

Fighting corruption by justice authorities in Prizren

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Abstract

Corruption is the use and abuse of public power for private purposes manifested in various ways. The most common are fraud, bribery, nepotism, abuse, favoritism, etc.

As a negative phenomenon of society, it is widespread in all countries of the world, but the rate of its rise differs. Corruption is more widespread in Southeast Europe and especially in the Western Balkans where we also are an integral part of these countries. In order to investigate this phenomenon, we have focused on the fight against corruption by the justice institutions in the Prizren region.

The objective of the research is to highlight the work of the justice authorities, that is of the Basic Prosecution and the Basic Court of Prizren in their proceedings related to the prosecution and conviction of perpetrators of criminal offenses sanctioned as "Official corruption and criminal offenses against official duty". The research targeted the time period of 2017 and 2018.

The methods used in conducting the research are qualitative and quantitative, analytical, and comparative.

Based on the foregoing, the focus of the paper is to clarify the efficiency of the Prizren Basic Prosecution's work in prosecuting perpetrators of corruption offenses as well as the sentences imposed by the Basic Court as the preventive and punitive purpose of punishment was achieved. Based on the research conducted it was concluded that although a considerable number of criminal cases of corruption were resolved, however, the sentences imposed did not achieve the specific and general purpose of the sentence, which had an impact on the efficiency of criminal prosecution developed. The tightening of punishment policies would affect the strengthening of the fight against corruption.

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