



Dear ladies and gentlemen,

Welcome to the Bayerisches Landeskriminalamt (BLKA - Bavarian State Criminal Police Office).

The BLKA was founded in 1946, and approx. 1500 persons are employed at our offices in Munich and Nuremberg.

The Bayerisches Landeskriminalamt is

- a modern police headquarters, which utilizes all kinds of technology known for the processing of information and for examinations, investigations and crime prevention and which researches and advances this technology
- the central office in Bavaria for the processing and transmission of police data
- the communications control center of the Bavarian Police for the transmission of information

The responsibilities of the BLKA include in particular

- collecting and analyzing messages and documents in order to prevent and prosecute criminal offences, as well as making decisions in individual cases regarding the storage of such documents at police offices
- enhancing criminological methods
- advising other organizational units of the police on measures to prevent and prosecute criminal offences
- maintaining facilities for identification, forensic and criminological tests and research
- performing identification and forensic tests upon request of other police offices or the public prosecutor or by order of the Bavarian State Ministry of the Interior or the court, as well as writing expert reports and advising other police offices and monitoring their work, should they perform such tasks
- passing guidelines, with the approval of the Bavarian State Ministry of the Interior, for carrying out criminal police duties

In addition to these main responsibilities, the Bayerisches Landeskriminalamt also has original competency to conduct investigations for the prosecution of

- crimes involving nuclear energy, explosives and radioactive material
- illegal narcotics trafficking
- forgery of money, stamps and securities
- illegal trade of firearms and ammunition
- the founding of politically motivated criminal organizations and the participation in the activities of such organizations
- crimes against peace, high treason, disclosure of state secrets and endangering external security
- criminal offences, which the BLKA is assigned to in general or in individual cases by the Bavarian State Ministry of the Interior because of the particular danger, geographical dimensions or special circumstances of the offence. The court or the public prosecutor may also in individual cases put the BLKA in charge of investigations in the areas of economic crime and environmental protection.