

Abstract

The criminal justice as well as the persons participating in criminal proceedings, they both are currently facing number of newly posed challenges and unanswered questions so far, due to the onward going integration of the European Union and much closer cooperation of the Member States, in the field of the Procedural Criminal Law. There have been established many new institutions within the field of the European Union in last few years and there were adopted many legal tools which directly influence the cooperation between the judicial and police authorities of individual countries.

In connection with newly emerging forms of the crime and more coherent cooperation of the perpetrators of severe crime, the relevant authorities at the union level as well as at the national level encounter situations not being resolved at all, or which are specified by theoretical standards only and have not been put into practice yet.

Due to the diversity and abundance of the legal tools and institutions which interfere the criminal law sphere without adjusting their mutual cooperation or without having sorted out the priority of application in many cases, the author of this thesis considers as an appropriate to have such comprehensive view to this relevant issue introduced to the specialized public, as well as having defined and summarized all relevant legal tools and institutions dealing with such an issue within the field of the European Union. The author of this thesis draws on her own study experience gained in Eurojust in the years 2004 and 2005, followed by the diploma thesis topic 'Eurojust' drafted in the master degree study programme at the Faculty of Law at Palacký University Olomouc in the year 2007. Based on own gained experience from this time, followed by further study of the relevant issue, hereinafter the author presents possible solutions of the future development of the integration of procedural and substantive rules of the criminal law.

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