Centralizing forces? A transformative moment in policing

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The Northern European context: converging trajectories?
The contours of recent police reforms: converging trajectories?

- Denmark: from 54 to 12 districts;
- Finland: from 90 to 24 districts;
- Norway: from 57 to 24 districts;
- Sweden: from 118 to 21 districts;
- Belgium: from 3 forces to ‘a single integrated police force structure on 2 levels’
- Netherlands: from 25 regional forces to a national force and 10 districts;
- Scotland: from 8 regional forces to a national force and 3 regions.

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The ‘end game’: what kind of police forces are meant to emerge from the reform process?

- More accountable (locally and or centrally)?
- More efficient/sustainable?
- More effective (particularly in tackling international/transnational crime)?
- More equitable (in terms of access to expertise)?
- More trusted by citizens?