Estonia and International Cooperation

Independence declared on 24.02.1918 and restored on 20.08.1991

Total area: 45 339 km²
Population: 1 316 000
Ethnic groups: 68.8% Estonians
25.1% Russians
6.1% others
GDP per capita: 29,239 USD

International cooperation:
Interpol - 1992
Europol - 2002
European Union and NATO - 2004
Schengen - 2007
Euro-zone - 2011
Police and Border Guard Board (PBGB)

- PBGB started its work on 2010 when Police Board, Central Criminal Police, Public Order Police, Border Guard Board, and Citizenship and Migration Board were merged.

- By merging the agencies, all resources related to the ensuring of internal security – people, experience, funds and equipment were combined under one management.

- This way the field of internal security is developed as a whole and the existing resources can be utilized in the most effective way.
Police and Border Guard Board (PBGB)

- With 5000 employees PBGB is the biggest state agency in Estonia.
- The main tasks of PBGB are:
  - Security and public order in the state
  - The securing of the external border of the European Union
  - The investigation and prevention of crimes and offences
  - The determination of citizenship and issuing of documents
- PBGB is a police authority. All officers, regardless of their full title or position, whether a border guard, a traffic police officer, an investigator or a pilot – are police officers.
- PBGB`s budget for 2017 was 165 million euros.
Public Trust in PBGB

- POLICE
- PBGB


Trust Levels:
- 1995: 43%
- 1996: 47%
- 1997: 44%
- 1998: 44%
- 2000: 52%
- 2001: 62%
- 2002: 69%
- 2003: 71%
- 2004: 72%
- 2005: 77%
- 2006: 81%
- 2007: 83%
- 2008: 86%
- 2009: 81%
- 2010: 81%
- 2011: 83%
- 2012: 86%
- 2015: 86%
- 2017: 89%

Increase in trust over time.
The Structure of PBGB

Director General

Internal Control Bureau
Internal Audit Bureau

4 Regional Prefectures

Development Department
Centralised development and planning of all PBGB services.
Planning, budgeting, analysing and international cooperation.

Intelligence Management and Investigation Department
Centralised and sensitive investigations, operational information management.
Central Criminal Police, Immigration Bureau, Aviation Group and the Maritime Fleet.

Administration
Centralised department of support services.
Logistics, personnel, translation, public relations and other support services.

Central Criminal Police
Prefectures - PBGB regional structural units

NORTH PREFECTURE
- 1189 police officers
- 10% of the area
- 38% of population
- 49% of crimes

WEST PREFECTURE
- 442 police officers
- 38% of the area
- 18% of population
- 12% of crimes

EAST PREFECTURE
- 739 police officers
- 16% of the area
- 18% of population
- 19% of crimes

SOUTH PREFECTURE
- 877 police officers
- 36% of the area
- 26% of population
- 20% of crimes

Estonia in total:
- 1 340 000 inhabitants
- 27 125 crimes (2018)
Internal Control Bureau

Functions of ICB
- Preventing, combating and proceeding of offences and disciplinary offences of officials and employees;
- Performance of background checks;
- Monitoring of information processed by means of information and communication technology used at the PBGB;
- Organisation of the establishment of rights to access the IT systems.

ICB annual statistics:
- ~ 40 disciplinary proceedings
- ~ 280 complaints, applications, formal notices
- ~ 70 Investigations on service related incidents
- ~ 70 criminal proceedings;
- ~ 30 proceeding of misdemeanours
- ~ 4000 background checks
Reactive vs preventive approach to misconducts

1. Incident, offence, misconduct
2. Ascertainment of circumstances
3. Motives, Immanent cause, Values
4. Judicial and/or tactical circumstances
5. Bill of indictment, punishment yes/no
6. Summary, conclusions, proposals
7. Aid, counselling, assistance to officials
8. Review of procedures, tactics, training, Awareness raising
9. Communication

What happened?
Why did it happen?
How do we react?
How can we prevent it?
Threat and risk assessment

- Information & intelligence
- Impact of legislation
- Impact of organizational matters
- Technology

Risk assessment of units
- Identification of possible offences
- Impact Existing mitigation measures Likelihood

Annual action plan

Investigations
- Gathering intelligence
- Delitescence crime
- Post-factum investigations

Preventive measures
- Targeted awareness raising
- E-learning courses
- Guidance
- Communication

Control activities
- On-site inspections
- Off-site inspections
- Service related checks

Monitoring
- Different algorithms based on logfiles
- Network monitoring
- Data protection
- Ancillary activities
Thank you!