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The Norwegian Police Security Service (PST)



PST is Norway's national police security service, and its responsibilities include collecting and analyzing information and implementing countermeasures against matters that threaten national security. The service is organized as a special police service parallel to the regular police, and the service reports directly to the Ministry of Justice.

PST's primary responsibility is to prevent and investigate crimes that may pose a danger to national security. The service has adopted various methods and procedures in its approach to this task. Key methods include gathering information on individuals and groups that may pose a threat, preparing various analyzes and threat assessments, investigating relevant matters, and other operative countermeasures, as well as offering general advice.

PST's main tasks and assignments are conferred by statute in Chapter IIIA of the Police Act. Section 17b of the Police Act states that the PST shall prevent and investigate

- violations of the Penal Code, specifically Chapters 8 (Felonies against the Independence and Security of the State) and 9 (Felonies against the Constitution of Norway and the Country's Head of State), the Act relating to Military Secrets, and the Security Act,
- unlawful intelligence activities,
- the proliferation of weapons of mass destruction and the equipment, materials, and technology associated with the production or use of such weapons,
- violations of provisions in or pursuant to the Act relating to Control of the Export of Strategic Goods, Services and Technology, etc. and the Act relating to the Implementation of Mandatory Decisions by the Security Council of the United Nations, or other legislation relating to similar special actions, and
- sabotage and politically motivated violence or coercion, or violations of Sections 147 a, 147 b and 147 c of the Penal Code.

Section 17c of the Police Act further states that PST's central unit shall

- prepare threat assessments for use by political authorities,
- collaborate with the police authorities and security and intelligence services of other nations, and
- carry out vetting for use in security investigations.

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