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through professionalism and quality

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Our members





Dear Readers,

We cordially invite you to explore the current work and goals of BUDEG, the Federal Association of the Detective and Investigation Industry. Join us on the following pages for a virtual journey through an exciting and increasingly important field that affects companies and organizations as well as private households.

As a free and independent professional association, BUDEG guarantees the professionalism and quality of its members. The association has grown historically, bringing together private investigators and detectives, and represents their professional interests. We provide our members with the accumulated experience of over six decades and develop new concepts and strategies for future challenges. Crime never sleeps, and we remain vigilant against the dangers posed by new technologies and increasing globalization. With our educational offerings, we are always one step ahead of future developments and create the foundation for professional success with our continuing education program.

Beyond this commitment to qualification, we represent the interests of our members to the public and create a sense of community that transcends borders by connecting regional groups and international organizations.

We appreciate your interest!

Sincerely,
Engin Akbag
President of BUDEG



We make the future secure



Professionalism that Builds Trust

The Federal Association of the Detective and Investigation Industry (BuDEG) stands for the highest standards in the training and ethical orientation of its members. The alignment of these professional standards is based on the recommendations of the International Commission of Detective Associations (IKD).

Our vision, which we have embraced for over 60 years, is to train aspiring detectives to become highly specialized professionals capable of handling various investigative tasks. The demonstrated professionalism of our members in daily operations serves as the benchmark for measuring our success. The trust of our members' clients motivates us to intensify our commitment further.

Integrity as a Solid Foundation

For both our work as an umbrella organization and for the activities of our members, ethical, fair, and trustworthy behavior is the foundation of everything we do. Trustworthiness and transparency are two essential factors for our ongoing and positively developing success. To ensure this, we have formulated professional standards that must be adhered to.



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Six Decades in the Service of Secured Insights

Today's BUDEG has a long history. The idea of pooling competencies in the private investigation industry across countries and developing them further in a centralized manner led to the founding of the Bund Internationaler Detektive e.V. (BID) in 1960. Another step towards establishing professional standards was the founding of the Central Office for Training in the PI Industry (ZAD). In 2017, the first standard was created, which private investigators can follow. To further enhance their capabilities together, BID merged with the Bundesverband Deutscher Detektive (BDD) in 2019 and eventually became the Federal Association of the Detective and Investigation Industry (BuDEG) in 2023.

Innovations providing transparency for clients

Just as our criminal counterparts continually evolve in strategies and technologies, we, in turn—and always one step ahead—promote innovative solution concepts and techniques that underpin our high-resolution rates.



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Quality Feature of BUDEG Membership

We Protect Interests

The BUDEG actively represents the interests of detectives and professional investigators within the European professional landscape. As a mediator between its members, the media, and politics, it establishes binding legally secured standards that enable the professional and appropriate execution of investigative services. In the international context, BUDEG promotes effective cooperation among associations and supports the professional handling of international investigative work.

Quality is the Mother of Our Success

Modern investigators must increasingly possess a wide range of highly professional and specialized skills. This includes criminological, criminalistic, and forensic expertise, as well as a solid legal foundation and psychological insight. Through our diverse range of training and continuing education opportunities, we provide our members with the chance to continuously develop both professionally and personally, optimizing their career success. Additionally, BUDEG members have access to a well-maintained network to connect with colleagues operating nationally and internationally, allowing for the exchange of knowledge and experiences. In this regard,

the association continues to expand the long-established and highly functional BUDEG structures. All these efforts aim to further strengthen the membership in BUDEG as a symbol of quality and professional competence.

Stronger Together

One of the essential tasks of the association is to support our members in professional, legal, and economic matters. We prepare our members through our training offerings for all aspects of their professional daily life and provide professional advice in a collaborative manner when specific questions arise.



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Mastering Globalization

In an increasingly complex operational environment and amidst the ongoing globalization of businesses and criminal structures, we leverage our strengths to turn these challenges into opportunities. International investigations require a solid understanding of the relevant legal frameworks and a carefully planned approach with professionally accurate documentation. The international networks of BUDEG provide a strong foundation for swift investigations within a secure operational framework. The range of scenarios on the international stage includes product and brand counterfeiting, cases of insurance fraud, and preventive measures to safeguard planned investments or joint ventures.

Cyber Security

The necessity of securing IT systems represents a growing market with increased demand for professional support. Training in the field of cyber security opens up diverse new opportunities for detectives and investigators. The scope extends from identifying security vulnerabilities in companies, including a thorough check of the entire infrastructure and hardware/software, to investigating cyberattacks or other crimes through the analysis of IT log data.



