

## Project “Federal Office for State Protection and Counterterrorism-Act”

### **Project Management:**

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March 21, 2016

### **Part I: Evaluation of a needs assessment with regard to a new law on the organization and competences of the Federal Office for State Protection and Counterterrorism**

### **Team:**

Scientific staff:

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Administrative support:

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### **Description:**

One of the goals envisaged by the Austrian government in the area of interior affairs, according to its work program for the period 2013-2018, is the introduction and establishment of tailored statutory provisions on state protection. In order to counter threats arising from espionage, extremism and terrorism the Federal Minister of the Interior issued the mandate to optimize the existing legal framework. As a

consequence, the Austrian Center for Law Enforcement Sciences (ALES) conducted a needs assessment evaluation conceptualized by the client from a legal perspective. Particular attention is dedicated to the balance between effective law enforcement and the protection of fundamental rights with regards to the limits and difficulties related to the application of the Security Police Act as outlined by the needs assessment.

## **Part II: Criminological evaluation of interviews**

### **Team:**

Scientific staff:

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### **Description:**

ALES analyses interviews conducted by the client with various stakeholders from a criminological perspective.