

## Some basic features of major penalties under the criminal code of the Republic of Kosovo

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### Abstract

Criminality in any society is a negative social and individual phenomenon with consequences for the individual in particular and society in general. Considering the severity and consequences of crime, any organized society takes measures to prevent and fight it. Such measures are of preventive and repressive character. In this plan Kosovo too, with its criminal legislation, takes measures to prevent and fight crime by defining criminal sanctions and other criminal law measures. The provision of these criminal sanctions is made by the Criminal Code of the Republic of Kosovo. A special type of criminal sanction that provides the new Criminal Code of Republic of Kosovo, which entered into force on 1.1.2013, are also major penalties, which are subject to be treated in this paper.

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