The Police University College: Excellence in Police Education and Training

All new police officers in Finland graduate from the Police University College. In addition to Bachelor and Master degree programs, the University College provides further training to those working in police administration, as well as security-related training for stakeholders, private security sector and companies. The University College employs 200 people.

RDI and Capacity Building Around the World

The Police University College conducts applied research and development work, serving the planning of policing and internal security as well as education at the University College. Research results are published in peer-reviewed scientific journals, the University College’s own publication series and in other forums.

The research projects focus on three fields:

1. Police work and organization: police skills and knowledge, leadership, development of police organization

2. Policing: police tactics, policing strategies and approaches carried out independently or in cooperation with other actors

3. Police in society: the police in societal contexts, such as the relationship between police and citizens as well as the crime and security situation in general

Through its extensive networks, the University College is actively engaged in European and international peace-support operations, development and capacity building projects in several regions of the world.

Examples of Projects

Research Projects

- Police personnel barometer; Stress in police work; Resilience promotion training
- Impact of police education; Simulations in police education and training

- Citizens’ attitudes towards police; Trust in police
- Operating environment of the police
- Use of force; Crime investigation
- Hate-crime; Immigration and security
- Economic crime; Environmental crime; Corruption; Organized crime; Money laundering, Gambling
- Cyber crime; Terrorism
- Homicides; Domestic violence

Experience in International R&D Projects and Funding

- BlockWaste – Blocking the Loopholes for Illicit Waste Trafficking (ISFP)
- Unity – Community Policing (H2020-Secure Societies)
- Nexes – NEXt Generation Emergency Services (H2020-Secure Societies)
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- SOTERIA – Online and Mobile Communications for Emergencies (FP7-Security)
- ISAR+ – Online and Mobile Communications for Crisis Response and Search and Rescue (FP7-Security)
- HOUSE – Enhancing European Coordination for National Research Programmes in the Area of Security at Major Events (FP7-Security)
- OCP – Organized Crime Portfolio (ISEC)
- Integration, Inter-cultural Communication and Best Practices: A Case of Thai Community (SOLID)
- Investigation of asylum seeker processes and procedures of Finnish Police and Border Guard and cooperation between state authorities (SOLID)

Experience in capacity-building and education projects
- EU Twinning: Further Support to Public Safety Education Kosovo (EC)
- European Union Police Services Training Programme EUPST II: Police capabilities under CSDP domain (EC)
- EU Twinning: Improved education in the Public Safety and Security Sectors in Kosovo (EC)
- EU–China Police Training Program (EC)
- ICI Capacity Building within the Tunisian Police and National Guard (Bilateral, funded by the Ministry for Foreign Affairs of Finland)
- Eastern Partnership Police Cooperation Project (EC)
- eCampus Project: Development of Cross-border Learning Assignment in Police Education (Leonardo da Vinci, EC)
- Nordic Police Mobility and Common Cooperation Platforms (Nordic Council)
- European Police College training activities, such as Joint Investigation Teams, Peace-Support Operations, cybercrime and social media (CEPOL)
- European Joint Master Programme EJMP 2014–2016 (CEPOL)

POLICING IN FINLAND
- Efficient and most highly trusted police organization employing around 10,000 professionals available for RDI and capacity-building projects
- High level of independence of police patrols with multitasking capabilities
- Service-oriented, knowledge-based and technology-driven policing concept
- Strong Rule of Law foundation, extensive police legislation, clearly defined ethical code
- Nationwide, centralized police education system
- police.fi

The University College premises include cutting-edge facilities specifically designed for training in realistic police operations, such as the practice area and the command training center.

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