Germany in the European Context

The integration of European states into a cohesive European economic area presents both challenges and opportunities. Commercially active private investigators and detectives are increasingly being engaged by companies as external service providers to clarify facts or address contract violations.

A growing demand is emerging in the market, largely unnoticed by the general public, which can be leveraged under the following conditions:

- The tasks are executed competently and professionally.
- Discretion and the interests of the client are maintained.
- Investigations are conducted objectively and in compliance with legal and regulatory standards.

It is estimated that approximately 70% of investigation assignments come from the business sector, while around 30% are commissioned by private individuals. In the business realm, the scope of larger companies and corporations that utilize private investigative services extends beyond the European area, as many of these entities operate internationally.



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Expertise with Verified Quality

To be successful in the national and international detective industry, a solid foundational qualification and ongoing training measures are essential. The BUDEG not only provides the necessary know-how to effectively carry out various investigation assignments but also signals the professional expertise to clients through membership. The BUDEG emphasizes continuous qualification for its members to ensure consistently high-quality performance. This guarantees that only those detectives are organized within the association who possess solid legal, criminal, psychological, and subject-specific knowledge, as well as a corresponding level of professional and life experience.

Secured Future Perspectives

The demand for reliable insights as a basis for economic decisions is more relevant than ever—both today and in the future. The necessary information and facts must be professionally investigated, analyzed, and evaluated to reliably establish connections and present results transparently. Questions require answers, and problems necessitate appropriate solutions across nearly all sectors of the economy and various areas of social life. The BUDEG, along with its members and networks, establishes the foundation for professional investigative results through innovative approaches and a future-oriented training program, ultimately strengthening the success of its clients.

Multiplied Industry Experience

Our members, many of whom have been organized in various detective professional associations over the past decades, possess extensive expertise across a wide range of industries. New members or those lacking experience in a specific area can draw on this wealth of knowledge. We actively facilitate helpful connections and promote beneficial exchanges that often lead to remarkable synergy effects.

Specialization is the Answer

Just as diverse as the commercial and private clients with their specific requirements and individual wishes, so too is the range of possible specializations within the detective and investigative industry. As a responsible association, we offer training and continuing education on various topics, thereby laying the foundation for a promising and economically successful service portfolio.





