

English summary

The diploma thesis is concerned with the phenomenon of organized crime as one of the most serious forms of crime.

The basis of the thesis is formed by its criminological part in which emphasis is within the first chapter laid on delimitation and definition of this phenomenon from phenomenological perspective, description of its characteristic features and distinguishing it from other forms of crime.

The second chapter focuses on the causes and conditions giving rise to organized crime, where individual factors facilitating this phenomenon are systematically divided within individual subchapters and are examined always with practical examples of formation and development of individual criminal organizations with regard to their historical context. Emphasis is placed on high level of social dangerousness of this phenomenon for the society as such.

The last chapter of the criminological part of the thesis deals in more detail with the main characteristic of organized crime, or criminal organizations, i.e. the notion of internal organizational structure, which is also mentioned in the statutory definition of organized criminal group in Czech criminal law. This section contains numerous examples of individual types of this internal organization and attention is further paid to its significance and, last but not least, also to its continuous development into modern forms in which this feature takes quite a specific shape.

Subsequently, the criminological part concentrates in the fourth chapter in particular on acquainting the reader with the main differences from the point of view of the methodology of investigation of this type of crime with focus on the specificity of investigative actions, interrogation of suspects, witnesses, etc. Attention is also paid to the need for highly coordinated procedure in investigation of this form of crime with emphasis on the requirement to give it top priority. Last but not least, the aspect of high degree of interconnection of this discipline with criminological knowledge which must in any case serve as a basis is also dealt with.

The fifth chapter is concerned with the way the institutes for fight against organized crime are embodied in criminal substantive law. First of all, the development of legislation of this area on the level of international law is briefly outlined in the

introductory part of the chapter, in particular the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime, where the basis terms are analyzed. The following sections focus primarily on the institute of organized criminal group, its history in Czech criminal law, as well as on the problems connected with its practical application in criminal proceedings. The most important context in which these institutes and the fight with organized criminality as such are embedded is also partially examined from the perspective of criminal procedure.

Finally, the last chapter of the thesis covers preventive measures for protection against this serious phenomenon.