

The aim of this dissertation is to present the forensic aspects of fighting against and counteracting the crimes connected with European Union funds fraud.

Due to the fact, that financial interests of the European Union are directly connected with the interest of EU Member States, they are subject to various forms of abuse menacing incomes and outcomes of EU general budget. Therefore it comes up as obvious, that identifying perpetrators' *modus operandi* and establishing methods of fighting against this kind of crimes is necessary.

The main purpose of this dissertation is to analyze matters concerning criminal activity connected with EU funds from forensic point of view – especially:

1. identifying sources of information unveiling criminal activity concerning realization of projects financed from EU funds,
2. presentation of methods used by perpetrators,
3. presentation of forensic specialist's role in cases concerning EU financial interests,
4. presentation of other kinds of criminal evidence used during the investigations concerning crimes against the EU financial interests.

Dissertation contains fourteen chapters, each one referring to particular issue.

First nine chapters present: structure of EU funds, legal and procedural aspects of EU budget, protection methods and authorities intended to detecting and fighting against this kind of crimes, sources of information about particular crimes, *modus operandi* of perpetrators, inspection of crime scene and physical proof, analysis of physical proof preceding actual conclusions, description of court experts opinions, other sources of evidence.

Last five chapters contain: research description, presentation of research conclusion consisting of: questionnaires, court case studies, EU founded institutions inquiries and discussion.