

Abstract and key words

Thesis title: Criminal Liability for the Dissemination of Illegal Content on the Internet

The thesis deals with the issue of criminal liability for the dissemination of illegal content on the Internet with a closer focus on the issue of hate crime, extremism and terrorism. It is divided into two parts, each of which represents a separate chapter. The work is mostly based on case law sources, but parts dedicated to cases in which are criminal proceedings still pending are using Internet sources mainly.

The first part categorizes harmful content on the Internet and enumerates the possibilities of its regulation, then deals more generally with concept of criminal liability, distinguishing the specifics of natural and legal persons. It deals with other possibilities of sanctions of legal persons by instruments other than criminal law, including giving examples from case law where these instruments were used. It defines the terms "cyberspace", "cybercrime", "computer crime", discusses the scope of criminal law on the Internet. It also addresses the problem areas of sanctioning hate speech in terms of the international nature of cyberspace, in particular with regard to differences in freedom of speech legislation in the United States, including specific examples where, despite differences, international legal cooperation application can be expected as useful and also mentions cases, where criminal liability is unlikely to be inferred.

The second part of the thesis defines terms such as "hate crime", "hate speech", "extremism", "terrorism" and puts them into context with domestic legislation. A separate subchapter deals with Directive (EU) No. 2017/541 of the European Parliament and of the Council on the fight against terrorism and its implementation into the Czech rule of law. This chapter also deals with the interpretation of the element of committing crime in public, which has a number of specifics in relation to cybercrime and extremist crime. It further analyzes the individual "hate crime" offenses listed in a special section of the Criminal Code, which can typically be committed via the Internet, and links them to case law and clarifies possible issues with the interpretation of the terms contained in Criminal Code.

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