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Cross-border undercover networks are a 'global puzzle'

Exposure of police spy Mark Kennedy revealed a little about international espionage, but much remains hidden

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More light has been shed recently on a particularly hidden area of undercover policing. The [Mark Kennedy](#) controversy helped to provide a little glimpse of this, but much remains unknown.

During his seven years infiltrating the environmental movement, Kennedy spent quite a lot of time spying on, and disrupting, activists in other countries.

The [Channel Four documentary](#) on him called him 'the go-to cop for foreign governments who needed information about their own activists'.

[He was deployed in 11 countries on 40 occasions](#), according to one official report. These countries included Germany, Denmark and Iceland. In Denmark, for instance, [he says that he infiltrated a Danish community centre](#) that had housed progressive causes for more than a century, obtaining intelligence to help police storm it and close it down in violent raids.

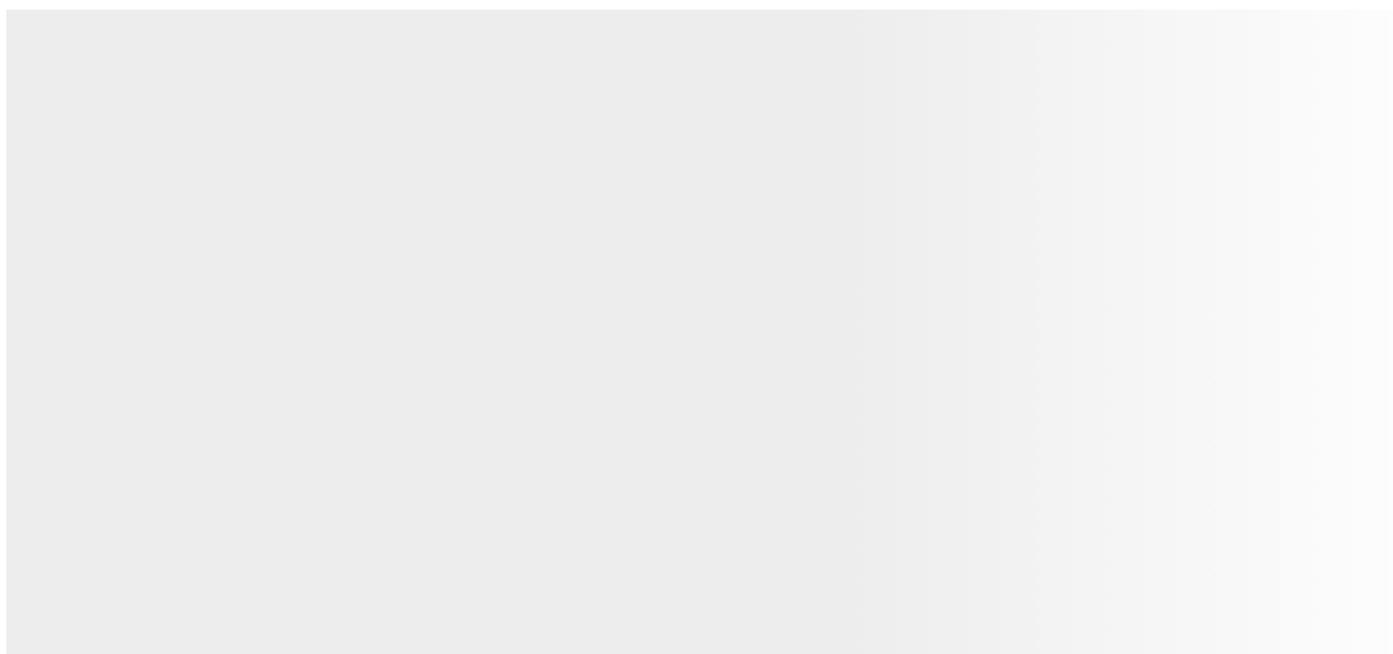
[Mark Jacobs was](#) another of the undercover officers who appears to have [engaged in frequent Euro-travel to](#) monitor campaigners.

What has emerged is a highly secretive official apparatus among governments for organising and co-ordinating this cross-border espionage. There appears to be a network of clandestine bodies in which police and governments manage the infiltration and surveillance of political as well as criminal groups.

We would of course be interested in any information on this subject.

[Statewatch](#), which monitors civil liberties in Europe, has recently published [this here](#), noting : "Information currently in the public domain makes up only a small piece of a global puzzle of police working groups and networks dealing with infiltration, intrusion and surveillance not just of criminal groups, but political activists".

One politician who has pursued this with some vigour is [German MP Andrej Hunko](#). He has recently published a detailed document collating information



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