Investigation Office Hamburg/Germany

- Social and medical background of drug-related deaths (serial number 17)

Home Office/United Kingdom

- EURO-NARC
European drug enforcement (serial number 39)

(b) Economic crime/organized crime

Federal criminal investigation office/Germany

- EC Internal Market project (serial number 1)
- Corruption – a blurred phenomenon as the subject of targeted prevention (serial number 7)
- The logistics of organized crime (serial number 13)
- Implementation project on the impounding of profits (serial number 14)

France

- Fraud involving Community subsidies (serial number 36)

(c) Police cooperation

France

- Analysis of interaction between the European police cooperation area and that of national security (serial number 32)
- Transfrontier cooperation in connection with the Channel Tunnel and the Franco-German border (serial number 33)
- EUROPOL (serial number 35)

United Kingdom

- Itinerant Crime – An Intelligent Network – The European Perspective (serial number 37)
- Transnational crime issues of management and strategy for the police (serial number 40)
- Appropriateness of police responses to cross-border crime (serial number 42)
- A system of European Police cooperation after 1992 (serial number 38)

(d) Police working methods

Federal Criminal Investigation Office/Germany

- Criminological case analysis (serial number 2)
- Effectiveness and efficiency of special forms of organizations set up on a temporary basis (serial number 6)

Public Administration Academy – Police Enforcement Section – Bremen/Germany

- Identification of suspects by witnesses (serial number 19)

Land Criminal Investigation Office Baden-Württemberg/Germany

- Empirical study to enable a prognosis to be made on the basis of crime files in Baden-Württemberg (serial number 25)

Police Academy, Villingen-Schwenningen/Germany

- Analysis of categorical data using multi-variable methods – an empirical study based on criminological data on traffic offences (serial number 27)

(e) Problems surrounding the issue of violence and victims

Federal Criminal Investigation Office/Germany

- Principal manifestations of violence in day-to-day policing and how the police deal with them. A survey of officers on the beat in East and West Germany (serial number 3)

Police academy Münster/Germany

- Attacks on police officers (serial number 18)

Public Administration Academy – Police Enforcement Section – Bremen/Germany

- Public safety as experienced by the victims of crime (serial number 20)
- Violence against women in marriage and common-law marriage (serial number 21)

Denmark

- Profile of rape cases (serial number 29)
- Police research project on improved violent-crime statistics (serial number 31)

(f) Problems relating to foreigners/immigration

Federal Criminal Investigation Office/Germany

- Survey of the literature on xenophobic violence/skinheads (serial number 12)

Land Criminal Investigation Office Bavaria/Germany

- Foreigners as victims of crime (serial number 23)

Land Criminal Investigation Office Baden-Württemberg/Germany

- Investigation into xenophobic crime (serial number 24)

France

- The control of migratory flows (serial number 34)

(g) Miscellaneous

Federal Criminal Investigation Office/Germany

- On the conflict-solving behaviour of young people (serial number 4)

Land Mecklenburg-Western Pomerania/Germany

- Youth crime in Mecklenburg-Western Pomerania and possibilities for prevention with particular reference to multiple and serious offenders (serial number 22)

Police Academy, Villingen-Schwenningen/Germany

- Research into organization of public prosecutor's office (serial number 26)

Denmark

- Investigation into breaking and entering (serial number 30)
- Crime forecasts for the year 2000 (serial number 28)

United Kingdom

- Police, Crime and Justice in Europe (serial number 41).

2. Duplicate or parallel research

Crucial to the analysis of the 50 research projects was the question whether there was any sign of duplicate research. As some questionnaires were incomplete or unspecific this initial analysis can do no more than indicate possible duplicate research. It was nonetheless possible to identify 5 areas of research in which duplication may be occurring.

