

Abstract

This thesis analyses criminological factors related to crime of legal entities. Criminal liability of legal entities has not been a subject of such extensive research as criminal liability of natural persons, let alone criminology of crime of legal entities – the origins of this field first appeared in the first half of 20th century, when the criminologist E. H. Sutherland introduced and described a *white-collar crime* phenomenon.

Crime of legal entities is an up-to-date issue, being a phenomenon of a considerable danger and it is desirable to make it a subject of a comprehensive research in order to find the most suitable prevention or an adequate reaction to that crime. Understanding criminological factors related to crime of legal entities can help to prepare matching provisions which can serve as an efficient tool for prevention of and response to this type of crime.

This thesis is divided into four chapters. The first one addresses the crime of legal entities in general – it describes the historical evolution of crime of legal entities in the Anglo-American judicial system and its variations in the continental judicial system. After that is presented the history of legal regulation in Czech Republic and its current state.

The second chapter discusses the criminological factors related to crime of legal entities itself and its theories. For clarity the factors are divided into three Revels – related to an individual, to the legal entity and to the market.

The third chapter deals with the possible use of criminological factors, especially in prevention, detection and reaction of the legal entity to crime.

The last chapter describes ways in which Czech legal regulation reflects the knowledge of criminological factors related to crime of legal entities. This chapter also contains a description of disputable provisions of this regulation and suggests their possible modifications.

The goal of this thesis is to present a summary of criminological factors related to crime of legal entities and to answer the questions stated in the introduction of the thesis regarding the application of criminological factors affecting crime of legal entities.