STRATEGY OF THE SPECIAL SERVICE FOR NATIONAL SECURITY

MISSION OF THE SPECIAL SERVICE FOR NATIONAL SECURITY

Special Service for National Security (hereinafter: SSNS) provides covert intelligence gathering and data acquiring activities as well as expert services for organizations authorized by Acts in order to protecting the constitutional order of Hungary, preventing and detecting crimes, promoting effectiveness of jurisdiction and fulfilling intelligence tasks aiming to meet security policy objectives.

TASKS OF THE SPECIAL SERVICE FOR NATIONAL SECURITY

The SSNS operates under the direction of the Government as an economically independent budgetary organization, with nationwide authority.

The SSNS

- upon written request, shall provide services, using the special means and methods of intelligence gathering and covert acquisition of data and support the covert information gathering activities of organizations authorized by the law to do so (hereinafter: tasking organizations);
- based on the requirements of tasking organizations, shall provide the special technical tools and materials needed for their covert intelligence gathering activities;
- shall provide special telecommunications connection for users specified by the Government;
- shall supervise, in its administrative authority, the protection of security documents;
- shall pursue expert consulting – and under the rules of other special legislation – forensic activities,
- shall carry out the tasks of national security protection and provide security check of individuals falling within its competence, and carry out the operational protection of its premises,
- shall carry out supplementary security check according to the governmental decree on the special rules of national security related purchases or purchases containing classified data, or which require special security measures.

The SSNS is a national security agency in the frame of the Hungarian law enforcement system, which does not provide governmental information activity.

The SSNS is a service-providing organization. It may use the means and methods of covert intelligence gathering and data acquisition by its own initiation if the task related to the national security protection and check of individuals, and to carry out the operational protection of its premises. The legal basis for the SSNS’s contribution to the covert intelligence and data acquiring activities of the tasking organizations is stipulated in the ACT CXXV of 1995 on the national security services, Act XXXIV of 1994 on the Police, Act XIX of 1998 on the Penal Procedure and Act CXXII of 2010 on the National Tax and Customs Administration.

The services rendered by the SSNS – with the exception of the forensic expert activities – shall be free of charge.

The order of cooperation between the organizations authorized to use covert intelligence gathering/data acquisition and the SSNS shall be defined by the government.

The SSNS may only provide its services – with the exception of cross-border surveillance within the framework of international police cooperation – strictly in the territory of Hungary.
CORE VALUES OF THE SPECIAL SERVICE FOR NATIONAL SECURITY

LAWFULNESS
The SSNS carries out its activity in compliance with the Basic Law of Hungary, all pertinent legislation and regulatory provisions of public law, fully enforcing the requirements of legal standards and regulations, as well as the basic principles of operational work.

COMPETENCY
Another key element of the activity of the SSNS is professionalism. Highly qualified and experienced colleagues are striving for excellence, holding special knowledge and possessed of key-competences that enable them to work to high standards.

COMMITMENT
The ready-to-serve-at-all-times staff of the SSNS is committed itself to the mission of the organization, loyal to its nation, enthusiastic, respectful, and has a sense of vocation.

DOCUMENTATION
The principal element of professional work is the appropriate documentation of any relevant, admissible information having legal consequences in relation to the services and expert activities rendered to the tasking organizations by the SSNS.

SECRECY
The primary interest of the SSNS is to make sure that no unauthorized person gains knowledge neither of any aspects of its activity and the identity of any persons involved therein, nor of the real purposes of the technical means and services. Therefore, besides validating the secret protection requirements set forth in pertinent legislation, the SSNS pays special attention to enforcing them.

INNOVATION
By evaluating past experiences, using the creativity and knowledge of the force, following the tendencies of technical advancement and adapting to the ever-changing environment, the SSNS constantly develops its technical systems.

COOPERATION
For the purposes of wholly satisfying the needs of the tasking organizations and the complex operative interests, the SSNS has and continues to establish close professional cooperation with tasking organizations, governmental and non-governmental organizations, as well as foreign partner services.

EFFECTIVENESS
With its quality execution of work, cost-effective, goal-orientated operation, and professional service meeting the requirements of the tasking organizations, the SSNS significantly contributes to the effectiveness of the operation of the tasking organizations.

ACCOUNTABILITY
To maintain the public trust connected to the operation and activity of the SSNS, the continuous controlling mechanism conducted by the controlling bodies authorized by law guarantees the accountability of the SSNS.

CONTINUOUS LEARNING
The SSNS educates itself and, in accordance with its financial boundaries, creates the possibility for its personnel to obtain the up-to-date theoretical and practical knowledge. The philosophy of the SSNS is one of continuous learning.
OBJECTIVES OF THE SPECIAL SERVICE FOR NATIONAL SECURITY

THE ANSWER TO FUTURE CHALLENGES: RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT
In addition to fulfilling the basic tasks to high standards, we need to attain the needs of the tasking organizations by constantly improving quality assurance and quality management systems. To be able to meet the challenges generated by technical development, in the information technology development we conduct Research and Development activity. We realize our short- and long-term developments by introducing project management principles.

STABILITY
By strengthening the ability to adapt and improve the process of determining definite responsibilities and decision-making competencies, we build fast and flexible reaction skills of the SSNS in relation to legislative changes, technology advancement, and other challenges.

EFFICIENT HUMAN RESOURCES MANAGEMENT
Preventing, reducing fluctuation caused by the draining effect of the private sector, we particularly insist on the importance of maintaining a healthy environment and a pleasant working atmosphere, as well as creating such conditions that enable keeping a skilled and competent workforce. We urge on introducing new measures set to improve general conditions at work, and we guarantee persistent protection of the personnel. Our intention is to turn the SSNS to an even more attractive workplace, presenting the career model still under construction. We offer possibility to acquire and keep knowledge up-to-date, as well as to improve managerial skills, by reforming the educational system, creating talent management and talent care programs, and providing professional trainings.

PROFESSIONALISM IN THE FIELDS OF INFORMATION FLOW AND COOPERATION
For the purposes of fully analyzing professional experiences, introducing good practices based upon these experiences, and improving the efficiency of the applied procedures, it is highly essential for the SSNS to take the remarks of the tasking organizations into consideration, which pertain to covert information gathering, covert data acquisition and other services of the SSNS. In order to balance the ever-increasing needs of the tasking organizations, we enhance the cooperation and coordination between the SSNS and speeding up the information flow. We furthermore switch to electronic administration as a means of improving efficiency.

COST-EFFECTIVE BUDGETARY MANAGEMENT
During the planning phase of the budget, while strengthening the advocacy skills of the SSNS, we seek to ensure conditions that are in accordance with the needs of the tasking organizations, both in the areas of flawless operation and development. In order to effectively operate the SSNS, financial stability and at the same time economical and effective management is essential. During financial planning and breaking down the budget, cost effectiveness is still a priority, as well as finding additional sources.