(a) France's planned projects on

- Analysis of interaction between the European police cooperation area and that of national security
- Transfrontier cooperation in connection with the Channel Tunnel and the Franco-German border

and the United Kingdom's already completed research project on

- A system of European police cooperation after 1992

(b) The United Kingdom's planned research project

- EURO-NARC (A study of trends in European drug enforcement)

and Germany's already completed project on

- Preventive models in the field of drug-related crime

and the ongoing German project on the

- Duration and development of addiction in drug-dependent subjects

(c) The completed Danish project

- Crime forecasts for the year 2000

and the ongoing French project

- Fraud involving Community subsidies

and the ongoing German project

- EC Internal Market project

(d) The United Kingdom's planned research project on

- Transnational Crime issues of management and strategy for the police

and Germany's completed project on

- Effectiveness and efficiency of special forms of organizations set up on a temporary basis

(e) Denmark's ongoing project on

- Profile of rape cases

and Germany's completed project on

- Violence against women in marriage and common-law marriage.

3. Research methods used

Given that some questionnaires were not properly completed the results of the analysis of the research methods used need to be treated with due caution.

Here too there appear to be national points of emphasis. The German projects, for example, were predominantly based on oral questioning of individuals, consultation of experts and written questionnaires.

The most commonly used methods were oral questions such as individual interviews or discussions with experts.

The second most frequently mentioned method was the analysis of files and documents, followed by written enquiries.

Finally, there was the analysis of existing information (e.g. in computer systems).

All things considered, it is possible to say that for all its teething troubles this first EU-wide analysis of transnational research projects concerned with criminology and criminal matters initiated or carried out by research institutions connected with the police or judiciary

can certainly be regarded as a valuable means of exchanging specific information, of drawing attention to possible duplication of *research* and of encouraging cooperation in the field of research into *criminology* and *criminal matters*.

We therefore urge that the project be continued, updated at six-monthly intervals and the results made available to the Member States of the European Union.

It would make sense for this task to be assumed by a single Member State, to be determined.

Overview of EU police cooperation projects

Serial number	Country	Project title	Project type			Project status		
			In-house	Sponsored	Joint	Completed	Under way	Envisaged
1	Germany Federal Criminal Investigation Office	Impact of the EC Internal market on crime trends and conclusions in terms of police efforts to combat crime ("Internal Market Project")		X			X	
2	Federal Criminal Investigation Office	Criminological case analysis	X				X	
3	Federal Criminal Investigation Office	Principal manifestations of violence in day-to-day policing and how the police deal with them. A survey of officers on the beat in East and West Germany	X				X	
4	Federal Criminal Investigation Office	On the conflict-solving behaviour of young people		X				X
5	Federal Criminal investigation Office	Preventive models in the field of drug-related crime		X		X		
6	Federal Criminal Investigation Office	Effectiveness and efficiency of special forms of organizations set up on a temporary basis			X	X		
7	Federal Criminal Investigation Office	Corruption - a blurred phenomenon as the subject of targeted prevention	X				X	
8	Federal Criminal Investigation Office	Duration and development of addiction in drug-dependent subjects		X				X
9	Federal Criminal Investigation Office	Drug legalization: the arguments for and against	X			X		

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11	Federal Criminal Investigation Office	Drug consumption and crime – survey on the prevalence of drug abuse on the basis of blood tests			X		X	
12	Federal Criminal Investigation Office	Survey of the literature on xenophobic violence/skinheads	X			X		
13	Federal Criminal Investigation Office	The logistics of organized crime		X		X		
14	Federal Criminal Investigation Office	Implementation project on the impounding of profits	X				X	
15	Federal Criminal Investigation Office	Police data on drug-related deaths – definition, structures, registration, significance and evaluation		X			X	
16	Hamburg	Hamburg Altona – a local criminological study			X		X	
17	Hamburg	Social and medical background of drug-related deaths	X				X	
18	Münster Police Academy	Attacks on police officers	X				X	
19	Bremen	Identification of suspects by witnesses	X				X	
20	Bremen	Public safety as experienced by the victims of crime	X			X		

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43	Italy	AFIS		X			X	
44	Italy	BANCA DATI		X			X	
45	Italy	SART			X		X	
46	Italy	SAIV			X		X	
47	Italy	FOTOGRAMMETRIA		X			X	
48	Italy	IDENTIKIT	X				X	
49	Italy	CRIMINALISTICA 1		X			X	
50	Italy	CRIMINALISTICA 2	X				X	
51	Luxembourg	- / -						