The Police University College (Polamk), located in Tampere, is an educational institute under the direction of the Ministry of the Interior and the National Police Board.

In addition to Bachelor and Master degree programmes, Polamk provides further training to those working in police administration, as well as security-related training for stakeholders, private security sector and companies.

The Police University College is Finland’s only higher education institution specializing in police research, development and innovation (RDI).

**RDI ACTIVITIES**

The Police University College engages in applied research and development, serving both teaching and the planning and development of police operations and internal security. Polamk is active in both national and international RDI projects. For example, Polamk has participated in numerous EU-funded projects in the field of security. Its RDI partners include the national and international stakeholders of the police, other law enforcement authorities and universities and research institutes, as well as companies and organisations.

**RDI PROJECTS AND THEMES**

**Standard follow-ups with core funding**

- Police personnel barometer: survey on work welfare in police organisation
- Police barometer: survey on police and public safety
- Effectiveness of police education: regular assessments of degree education
- Police’s operating environment: collections of articles on police and security environment
- Use of force by the police: annual study based on police records
- Hate-crimes in Finland: annual study based on police records

**STUDENT PARTICIPATION**

Polamk’s students can participate in RDI projects as part of their studies, designing and implementing security-related RDI projects in cooperation with the customer.

**RESEARCH ETHICS**

The Police University College is committed to the good research practice guidelines issued by the Finnish Advisory Board on Research Integrity (TENK).
RDI projects with external funding

- **BUILDERS** - Building European Communities’ Resilience and Social Capital (EU Horizon 2020)
- **IMPRODOVA** - Improving Frontline Responses to High Impact Domestic Violence (EU Horizon 2020)
- **FACTS AGAINST HATE** - Combating racism, hate crime and intolerance by enhancing evidence-based approach in policy development (EU Justice programme)
- **MISEC** - Development of cooperation between immigration and security authorities (EU AMIF)
- **Taking surveillance apart? Accountability and Legitimacy of Internet Surveillance and Expanded Investigatory Powers (NordForsk)**
- **Critical infrastructure as a target of terrorist attacks: Preparedness and resilience of service providers and authorities (Finnish Academy)**
- **CYBERDI** - Cybercrime prevention, awareness raising and capacity building by RDI on modern cyber attacks (Ministry of Education and Culture)
- **KORSI** - Corruption monitoring indicators in Finland (Finnish government)
- **YMRIHY** - Current status of the proceeds of environmental crime (Finnish government)
- **MATTI** - monitoring, assessment and forecasting model supporting regional contingency and security planning
- **TURVAA project** - impact assessment from the point of view of national security
- **Legitimation of Suicide Missions (various foundations)**
- **TRIPOL** - Trusting authorities: the pragmatics of citizen-police interaction (Kone foundation)

Capacity building and education projects with external funding

- **Albania** - Strengthening the Capacities and Efficiency of the Security Academy - Albania 2020-2022 (EU Twinning)
- **EUPCST** European Union Police and Civilian Services Training 2019 - 2021
- **Nordcop** - Pan-Nordic partnership program, promoting student and teacher mobility
- **CEPOL** - European Union Agency for Law Enforcement Training activities, such as Joint Investigation Teams, community policing, leadership, social media and CSDP Missions

Information on previous projects


More information:
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RDI website:

[polamk.fi/en/rdi/projects](http://polamk.fi/en/rdi/projects)