Have Bounderies Been Overstepped?

Investigation illicit trade involving archives in the Netherlands

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Cause

Objectives

Structure of the research
Main conclusions

- Most significant problem: theft or misappropriation of archival material

- Hidden problem

- Insufficient cooperation

- It is important to take preventive measures: registration, safety and security measures, code of ethics (integrity), procedures, check provenance

- Awareness
Recommendations

- Development of a uniform and coordinated approach (legislation, registration) by institutions involved (archives, police, Inspectorate)

- Development of a uniform method regarding safety and security measures (Cultural Heritage Agency, Inspectorate, Royal Library, National Archives, archival sector)

- Development of a joint vision regarding supervision and quality inspection (state, municipal and provincial archival inspectors)
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- Central authority regarding European and UNESCO legislation on protection of cultural heritage

- Assistance with export permits

- Inspection of collections and objects of national importance

- Cooperation with Customs and police

- Cooperation with international organizations
Research: experiences with illegal handlings
Research: dilemma: stolen objects or missing administratively

In de literatuur is aangegeven dat het voor erfgoedinstellingen lastig is om te bepalen of objecten gestolen of administratief vermist zijn. Herkent u dit dilemma?

- ja: 20
- nee: 5
Research: preventive measures

![Bar chart showing preventive measures](chart.png)
Research: destinations of archival material outside the EU

Belangrijkste bestemmingen Cat.7-12 2005-2010

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