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Police Structure and Cooperation in Germany

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2. Terror attacks and their consequences
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The Federal States („Länder“) are in Charge of Police Matters





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Federal Police - „Bundespolizei“



Federal Criminal Police Office - „Bundeskriminalamt“





State Police – „Landespolizei“

- 16 different state police forces
 - 16 different police laws
 - Uniformed and criminal police
 - 16 state criminal police offices
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- In total about 225.000 employees



Relation between Federal Police Forces and State Police Forces

- Bundespolizei and Bundeskriminalamt have **no authority** over a state police
- Bundespolizei has expanded its jurisdiction (rail traffic, airports, ports) → is now de facto in competition with state police forces
- In joint investigations, state police staff is working under the leadership of the Bundeskriminalamt



Relation between State Police Forces

- Cooperation between State Police Forces is daily business:
 - Clear and well-proven procedures for police cooperation
 - Common understanding of police and leadership, (German University for Police)
 - Conference of the interior ministers with many sub-committees for strategic and tactical police issues

- Weak Point: Police Data Systems





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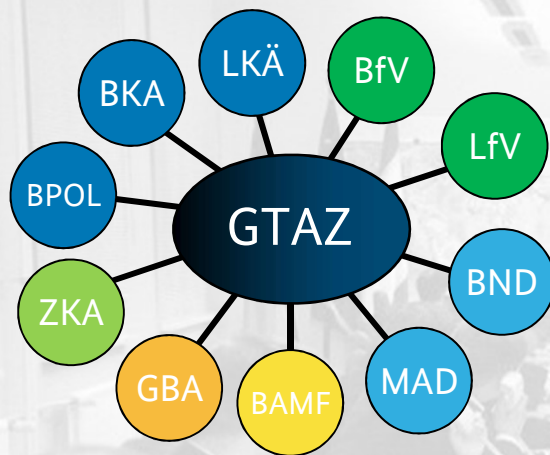


Terror Attacks: 9/11

- Attacks were partially prepared in Germany
- Jihadist terrorism is an ongoing permanent threat
- A adequate information management is required to prevent further attacks



Joint Counter Terrorism Centres



GTAZ:
Joint Counter-Terrorism Centre,
Berlin

- All experts at one table
- Fast flow of information
- Joint assessments
- Different working groups:
 - Daily situation
 - Threat assessment
 - Dangerous jihadists
 - ...

National Socialist Underground (NSU)



„Ceska-murders“



Bank robbery
Eisenach/TH

04.11.2011
ca. 09:15 Uhr



Mobile home
Eisenach/TH

04.11.2011
ca. 12:05 Uhr



Residential
building

Zwickau/SN

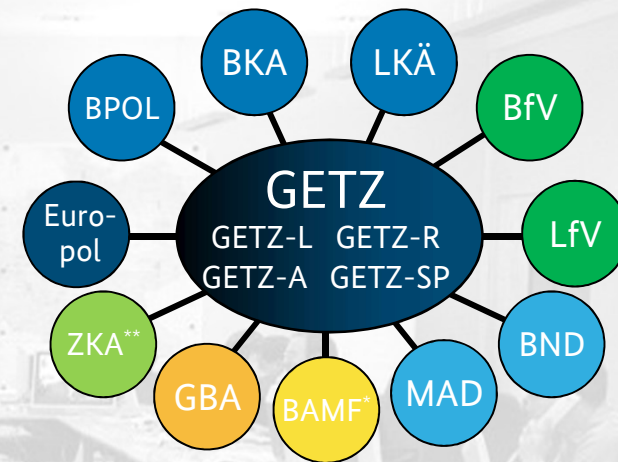
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Joint Centre for Countering Right-Wing Extremism and Terrorism

2012: JCTC right-wing extremism/terrorism
2013: JCTC left-wing extremism/terrorism
2013: JCTC foreign ideology
2013: JCTC espionage



GETZ: Joint Centre for Countering
Extremism and Terrorism

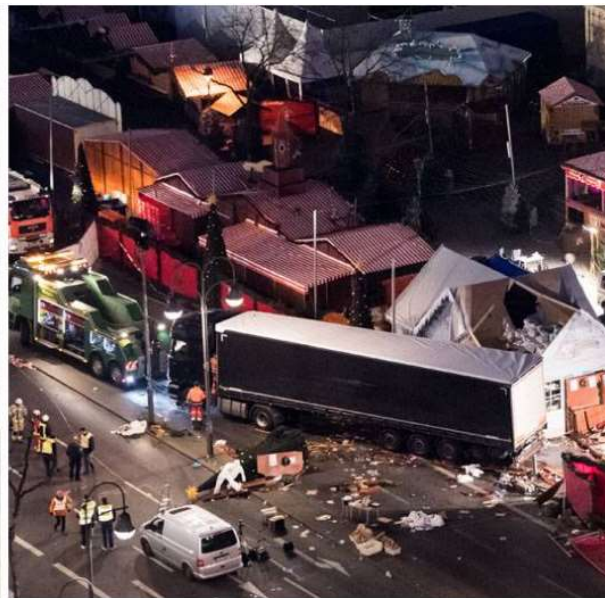
* authorities represented in the GETZ-A

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Terror Attack at the Christmas market on the 19th of December in Berlin



- 12 dead
- 56 injured
- Amri was killed by Italian police four days after the attack

„Gefährder“ – a person being a possible threat to public safety



- **R**ulebased **A**nalysis potential **D**estructive Offenders for the **A**ssessment of the acute **R**isk – **i**slamist **T**errorism

„On which dangerous persons should the German police concentrate its limited resources?“

- Transparent assessment by observable behaviour - risk assessment sheets



- Threat assessments for 420 persons; further assessments in progress
- Advantage: nationwide, transparent, comprehensible, transferable



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President Holger Münch: New Culture of Police Cooperation

- „The traditional cooperation of police in a federal state is too slow.“
- „Instead of single solutions we must rethink our cooperation.“
- „We need a better division of labour.“
- „Everyone is doing, what it can do best and most easily – and makes it available to the entire German Police.“ [„Thematic Leadership“]



President Münch: 5 Key Areas of necessary Changes

1. Police information management
2. Common Police standards
3. Unified legal bases
4. Standardized development of technology
5. Joint investment funds





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Thanks a lot for your attention!

Questions?

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