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## **LAW ENFORCEMENT ACTIVITIES OF THE COUNTRIES OF EUROPE**

Today we are in the process of reforming the system of public authorities, in search of ways and instruments to ensure the rights and freedoms of society. Foreign countries have accumulated considerable experience in training staff for services.

The organization of law enforcement, public security and crime prevention in all its manifestation in each country has its own peculiarities. The main feature of law enforcement agencies in many countries of the world is the high social, legal protection and financial support of their employees, which leads to the responsible fulfillment of their responsibilities and professional development. But law enforcement improvement is seen as an urgent task that needs a timely solution.

In the scientific literature, the problems of law enforcement agencies have always been actively investigated. The most notable scientists who have studied this issue are M. Korkunov, L. Petrazhitsky, S. Frank, G. Shershenevich, E. Annars, Y. Arzamasov, P. Baxter, E. Blankenburg, V. Gilensen, E. Graham, O. Zhalinsky, V. Kartashov, V. Kudryavtsev, V. Tomin, I. Rostovschikov, V. Cherdantsev, V. Fedorov, K. Hesse, etc.

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This topic is relevant because law enforcement agencies perform those internal functions of the state that counteract threats to the individual and property.

The purpose of research is to explore the nature and principles of law enforcement and to characterize the methodology of European Union law enforcement research. We should also identify the object and subject of the

study. Besides, it is also necessary to identify directions and problems of reforming the activities of law enforcement agencies of Ukraine and European countries. And finally, our aim is to reveal the peculiarities of the implementation of law enforcement activities in the practice of Ukraine and the countries of the European Union.

The subject of the research is the law enforcement activities of the European Union countries and the analysis of the features of law enforcement activities.

Law enforcement activity is a type of the state activity which is carried out for the purpose of right protection by specialty authorized bodies by application of legal measures of influence in strict accordance with the law. The most distinctive features of law enforcement agencies are publicity, professionalism, procedural character, jurisdictional character, orientation on protection of human rights and freedoms. It is proved that the function of law enforcement is the direction of its influence on public relations, the necessity of which gives rise to the existence of law enforcement activity as a phenomenon of legal reality. Law enforcement agencies have been influenced by relevant social factors and features of the legal systems of the concerned countries.

The following general features of the structure of law enforcement agencies specific to the countries of the European Union may be distinguished: the diversity of law enforcement, their independence from one another, high police professionalism, active involvement of public voluntary associations, publicity of thought when solving difficult situations. The joint activity of the European Union countries requires intensive cooperation of law enforcement agencies, that is why a system of law enforcement agencies was created: European Police (Europol), Standing Committee on Operational Cooperation on Internal Security, European Anti-Corruption Office, etc.

The functional component of building a police system is revealed by defining the specific functions of the two main sectoral police services of France, Germany, Poland - the criminal police and the administrative police. The main task of the police is to fight crime. The law enforcement system is an integral part of the person, the reproduction of mentality and development. The positive experience of organizations and the functioning of existing systems in this field are relevant for Ukraine. The link between the law enforcement system in Europe and Ukraine contributes greatly to the development of the structure of Ukraine's internal organs.

To sum it up, today the law enforcement system of Ukraine should follow the example of developed European countries. The process of Ukraine's accession to the European Union, active cooperation with the

Council of Europe, the OSCE and other international organizations make it possible to be implemented at the international level. In any case, the constant aim and task of the subjects cooperating with the European countries is to strengthen law and order, the integrity of the state, the protection of human rights and freedoms.

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#### **PREVENTING CORRUPTION IN UKRAINE: FOREIGN EXPERIENCE AND UKRAINIAN REALITIES**

The problem of preventing corruption is one of the actual issues of the modern world. Although, corruption, i.e., 'misuse of public power for private gain', is disliked in its essence because of its detrimental effects on the development of a country, it is pervasive and exists, with varying degrees, in every country in the world [5]. Corruption is a threat to national security, hindering the development of established institutions of democracy and the public, who want to create university truths that have education, and human health, important relationships, property relations. In addition, corruption has a negative impact on the economy, which is also a system of Ukraine [3]. It should be noted that the comparative legal analysis of anti-corruption initiatives in different countries are valuable not only in the scientific, but also in the practical context. So, on the basis of comparative