

Institutional cooperation

Multilateral actions in the framework of international and European organisations

The DCI ensures the consistency of bilateral and multilateral actions carried out by the Ministry. In the field of European affairs, it coordinates the policies of the Ministry that come under the remits of the Police and Gendarmerie and works to ensure that they are taken into account. Other departments in the Ministry keep the DCI informed of the policies they support.

The DCI prepares high-level meetings for the heads of the Police and the Gendarmerie. It monitors negotiations and selects the key issues that affect internal security.

The DCI designs and proposes actions in the field of external crisis prevention and management. It anticipates the risks and threats, drafts coordinated proposals for civilian and military personnel of the Ministry of the Interior to take part in advisory missions abroad on governance and on police and civil protection matters.

It contributes to the reconstruction of the governance and security capacities of the countries concerned. It makes assessments of actions carried out in favour of internal security.

Furthermore, the DCI monitors the activities of international organisations (Interpol, Europol, UN, OSCE) and networks Cepol (European Union Agency for Law Enforcement Training), the Fontanot group (for West Africa) Francopol (the French-speaking network for cooperation on police training), Resopolis (network of foreign police attachés posted in France). It applies for European and multilateral funding for the implementation of certain cooperation actions. And the DCI is the designated authority for the 'police' aspects of the EU Internal Security Fund (ISF Police).

Partnerships

Promoting French technology

Within the framework of the implementation of France's economic diplomacy and with due regard for the rules of competition, the DCI helps promote French expertise and technological innovations in the field of internal security and crisis situations.

It identifies best practices outside France concerning the early detection of risks and threats.

It facilitates contacts between French companies and partners abroad.

It helps companies organise the security of their establishments abroad and informs French business people about the security situation of a country.



The International Cooperation Department

A joint department, a unique network

Working on international cooperation for the Ministry of the Interior

The International Cooperation Department (DCI) is an active division of the French National Police. It is the first joint department of Police and Gendarmerie and was established in 2010 as a result of the merger of the Police International Technical Cooperation service (SCTIP, set up in 1961) and the Gendarmerie International Cooperation sub-directorate (SDCI, set up in 1985).

Through its network of internal security services (SSI) posted abroad, under the authority of the heads of the Police and the Gendarmerie, the DCI leads, coordinates and implements:

- **technical cooperation on security and governance,**
- **operational cooperation,**
- **institutional cooperation,**
- **partnerships.**

It is tasked with helping to apply the Ministry's international strategy and implement France's foreign policy for all issues covered by the Ministry of the Interior, except for those within the remit of the intelligence services. It leads and coordinates all activities of international technical cooperation for the General Secretariat of the Ministry of the Interior, the Directorate-General for Civil Protection and Crisis Management, the Directorate-General for Foreign Nationals in France, the Directorate-General for Local and Regional Authorities as well as the Road Traffic and Safety Delegation. Working to foster closer cooperation between France and host countries, the DCI's network of internal security attachés (ASI) ensures the protection of French citizens abroad in coordination with consulates as well as the protection of France's interests around the world. It also strives to ensure positive outcomes for homeland security issues. The DCI network covers 157 countries and is the world's leading State-established network for international cooperation in security and governance. To carry out its role the DCI relies on:

- **a head office,** in Nanterre-Paris-La Défense, staffed by 247 police officers, gendarmes and administrative personnel who provide a 24/7 operations monitoring centre, organise actions and coordinate the network.
- **a network of 74 Internal Security Services,** posted abroad, staffed by 298 police officers and gendarmes, under the orders of internal security attachés, and 18 civil protection experts.

In addition, the DCI liaises with the Ministry of Europe and Foreign Affairs to manage the use and deployment of the 464 police officers and gendarmes who act as security guards in French embassies and consulates abroad.

Technical cooperation on security and governance

Sharing security know-how

The technical cooperation actions rolled out by the DCI are prompted by requests from partner countries and also by the need to reinforce homeland security.

These actions aim to:

- **share** the know-how of the Police, Gendarmerie and the immigration, civil protection and road safety services with their counterparts in requesting countries;
- **strengthen** partner countries' capabilities in security;
- **develop** an approach that is shared by security services;
- **increase** the effectiveness of crisis management and the fight against crime;
- **establish** security practices that have a better legal framework, thus helping to reinforce the rule of law.

Technical cooperation activities - internships, training courses, visits of foreign delegations, seminars and so on - take place in France and abroad, in partnership with the French services of police, gendarmerie, immigration, civil protection and road safety.



Exporting France's acknowledged expertise in administration and governance

Alongside security, governance is the other main concern of Ministry of the Interior. To this end, cooperation on governance aims to promote a coherent model for institutions, electoral systems, devolution, decentralisation and administrative and territorial organisation. This takes the form of technical support for requesting countries on issues of governance at the State and local authority levels.

It also provides a framework for sharing experience and best practices with foreign authorities in order to widen the scope of institutional cooperation in the field of local authority and civil service administration (e.g. the organisation of elections).

As regards Europe, cooperation on governance is also bolstered by a centre of expertise in European law for local authorities which contributes to the definition of France's positions within EU and Council of Europe institutions.

Operational cooperation

A mission at the core of the fight against international crime

The Internal Security Attachés' (ASI) prime role is to implement operational cooperation to combat all forms of international crime.

They provide information about the security context of the country where they are posted. They also facilitate the exchange of intelligence about criminal investigations with regard to unlawful trafficking, the tracking of wanted persons, document fraud, illegal immigration etc.

In this context, they provide support to investigators carrying out requests for international judicial assistance.

The ASI also liaise with consulates to contribute to the security of French citizens abroad, both expatriates and temporary visitors, and the protection of French interests outside France.

The DCI head office operates a round-the-clock operational monitoring centre (H24) which assists the Internal Security Services network. The network acts as intermediary in the constant exchange of information between French police and gendarmerie and their foreign counterparts.

The world's leading network for international law enforcement cooperation

