



- **Preventing identity fraud in the Netherlands**

By developing various products based on an innovative approach together with its partners, the ECID makes an active contribution to the prevention of identity fraud. As a chain adviser in the field of ID management, the ECID and its partners develop barrier models, which make it increasingly difficult for criminals to commit identity fraud. The ECID also ensures that its partners have the necessary knowledge in order to implement the various schemes.

Products: Advice - Training - Research - ID management - Document information systems

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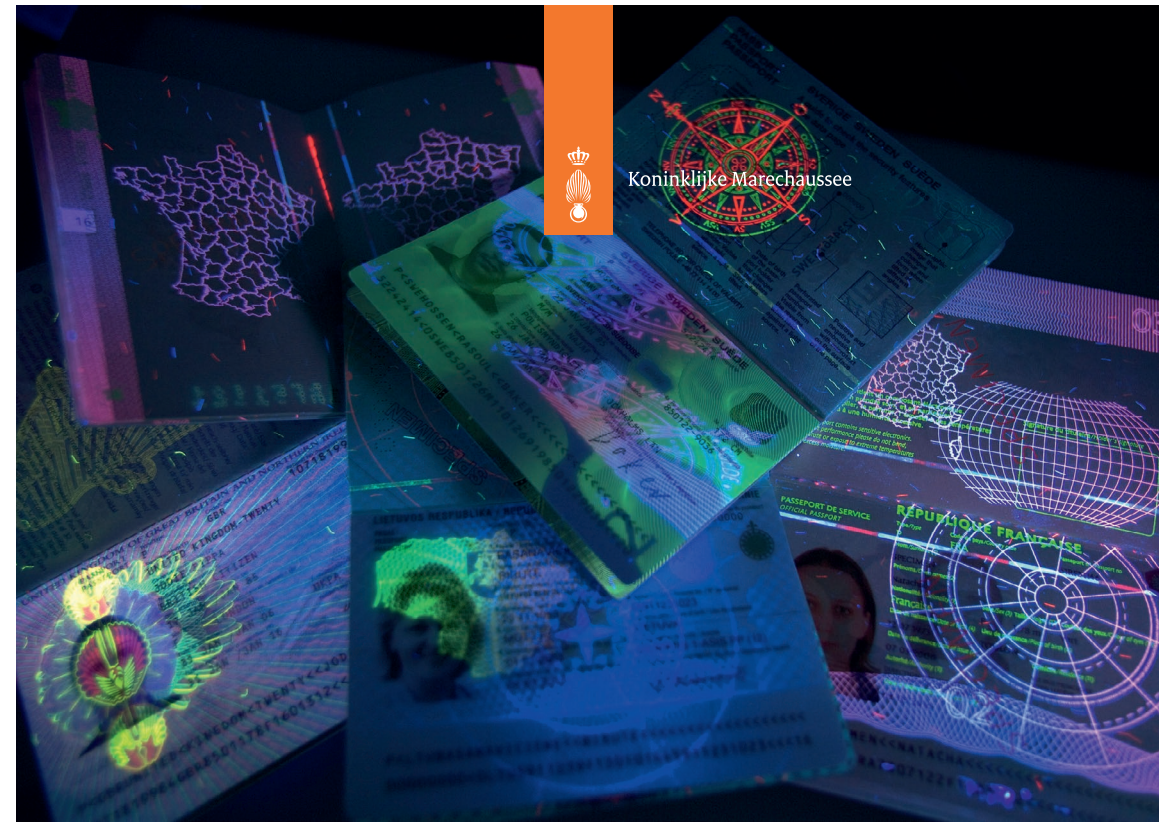
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Identity fraud and documents centre of expertise (ECID)

The ECID is a cooperative arrangement between the Royal Netherlands Marechaussee and the Police which has been operating since 2005 in the complex world of identity fraud and documents, in cooperation with a wide range of partners in the Netherlands and abroad.

Identity Fraud

Identity fraud has attracted a great deal of attention both in the world of politics and in the media, because it involves major risks to government authorities, businesses and individuals alike. Identity fraud can lead to incidents causing material and personal damage to all three of these categories. New developments are constantly emerging in the areas of forgery, technology, digital identity fraud, cybercrime and social media.

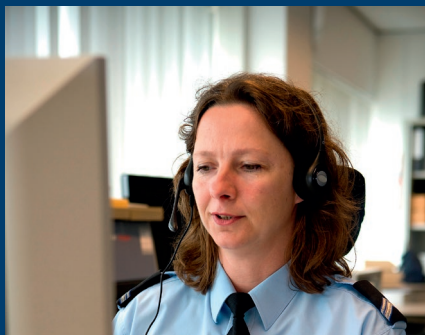
Identity fraud can be defined as: “the deliberate (and illegally or without permission) obtaining, appropriation, possession or creation of false identification means and the use thereof to commit an illegal act or with the intention of committing an illegal act” (De Vries, 2007). In other words: taking on another identity deliberately and without permission and using it to commit a crime or intending to do so.

Mission: “*The ECID is the national nerve centre for matters related to identity fraud and documents. Its mission is to contribute to the fighting and prevention of identity fraud.*”

For its national and international partners, the ECID with its team of more than 40 experts is one of the key suppliers of information products and expertise services for fighting and preventing identity fraud.

Partners

The ECID, which underwent a reorganisation in 2012, works mainly for the Royal Netherlands Marechaussee, the Police, the Public Prosecution Service, all national and international law enforcement and investigation agencies, the Immigration and Naturalisation Service, the Customs Service and for organisations in the vital sectors of government and business



in the Netherlands. Those vital sectors are: energy, telecommunications/IT, drinking water, food, health, finance, surface water management, public order and safety, rule of law, public administration, transport and the chemical and nuclear industries.

Tasks

The ECID uses its expertise to support its partners in fighting and preventing identity fraud. The ECID carries out the following tasks:

- **Assuring document expertise**

Many forms of identity fraud involve document fraud, so it is important to have and maintain expertise in this area. The ECID has long been renowned in the Netherlands and abroad for its expertise regarding documents. The ECID ensures that its expertise remains up to date and makes it available to national and international partners. The same is true for the ECID's unique Documents Centre. The ECID also launches various initiatives to assure the quality of the document experts of its partners.

Products: Document research - Alerts - Expert Sessions - Seminars

- **Serving as a national information hub for identity fraud and documents**

Information about identity fraud is not very available. The ECID continually improves its information position by acting as an information broker. It sets up the exchange of information through active cooperation with partners. Gathering and, often together, analysing information is essential in order to assure the quality of the ECID's information products and thus make an important contribution to the effective tackling of identity fraud in the Netherlands.

Products: Analyses – Trends – Information-sharing - Intelligence

- **Strengthening the fight against identity fraud in the Netherlands**

With its extensive expertise, the ECID is a key player nationwide in the preparatory work for special criminal investigations and as such makes a real contribution to the fight against identity fraud. Together with its partners, the ECID adopts an innovative approach to develop information systems and other products with which identity fraud can be tackled. This provides more insight into the nature and scope of identity fraud, allowing for the development of better products, which in turn contribute to the effective tackling of identity fraud.

Products: Criminal investigation support - Outline documents - Info desk - Barrier models