



IKD delegate report from The Norwegian Association of Investigation and Security (NFES)

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- The Norwegian Association of Investigation and Security (NFES) have over the past two years increased the association's members up to 25 agencies.
- At NFES annual meeting in spring 2009 John Grottum was elected as chairman and Geir Skjelstad as secretary.
- One of the main objectives for NEFS is still to establish a licensing for private investigators in Norway. On the matter NFES have been corresponding with the Ministry of Justice. The absence of any statutory control of the investigating industry in Norway has been an ongoing discussion for more than a decade. NFES have in their letters to the Ministry been referring to the work done by IKD on this subject. Moreover is licensing of private investigators on the agenda in EU-region. However NFES is preparing a second letter to the Ministry with new and better argumentation. We are also questioning why Norwegian authorities have such stringent regulations and control routines regarding security companies, but not on the private investigation sector. From NEFS point of view that is a great paradox.
- NFES has also in a letter to The Norwegian Bar Association asked for their comments regarding licensing for private investigators.



- On the 19th October 2009 the chairman of the Norwegian Police Union will attend the NFES meeting for an orientation about the union's attitude to private investigation. The subject private investigation was on the agenda under the European Confederation of Police congress in Oslo 2007.
- NFES will take part in a workshop at The Police Academia in November where to make a presentation of our organization. The cadets are asking for more information about the branch and the kind of work we are doing.
- For the last couple of years there has not been any co-operation or contact, what so ever, with the other Norwegian association – NOPES.

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