

Security and justice
We prevent and combat
economic crime





Our assignment

The Swedish Economic Crime Authority's job is to prevent, investigate and institute legal proceedings against economic crime. An important aim is for the economic systems to function, and society, companies and individuals not to suffer from economic crime.

Economic crime reduces the resources available to the Government, county councils and municipalities to spend on common needs. As a result, important areas such as schools, health care and public transport suffer.

Another equally important effect is that reputable companies risk being put out of business when disreputable business owners do not pay their taxes and dues. The economic security of individuals is also put at risk when laws and rights on the labour market cease to apply when employers pay black wages.

Economic crime is often part of large-scale antisocial crime and, in many cases, has strong links to serious organised crime.

Whichever way we look at it, the damaging effects of economic crime are huge. Economic crime therefore threatens welfare and, in the long term, democracy. Our vision is to bring about security and justice by preventing and combating economic crime.



Leading edge competence and unique working method

The Swedish Economic Crime Authority is dedicated to combating economic crime with specialist competence in analysis and investigation. The work on preventive measures is an important part of our activity and often carried out in cooperation with other authorities and organisations. Prevention reduces the risk of new crime. We also use efficient intelligence operations to analyse and chart changes in the threats.

In recent years, the focus has been on the link between economic crime and serious organised crime and crime in the financial markets. We work intensively to recover criminal gains and against the black sector. Over the next few years, we will also focus on the need for cooperation between authorities and on international cooperation.

The nature of the crimes requires a range of competencies. We therefore have specially trained prosecutors, police, economic auditors, economic secretaries and other experts who work together in special teams. This close cooperation between the professional categories is unique to the Swedish Economic Crime Authority.

More than 400 persons handle almost 5000 cases annually. Legal proceedings are taken against more than 1700 persons in cases of economic crime every year. Nine out of ten prosecutions instituted by the Swedish Economic Crime Authority lead to a conviction.

What is economic crime?

Economic crime is a collective term covering many types of crime. The Swedish Economic Crime Authority focuses primarily on serious economic crime, but also on less serious economic crime for which the penalties are not high or long but for which legal proceedings serve a preventive purpose.

The Swedish Economic Crime Authority investigates false accounting, crime relating to bankruptcy, tax crimes, insider dealing, EU fraud and other complex economic crime that requires financial and business expertise. The most common types of crime that the Swedish Economic Crime Authority investigates and against which it takes proceedings are tax crimes and false accounting.

Where to find us

The operational activity is conducted in Stockholm, Gothenburg and Malmö. In addition, there are investigation units linked to the Swedish Economic Crime Authority in Visby, Karlskrona, Kristianstad, Halmstad, Borås and Skövde. We also assist with cases of qualified economic crime with national spread, international links or great scope.

Broad cooperation is required to combat economic crime efficiently. We work with, among others, the Swedish Prosecution Authority, the Swedish Police, the Swedish Tax Agency, the Swedish Financial Supervisory Authority, Swedish Customs, trade associations and industry.

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