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Delegates Report

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Association Membership Criteria:

Full respect of new law, social & tax regulations & code of ethics. Private investigations as main professional activity only. All activities of bodyguard, security guard and fund transport are forbidden. E-mail required

Comments on Association Activities, if any:
SNARP is hosting IKD annual meeting in 2014 in Paris

Total No. of Members: 160



Is there a Government License? : YES
If yes, under what authority? : Government control body
Name of Licensing Regulator: CNAPS

Comments on Regulation, if any:

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NEW AUTHORITY FOR PI'S AND SECURITY PROFESSIONALS (CNAPS) FIRST ANNIVERSARY

The National Council for Private Security or Conseil National des Activités Privées de Sécurité (CNAPS) , the new control body for private security, a public organization with administrative police power, is now one year old.

For the records, it came into effect in France starting January 2012 and now blowing its first anniversary candle. Its purpose is to control & regulate all private security activities : private investigation, guarding, airport security, fund transport, video-surveillance & body guards.

The CNAPS took over the Prefects authority in order to control these activities, deliver professional licenses & professional cards, apply the common code of ethics for all these activities and take disciplinary actions. CNAPS is composed of State officials (Judges + Police) as well as delegates of the professionals, among which is one private investigator. We are proud that the P.I. nominated as CNAPS Private investigators representative is Mr. J.E. Deryn, the current President of our professional association (SNARP).

CNAPS, as the UK SIA, is financed by the professionals through a new tax of 0,5% on domestic business. It is collected the same way VAT is.

Of course, the CNAPS experienced minor problems such as huge delays to deliver the new license to existing professionals but in the overhaul, things are moving in the right way. Controls have started, aiming mostly guards so far. Arrests, fines and license withdrawals have already happened.

Corporate investigators without license ?

But recently, in three curt paragraphs, France's highest judicial authority - the Conseil Constitutionnel - buried the project long nursed by the interior ministry to force corporate intelligence firms to seek a license to operate, just like private investigators.

The Council's decision stated that the bill making it necessary for corporate intelligence firms to obtain official authorization ran counter to the freedom to conduct business. In addition, the Council deemed that the "definition of activities open to being interpreted as corporate intelligence" in the government's bill was too imprecise.



Now that it does not need to be regulated, the corporate intelligence trade in France has been left to regulate itself. That situation lends new importance to the professional federation FePie and the new SYNPIE organization, which both propose rules of sorts. In a statement lauding the Council's decision, a legislator deemed that no legal frameworks or trade associations were in a position to regulate corporate intelligence.

During the French Association annual meeting, last February, another presentation of I.K.D. was made to members and Government officials that were present.

Respectfully submitted,

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