

„Activities of the Police, Border Guard and Public Prosecutor’s Office in combating organized crime in southwestern Poland in 2007-2018”

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The dissertation consists of an introduction, six chapters, conclusion, bibliography, attachments and an appendix containing empirical tools used in research i.e. survey questionnaire, interview instruction, transcription of the interviews content and notes on narrators.

The first chapter contains an introduction to the concept of cooperation in the theory of internal security science. It presents the genesis and development of international cooperation of law enforcement agencies and consists of two subsections related to the genesis and development of foreign cooperation in southwestern Poland and the national and international legal basis for the cooperation.

The second chapter presents the mechanisms of counteracting and combating international crime. This chapter emphasized the importance of Polish agencies - Police, Border Guard and Public Prosecutor’s Office in the state security system, by exposing their role in counteracting and combating international crime by undertaking foreign cooperation with the representation of agencies of other countries and the European Community, i.e. Europol, Interpol, Eurojust and the European Judicial Network.

The third chapter contains characteristics and defines the area of interest for organized crime. Included subsections entitled organized crime in scientific theories, areas of criminal activity of organized criminal structures and organized crime occurring in the Lower Silesia region, were intended to introduce the context of the conducted research.

The fourth chapter of the dissertation presents the methodological basis of the conducted research, where the first subsection refers to the justification of the taken issue. Subsequent subsections present the developed methodology and research purposes, research questions and hypotheses as well as research sample and research process.

The fifth chapter presents the scope and role of cooperation undertaken by the Polish Police, Border Guard and Prosecutor's Office of the Republic of Poland in combating crime occurring in southwestern Poland. The first subsection refers to the cooperation of the Provincial Police Headquarters in Wroclaw with Police authorities of the Federal Republic of Germany focused on combating crime. In the second subsection, considerations in the field of cooperation were transferred to the Border Guard Unit of Oder River area. Whereas in the third

subsection presented is international cooperation between Public Prosecutor's Offices of Poland and Germany.

The sixth chapter contains conclusions and generalizations resulting from conducted research. In the conclusion of the dissertation are included recommendations regarding the possibility of using the obtained results in creating a strategy for combating and counteracting organized crime by law enforcement agencies for the following years.