Abstract

The topic of my thesis is the legal and social regulation of drug addiction. The drugs phenomenon stays a global and constant societal problem. I started to be interested in drug issue shortly after revolution, after I attended my very first talk about drugs within the school education. The aim of my thesis was to map development and current situation of drug problems, especially drug scene state, national and European drug policy, analysis of legislation, and last but not least, prevention, treatment and subsequent rehabilitation of drug addicts in the Czech Republic and European Union countries. Czech Republic came closer to European countries with the introduction of new criminal legislation. However, despite all efforts of harmonization of the European Union differences between countries exist in the legal framework and specific procedures in the field of drug. Individual states have their own characteristics in the drugs field, and therefore we cannot generalize uniform procedures for all states. Nevertheless, sub-national practices could stand for inspiration for the Czech Republic in similar cases.

This thesis consists of four main chapters, which are further divided into individual subsections. The first chapter contains a definition of drug addiction and the basic classification of drugs, including their effects on the human organism. The second chapter deals with drug issues and drug policy. It is divided into six subsections. In the first subsection the development of the drug situation in the Czech Republic is outlined. The second subsection applies to drug problems in vulnerable groups namely children under fifteen years of age and adolescents. The third subsection includes the summary. The fourth subsection describes the development of drug policy of the Czech Republic, including the latest strategies. In the fifth subsection the development of drug policy in the European Union follows. The sixth subsection includes the summary. The third chapter deals with the issue of drug legislation, the Czech Republic and European countries. The chapter consists of six sections. The first section includes regulatory developments, including international aspects. In the second subchapter the current state of criminal treatment of drug problems is discussed. The third subsection describes the state of legislation in terms of offence law. The fourth subsection includes non-criminal legal rules related to drugs. The fifth subchapter of this chapter establishes the legal regulation of the drugs problem in European countries. The last subchapter includes the summary. The fourth chapter deals with the social control of drug addiction in the Czech Republic and European countries. It is divided into six subchapters.
The first subchapter describes the type and method of prevention of addictive drugs use. The second subchapter is devoted to the possibilities of treatment of drug addicts and their subsequent integration into society. The third subchapter concerns the role of NGOs and churches in the prevention, treatment and rehabilitation of drug addicts in the Czech Republic. The fourth subchapter of the thesis describes the current situation of the components of prevention, treatment options and subsequent integration of drug addicts into society of individuals in Czech Republic. The fifth subchapter of the thesis describes the current situation of the components of prevention, treatment options and subsequent integration of drug addicts into society of individuals in European countries. The last subchapter of the thesis includes the summary.

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