

ABSTRACT

The aim of this thesis is the analysis of a cooperating defendant as a legal instrument of combating organized crime not only in the law regulations of the Czech Republic, but also in the laws of other European countries. This thesis also outlines the origin and development of this institution, both in the international context and in the context of the Czech legislation, including amendments and proposals *de lege ferenda*. In my work I am also comparing the Czech legislation with specific national legislations. I also mention some interesting legal cases that relate to these issues and present the views of the scientific capacities and respected experts. The thesis is divided into five chapters, which are complemented by introduction and conclusion. The first chapter deals with the historical development of the institute, both in the Czech Republic and in the territories of other states. The second chapter deals with the Czech legislation, the introduction of the institute, and amendments regarding also the laws outside of the Criminal Procedure Code. I also bring up some of the views of experts who evaluate the institute from various angles and express their opinion *de lege ferenda*. The third chapter presents the problems of organized crime, a topic closely related; institute of cooperating defendant helps in detecting and proving this type of crime. The fourth chapter states the individual national legislations, which contain this institute; polish and slovak legislation is analyzed in two subchapters. In the last chapter I present the field of international cooperation in this direction and I summarize proposals on the field of Czech legislation. At the end I issue *de lege ferenda* opinions and I summarize the various expert opinions, including my own opinions.