

Fighting Corruption in Hamburg

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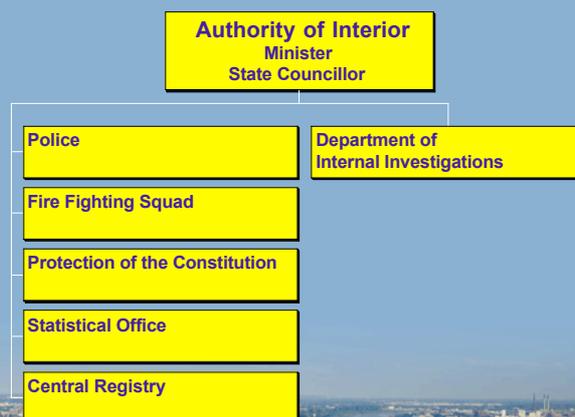
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Development

- Offences committed by public officials and police matters begins in 1982
- Independent section to the presidential staff of the Head of the Hamburg Police Department
- Drastic changes in 1994 - so-called Hamburg police scandal
- 1995 - Department of Internal Investigations

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Organization



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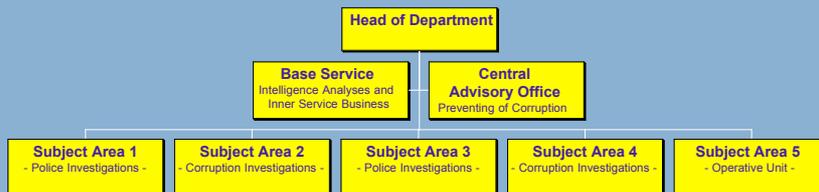
Organization

Focus of activities was put on

- suspected offences by police officers in connection with the general world of criminals ("involvement in the world of criminals")
- Combating corruption in the administration in general

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Organization



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Prevention

Three-pillar approach

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Prevention

Three mainstays

Central
Advisory Office

Anti-Corruption
conference

Discussion
Group
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Prevention

Central Advisory Office

- available as a contact for issues of the preventive and remedial fight against corruption to all salaried civil servants but also to private individuals
- special importance being attached to information about the punishability and consequences of corruption
- integrated into training and advanced training programmes of the authorities and is at the disposal of every citizen and employee in the authorities as a contact

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Anti-corruption Conference

- supervise the implementation of the recommendations presented by the *working party Fight against Corruption in the Concept to Fight Corruption in Hamburg* and to coordinate discussion requirements

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Anti-corruption Conference

Moderated and directed by the Dep. of Internal Investigations

Participants (inter alia):

- the public prosecutor's office,
- the section for white-collar crimes at the State Criminal Investigation Office,
- the judicial authority,
- the audit office,
- the Authority for Economic Affairs and Labour,
- the human resources office,
- the Revenue Authority as well as
- the Internal Investigations Section.

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Discussion Group Corruption

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- Corruption Section, Prosecuting Attorney's Office
- Discussion of actual cases
- Coordination on whether or not to initiate criminal investigations
- Close coordination on investigation methods

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Outlook

Extensive measures to improve the fight against corruption

- improving and increasing human and material resources of the D.I.E.,
- providing a free of charge "citizen telephone",
- increasing personnel and means of the public prosecutor's office,
- intensifying cooperation between the criminal prosecution authorities and other authorities,
- supporting the D.I.E. by tax auditors

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- carrying out checks irrespective of any suspicion through internal audits
- initiating a Freedom of Information Act,
- broadening the offer of information and
- extending training measures in sectors other than the authorities
- Dispense of disciplinary or labour consequences
- external "fiduciary liaison body"

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Combating Corruption

**Corruption is a system.
Corruption has a system.**

Therefore it can only be combated
with a system.

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