The national strategy for the prevention of financial crime in Sweden
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The keynote speaker

- Now at the head quarter/responsible for our national/strategic work with crime prevention
- Before head for 15 years for a operational unit
- Before operational prosecutor for 10 years on a operational unit
Content of the presentation

- About SECA and Public Prosecution Service
- Organization
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- Co-operation
- *Strategy for crime prevention*
About SECA and Public Prosecution Service
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About Public Prosecution Service/SECA

- Two authorities: The Swedish Prosecution Authority (SPA)/SECA
- Mandate SPA: investigate and prosecute crimes in general
- Mandate SECA: investigate and prosecute/prevent white-collar crime
- Mandator: Government/Ministry of Justice
- Independence: independent from both the courts and the police (since a reorganisation 1965)
- Foundation of SECA: 1998
- Head of SPA: Prosecutor General
- Head of SECA: Director General
- Small authorities: SPA 1340 employees/SECA 580 (police 28 000)
Vision for SECA

SECA brings about security and justice by preventing and combating economic crime
Economic crime threatens important public interests like welfare/democracy

- Society, companies and individuals suffer from economic crime
- Often part of large-scale antisocial crime/serious organised crime
- Reputable companies risk being put out of business
- Reduces the resource available to the Government/county councils/municipalities to spend on common needs
- In the long term even threatens democracy
SECA´s role

- Combating economic crime
- Carry out investigations and analysis
- Give advice and take proactive measures
- *Crime prevention*
Organization
Operational units för investigation

- Called ”chambers”
- Headed by a Chief prosecutor with a deputy
- The police officers are headed by a Commissioner
- 30 – 60 people
Intelligence and surveillance

- Central Intelligence Unit at Director-General’s Office
- Local Intelligence Units at the operational offices
Operational Police Units

- Analysis of intelligence
- Surveillance
- Phonetapping
- Forensics (computers, cellphones)
- Internet surveillance
- Policing (supports, audits)
Asset Recovery Office/ARO

- Trace, secure and recover assets from crime
Working together

- Prosecutors, police officers, financial investigators, analysts and administrators working together in team
Organization crime prevention

- National level: One fulltime – me!
- Regional level: Five parttime
Cases
Statistics about legal proceedings made by SECA

- SECA handles almost 6000 cases annually
- Legal proceedings are taken against almost 1800 persons annually
- Nine out of ten prosecutions instituted by SECA lead to a conviction
Handle cases concerning

- Book-keeping crimes
- Crimes under the Tax Offences Act
- Dishonesty to creditors
- Crimes under the Companies Act
- Crimes under the Insider Trade Act and Financial instrument Trading Act
- EU-fund Fraud
Also handles…

- Cases demanding knowledge of financial conditions, the business sector conditions, taxation law or similar.
- Cases concerning qualified economic crime of national extension/international connection or of a principal nature/considerable proportions.
Case categories/sanctions

- Crime assessment cases – 42%
  Minor book-keeping crimes/conditional sentence
  The cycle time (from report to decision) maximum 50 days
- Project cases – 56%
  Ordinary crimes/up to 6 months of imprisonment
  The cycle time maximum 180 days
- Particularly demanding cases – 2%
  Aggravated crimes/imprisonment 6 months up to 6 years
  The cycle time maximum 365 days
Co-operation
Inter-agency cooperation

- Tax Authority – criminal units/fiscal units
- Financial Supervisory Authority
- Police Authority
- National Police Board – FIU
- Enforcement Authority
- Customs Authority
- Trustees, official receivers (bankruptcy)
- External auditors/accountants
- The Swedish Companies Registration Office
- County Administrative Boards
Mutual legal assistance

- Information from registers and record (address, phone numbers, companies, property/real estate)
- Interviews
- Information from banks
- Confiscating goods
- Wire tapping
- Freezing orders
Difficulties that may arise

Criminal offence (actual activity, double criminality)
Competent authority
Practical difficulties (for ex. central records regarding bank information)
Rules on secrecy/desseminating documents
Strategy for crime prevention

- Five years 2014 – 2018
- Separate goals för 2014/2016/2018
- Action plan for every year
More about the strategy

- Work based on our analysis of intelligence
- Customer perspective
- Valueadding
- Interagency cooperation
- Processorientated
- Integrated in the crime investigation work
The end

Thank You for Your attention!

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