

Establishment of the National Bureau of Investigation in Slovenia as a response to the contemporary unconventional forms of crime

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The author presents in his paper the reasons and circumstances that prompted the establishment of the National Bureau of Investigation in Slovenia. He states that financial (economic) crime and corruption take place also in Slovenia through increasingly complicated business transactions, most often involving international elements and the new, so far unknown modes of operation. Illegal benefits have grown in comparison with the past period and represent an increasing threat to the functioning of a rule-of-law state and welfare state. Organised crime (drugs, trafficking in arms, trafficking in hazardous waste, organisation of illegal crossing of a state border, extortion etc.) has gained international dimensions.

A development of high technology and the massive use of internet have given rise to the parallel development and expansion of high technology crime, used for the commission of financial crime, child pornography, racial intolerance, terrorism, trafficking in stolen goods, illegal drugs etc. Terrorism has become a major threat to security and has been ever more connected with various forms of criminal activities. The present organisation of Slovene criminal police has not actually followed the described changes and has not been adapted to them. On the basis of statistical and descriptive methods, the author identifies in his paper new forms of crime in Slovenia and presents the analysis of causes and consequences that dictated the organisational changes in the fight against new unconventional forms of crime. In the paper are also analysed European organisational models of criminal police organisations and compared to the Slovene model of the National Bureau of Investigation.

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