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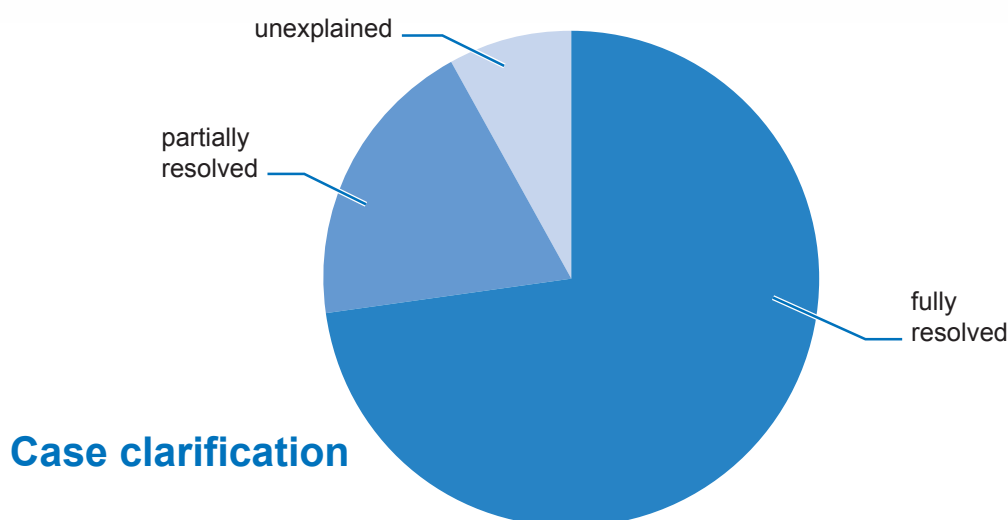
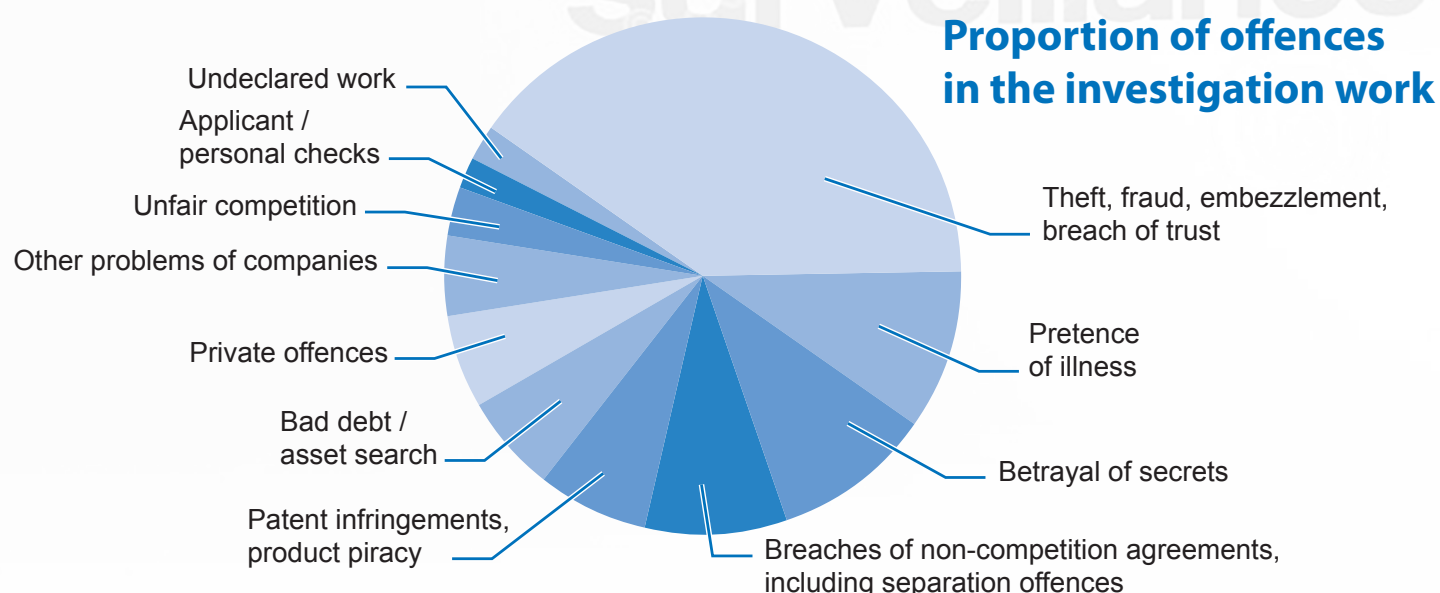
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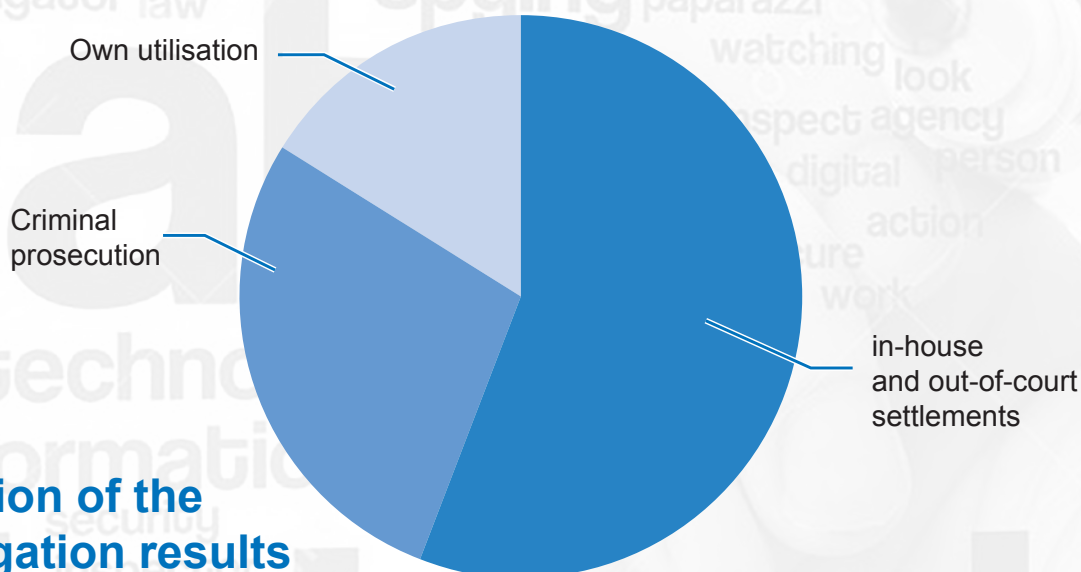
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Lifelong Learning as a private investigator

Continuing Education is Essential

A solid foundational training is mandatory for all members of BUDEG. This is crucial to maintain a high standard of quality throughout the investigative process, ensuring compliance with all necessary research parameters and legal requirements. To sustain this level of expertise over a professional lifetime and to further deepen and expand individual knowledge, participation in continuing education measures is obligatory.



