

Abstract

International Cooperation in the Field of Anti – Money Laundering

The submitted thesis deals with the topical and very important issue which is international cooperation in the field of anti – money laundering (or the legitimisation of the proceeds of crime). This field is described as the very core element of the fight against money laundering in the introduction of the work. On the other hand this is also the element with many deficiencies that establish the basic obstacles in the scope of this fight. The aim of this work is to describe this type of international cooperation, to detect its main shortcomings and to suggest possible solutions.

Anti – money laundering international cooperation is described in detail in the framework of this thesis on legislative and practical level through the analytical, comparative and historical methodologies, while the field of administrative law is stressed. The introductory chapters deal with explanation of basic terminology and institutes connected with this topic, the types of international cooperation in the field of anti – money laundering, the history of this issue, and the detailed exploration of the sources of law (international, European and national). In the next chapters the role of authorities, organizations and other entities involved in this type of international cooperation is highlighted. The special attention is paid to the Financial Analytical Office that plays the role of financial intelligence unit in the Czech Republic.

Furthermore the thesis is focused on the detailed analysis of strategic and operational international cooperation in the field of anti – money laundering. Afterwards the main shortcomings of this international cooperation are detected and described on the basis of the case studies, judicature and the experience of the author. The possible solutions of these shortcomings are suggested on legislative or practical level (international, European or national). Special attention is devoted to the so called professional money laundering because of recently revealed serious cases of international money laundering.

Beyond the scope of the work the author deals with the other current topics connected with the fight against money laundering, especially the future development of European legislation including the ideas of establishment of European Financial Intelligence Unit, the recent evaluation of the Czech Republic by the Moneyval of the Council of Europe, future amendment of the Czech Anti – Money Laundering Act and other important topics.