

Annual report VPB (The Netherlands) for IKD

Facts on the Dutch market for private investigation

- 320 p.i. bureaus, mostly small firms with only one or two investigators, few bigger companies with 10-50 investigators
- Mandatory course. Takes one year. During that year one can already start working*
- Legislation: Permit is obligatory for the company/firm. Integrity screening for all personell. ID-card for all investigators.

Facts on the Dutch Association of private security companies and private investigation companies (VPB)

Members:

12 Private investigation companies, representing 50% of the yearly turnover in the Dutch market. Members have to sign a code of conduct and have to obtain the quality mark for p.i. companies.

Activities in 2010

- 4 meetings of the association; exchange of information, networking
- Our association started in 2010 with the organisation of a seminar twice a year. The seminars are open to members and non-members of the association. Both seminars in 2010 had about 45 participants.
- Seminar on the subject of the quality system for private investigation
- Seminar on the subject of ict investigation and on forensic investigation
- Several contacts with the national government (lobby activities). Subjects: permits and id-cards for investigators

* only possible if the company has the quality mark!