



**Ladies and gentlemen,**

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

The BLKA, which was founded in 1946, currently has approx. 1,800 employees at its offices in Munich, Nuremberg and Wegscheid.

**The Bayerisches Landeskriminalamt is**

- a modern police headquarters that utilizes, researches and advances all kinds of technology known for processing information and for examinations, investigations and crime prevention
- the central office in Bavaria for processing and transmitting police data
- the communications control center of the Bavarian Police for transmitting information
- the authorized central office for digital radio services for emergency services in Bavaria
- the central office of the Bavarian Police for internal investigations
- the center of excellence of the Bavarian Police for fighting cybercrime

**The responsibilities of the BLKA include in particular**

- collecting and analyzing information and documents in order to prevent and prosecute criminal offenses as well as making decisions in individual cases regarding the storage of such documents at police offices
- enhancing criminalistic methods
- advising other organizational units of the police on measures to prevent and prosecute criminal offenses
- maintaining facilities for identification, forensic and criminological tests and research
- performing identification and forensic tests and writing expert reports upon request of other police offices or the public prosecutor's office or by order of the Bavarian State Ministry of the Interior or the court as well as advising other police offices and monitoring their work, should they perform such tasks
- as a central office, coordinating searches as well as directing searches by order of the Bavarian State Ministry of the Interior

**In addition to these main responsibilities, the Bayerisches Landeskriminalamt also has original competency to conduct investigations concerning**

- crimes involving nuclear energy, explosives and radioactive material
- illegal narcotics trafficking in cases concerning several regional police headquarters or in cases of importance at the state, federal or international level
- the forgery of money, stamps and securities
- illegal trafficking in firearms and ammunition
- the formation of politically motivated criminal organizations and the participation in the activities of such organizations
- crimes against peace, high treason, the disclosure of state secrets and the endangerment of external security
- criminal offenses that 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 offense. The court or the public prosecutor's office may also in individual cases put the BLKA in charge of investigations in the areas of economic crime and environmental protection.