

CORRUPTION CRIME: CHARACTERIZATION AND ANALYSIS

Ukraine is currently considered one of the most corrupt countries in Europe. The democratic way of development of our country is not possible without reform performance, namely in terms of responding to corruption offenses. The effective performance of employees is the key to national development because they carry political, social, economic and other reforms in the country.

In this article we propose to focus on the characteristics of corruption offenses, and identify problems and possible solutions.

According to the Council of Europe Criminal Law Convention on Corruption, these activities threaten the rule of law, democracy and human rights, destroy good governance, integrity and social justice, hinder competition and economic development, and threaten the stability of democratic institutions and the moral foundations of society.

The legal framework in this area is the following documents: Law of Ukraine "On prevention of corruption", the Law "On State anti-corruption policy in Ukraine (anti-corruption strategy) for the years 2014-2017", the Law "On the National Anti-Corruption Bureau" and others.

According to the Article 1 of the Law of Ukraine "On prevention of corruption", corruption is the use of a person referred to the Article 3 of this law granted him authority and related opportunities to obtain unlawful benefit or benefits of adopting such decision or promise / offer such a benefit for himself or others or under promise / offer or provide undue advantage to a person referred to the Article 3 of this Law, or at its request by other natural or legal person to persuade the person to unlawful use of the authority given to it and related opportunities.

The purpose of anti-corruption activities is to create a system for making decisions related to policies on combating corruption in Ukraine, based on an analysis of reliable data on corruption and officials who cause it, including statistical monitoring and enforcement of decisions and their impact on issues related to the prevention of corruption conducted by an independent specialized body with the involvement of civil society and the formation of public support for the fight against corruption.

Despite the sufficient level of legislative consolidation of the main provisions of anti-corruption activity of this issue is still relevant. Corruption in Ukraine still remains one of the top problems threatening economic growth and democratic development.

In our opinion, the main factors contributing to the commission of crimes in this area are:

1. The low level of economic development.
2. Low level of civil society and legal consciousness.
3. Lacks the mechanism of implementation of anti-corruption
4. The involvement of government officials in corruption schemes
5. Hiding the public authorities of committing crimes.
6. Lack of free access to information.
7. Low level of financial and social provision of public servants.

All these factors lead to negative consequences in the political, social, economic and other spheres of human activity because of reinforce the activities of organized crime and its impact on society.

Therefore, to fight corruption in Ukraine it should realize such activities as:

1. Strengthening of interaction between government, private organizations and citizens
2. The use of computers in areas with high levels of corruption in order to reduce the human factor.
3. Implementation of programs of social education of citizens.
4. The application of the criminal law regardless of the status of the person.
5. Application of combat experience of foreign countries.

Therefore, corruption is dangerous factor which affects all areas of development. Corruption is an indicator of the low level of democratic states. That is why public authorities should implement effective policies to combat crime.