

# BANKNOTE MANUFACTURING COUNTERFEIT RESEARCH CENTER (CRC)



## ASSETS

The Banque de France's Counterfeit Research Center is an internationally recognized reference in the field of anti-counterfeiting.

Created more than 30 years ago, this center of expertise encompasses the full range of counterfeit-related activities – from analyzing fake banknotes found in circulation to performing counterfeit resilience tests on any currency.



## WHO WE ARE



All team members share a strong background in the graphic arts industry, mastering both traditional and digital reproduction processes.

Our counterfeit analysis experts possess the most up-to-date knowledge on counterfeiting techniques used in circulation. They are dedicated to extracting a maximum of relevant information in order to assist law enforcement in their investigations.

Thanks to their constant monitoring of the market and experimentation with new materials and equipment, our “in house counterfeiters” are able to produce realistic counterfeits at amateur, semi-professional and professional levels.



## EQUIPMENT



The CRC is equipped with a wide and constantly renewed array of commercial printers, scanners and presses, covering most reproduction technologies.



## ACHIEVEMENTS



Law enforcement training and assistance.  
Specification-based counterfeit production for the calibration of cash recycling machines.  
Monitoring of counterfeiters' activity on the darknet/social media.  
Recommendations for optimum integration of security features.



## KEY DATA

**The team has a head-start of between 6 months and 2 years** on real-life counterfeiters in the identification of new counterfeiting techniques.



## OFFER

### Adversarial analysis

- Counterfeit resilience testing of complete banknotes/security products.
- Counterfeit resilience testing of individual security features.
- Integration recommendations to optimize feature effectiveness.

### Counterfeit analysis

- Assistance on analysis center setup (training in printing process identification, technical classification methodology, etc.).
- Characterization of counterfeit products.



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