COMPARATIVE OVERVIEW OF MONEY LAUNDERING IN CRIMINAL LEGISLATION OF THE REPUBLIC OF CROATIA AND THE REPUBLIC OF SERBIA

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ABSTRACT

Money laundering today is the most dangerous corruption offense whose main motive is the acquisition of unlawful property gains by concealing its unlawful origin. The aggravating circumstances in detecting this criminal offense relate to sophisticated perpetration and organization of perpetrators, different modes of execution, but also to its transnational character. In this paper the authors have presented a comparative overview of the criminal offense of money laundering in the legislation of Croatia, a EU Member State and Serbia, an applicant country. The first part of the paper sets forth the basic concepts of money laundering, its characteristics and forms. Furthermore, given is the international legal framework for the suppression of money laundering and, accordingly, the criminal justice framework of Croatia and Serbia with a goal of fighting this very widespread economic crime. A survey was conducted and an analysis of the state and movements of the corruptive criminal offenses of money laundering in Croatia and Serbia in the last two years. Attention was drawn to the jurisdiction in the criminal proceedings as well as the necessary international cooperation of the states in the suppression of this, in most cases, transnational criminal offense. Concluding considerations include de lege ferenda proposals to improve the normative legal framework and measures are

proposed to prevent money laundering in order to successfully combat this progressive financial crime of today. **Keywords:** money laundering, corruption, economic crime, EU, Croatia, Serbia

SMES ENCOURAGING ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

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ABSTRACT

The structure of the Albanian businesses is the same of that of other economies. It has a predominance of the micro businesses(less than 10 employees), which make 95.3% of the total businesses while small businesses (10-49 employees) make 3.7% (INSTAT, 2016). This significant value SMEs has in total businesses is translated in corresponding contribution in economy. They are important as they generate the biggest number of new ideas, affecting this way the innovation generated by a country. On the same time it is essential to take into consideration the structure of SMEs themselves. There are businesses that go bankruptcy after a while their entrance in the market. This happens as their entry in the market is not the right way, they don't bring anything new in the market and they do not survive as there are a lot of similar companies already in the market. In the same time there are entrepreneurs that bring new ideas, related to the technological innovations and these are the proper businesses that contribute to the economy and society. This paper gives a picture of the Albanian SMEs, their contribution in the economy of the country and their situation in relation to the businesses in the region and in the EU. Albania is inspiring to enter the EU and companies has to be aware of the process.



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