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In 2007 the Danish State Prosecutor for Serious Economic and International Crime set up the Danish Asset Recovery Office, which shall trace proceeds from crime with the aim of seizure and confiscation of proceeds from crime.

The Asset Recovery Office investigates the money flow in cases concerning complicated economic crime and assists in the financial investigation in cases handled by the police districts concerning e.g. trafficking in women, illicit labour, smuggling of people, smuggling of weapons and drug crimes. The Asset Recovery Office does not cover cases other than those related to criminal proceedings.

As mentioned, the Asset Recovery Office assists the State Prosecutor for Serious Economic and International Crime as well as the police districts in tracing the proceeds of crime. This may relate both to pending cases, where assets are secured until a later judgment has determined the economic claims in the case, and to cases where the sentence involves confiscation but no previous information has been provided nor sufficient assets found to cover the claims in the case, e.g. because the person convicted has hidden the assets. Reports on money laundering have also proven to be of value in this context and contribute to the Asset Recovery Office's work by ensuring to the greatest extent possible that profitable crime 'does not pay'.

The Asset Recovery Office has direct access to the databases regarding real estate, companies, vehicles and boats.

The Asset Recovery Office is part of the so-called CARIN network (Camden Asset Recovery Inter-Agency Network). CARIN, supported by the Commission of the European Communities and by Europol, is an interna-

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tional network of asset recovery practitioners which include experts from 53 jurisdictions and 9 international organisations. Its objectives are the exchange of best practices and the improvement of inter-agency cooperation in cross-border asset recovery matters.

The Asset Recovery Office is also a member of the EU informal Asset Recovery Offices' Platform.

The Asset Recovery Office has no experience in international cooperation regarding asset recovery based on the United Nations Convention against Corruption.