Building and Expanding Specialized Knowledge

Through our partnership with and as a shareholder of the Central Office for Training in the Detective Industry (ZAD), BUDEG members have access to a unique collection of industry-related articles, theses, dissertations, court rulings, and practical experiences from various case scenarios. This archive can be utilized not only to gather case-specific information but also to acquire or enhance specialized knowledge. Investigative assignments and scenarios, particularly within the corporate environment, are becoming increasingly complex. Specialized tasks in IT forensics or economic crimes often require specific knowledge, which we provide through seminars or through the ZAD archive.



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Our Collaboration with the ZAD

Since 1987, BUDEG has been supporting, promoting, and engaging in the interests of the private investigator profession through the continuing education initiatives of the ZAD. Over the years, professional and practical training programs have been developed around retail security for so-called loss prevention specialists. The educational measures provided by ZAD are officially approved by the State Central Office for Distance Learning (ZFU). In collaboration with the Chamber of Industry and Commerce (IHK), participants can also achieve the qualification of "Specialist Certificate." The content of the ZAD training courses is coordinated with the umbrella organization, the International Commission of Detective Associations (IKD).

Certifications for Security and Trust

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Professional Success Guaranteed

Benefits That Pay Off

Membership in BUDEG provides a solid foundation for professional success. Here are the key advantages summarized:

High Quality Through Continuous Education

By participating in the training programs, you will enhance your expertise and document the quality of your investigative services. Additionally, your knowledge remains up-to-date with the latest developments in the investigative industry.

Potential Clients

The publication of your business information on the BUDEG website, will allow potential clients to contact you directly.

Experience Exchange

Benefit from the exchange of experiences among members and take advantage of the resulting synergies.

Media Attention

BUDEG is increasingly recognized as a quality guarantee for investigative services, which is advantageous for you as a member.

Regional Groups

The organization of the association into regional groups enables local members to be involved in investigations. Knowledge of local customs and specific considerations facilitates the conduct of investigations.

Helpful Networks

You can establish valuable contacts with professionals in the industry and benefit from the exchange of experiences and know-how. International networking leads to quick successes in cross-regional and global investigations.

Strong Representation of Interests

BUDEG advocates for the concerns of its members at both national and international levels, representing their interests to policymakers, authorities, and the public.

Legal Support

As a member, you have access to legal advisory services and receive support in legal matters related to the detective and investigative profession.

Exclusivity

Members gain exclusive access to specialized resources, information, and events that provide a significant advantage in their professional activities.

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Our Training Offer

As a member, you benefit from a continuously expanding range of training programs, covering everything from foundational knowledge to specialized investigative areas. Currently, we offer training on topics such as surveillance, reporting, investigation, photography, case analysis, communication, and data protection..

Requirements

To be accepted as a member, you must provide certain documentation. The minimum age is 24 years. You must be living in verifiably orderly personal and economic circumstances, have no criminal record, and possess an appropriate professional qualification certificate.

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Strengthening Perception

One of the central goals of BUDEG is to enhance the public perception of the profession of detectives and investigators through association work. We strengthen the recognition of professionalism, quality, and integrity through our association activities, particularly by maintaining high professional standards and offering training programs.

Networking Exchange

BUDEG actively maintains and utilizes its regional, national, and international network to optimize the quality standards of investigative practices in collaboration with its members. To further enhance this cooperation, we have appointed an international liaison officer to coordinate international activities.

Cooperation for Mutual Benefit

In collaboration with national and international partner organizations, we see the opportunity to effectively address the increasing risks posed by criminal organizations operating across Europe and globally.

Representing the Interests of Detectives and Investigators

A primary task of BUDEG is to represent the interests of its members to political bodies, the judiciary, and the public. This includes protecting the general economic, professional, and commercial interests of our members. We support our members in professional and industry-specific matters and respond to competitive violations in cooperation with the Competition Centre.



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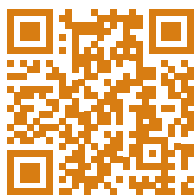
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