



Bundeskriminalamt



German Asset Recovery Office –ARO (police) RECOVER – GA 101091375

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- Germany has two ARO's
 - Bundesamt für Justiz (Federal Office of Justice)
 - Judicial request and support of LOR
 - Bundeskriminalamt (Federal Criminal Police Office)
 - Information exchange for asset investigation



German police /law enforcement agencies

Federal law enforcement agencies:

- Federal criminal police office
- Federal police
- Custom investigation office

16 state criminal police offices with local police offices

Tax investigation offices





Statistics of Asset Seizure in Germany in 2022

- Cases of seizure: 12.008
- Amount of Persons/organisations: 13.783
- Total claim for seizure: 1.689.288.394 €
- Total amount of measures of asset seizures: 683.555.933 €

(Datas from police and custom)

Federal Criminal Police Office



Serious and Organised Crime

SO-AS Administrative support unit for division SO		SO Serious and Organised Crime				SO-FüSt Executive support unit for division SO
SO 1 Property crime, weapons and explosives crime, document-related crime and facilitation of illegal entry	SO 2 Drug-related crime	SO 3 Economic and financial crime	SO 4 Violent and sexual offences	SO 5 Multi-offence organised crime (DOK)	SO 6 Operational data analysis OC, investigative and IT support	
SO 11 Analysis of property crime	SO 21 Analysis of heroin, cocaine and cannabis, strategic analysis	SO 31 Analysis of economic crime, fraud-type property offences, environmental and consumer protection offences, Coordination Unit Environmental Crime (KoSt UMK)	SO 41 Analysis of human trafficking and violent crime, missing persons unit	SO 51 OC coordination unit/common platform OC (GPOK)	SO 61 Police database support, IT security/IT logistics, Internet coordination unit	
SO 12 Analysis of document-related crime and facilitation of illegal entry	SO 22 Analysis of synthetic drugs/new psychoactive substances (NPS), Joint Customs/Police Precursor Monitoring Unit (GÜS)	SO 32 Analysis of money laundering, corruption, Joint Financial Investigation Group (GFG)	SO 42 Central unit for sexual offences against children and juveniles - general affairs, situation, cooperation	SO 52 Centralised situation analysis, immigration/current phenomena, General affairs - analysis	SO 62 Data and information management, operational data analysis, investigation and project support/management	
SO 13 Analysis of weapons and explosives crime, weapons law	SO 23 Analysis of narcotic drugs on the Internet	SO 33 Investigations	SO 43 Central unit for sexual offences against children and juveniles - processing of leads/IT applications	SO 53 Analysis of multi-offence organised crime (DOK)	SO 63 Operational and strategic competence centre for OC-related big data	
SO 14 Investigations	SO 24 Investigations	SO 34 Investigations, Joint Financial Investigation Group (GFG)	SO 44 Central unit for sexual offences against children and juveniles - operational analysis	SO 54 Analysis of multi-offence organised crime (DOK) and counterfeit currency	SO 64 Initial processing of big data, clearing unit	
SO 15 Investigations	SO 25 Investigations	SO 35 Confiscation of assets as an integral part of investigations (VIVA), forensic auditing (WPD), digital financial investigations	SO 45 Investigations	SO 55 Investigations		



Tasks of the Asset Recovery Office SO 35

- Support of BKA-investigations in terms of asset tracing and asset freezing
- Financial investigations in respect of asset recovery measures
- Principle issues
- Contact point for the State Criminal Police Offices concerning asset recovery in foreign countries
- Correspondence with foreign police offices

Contact Point for Foreign Police

Requests from and to foreign countries concerning
asset tracing and freezing

- Interpol
- Europol
- Asset Recovery Office (ARO)
- CARIN contact point
- Central authority based on the Council of Europe Convention No. 141 and No. 198 (MLA)



ARO Statistics 2023

- 1617 ARO requests
 - 441 incoming requests (mainly from the Netherlands, Czech Republic, Romania)
 - 1176 outgoing requests (mainly to Spain, Belgium, Lithuania)
- 917 of the 1627 requests were in connection with the directive (EU) 2019/1153



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