



# Distinguishing criteria between petty and high-ranking corruption: Preliminary results II.

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# Researches conducted in the project

## 1) Second analysis – Corruption offences in Hungary

- problems of knowledge about corruption
- definition of corruption
- results of empirical research

## 2) Second analysis – Budget fraud on financial support from the European Union's resources

- criminal protection of the financial interest of the EU
- the Hungarian Regulation
- research 2018 conducted by National Institute of Criminology
- research 2021 conducted by OKRI



## Second analysis – Corruption offences in Hungary

- Theoretical issues
- Results of empirical research
  - data analysis
  - the offenders of corruption offences
  - duration of cases



## Second analysis – Budget fraud on financial support from the European Union's resources

- Criminal law protection of the financial interest of the EU
- The European Union funds
- The Hungarian Regulation
- Research 2018 conducted by National Institute of Criminology
- Research 2021 conducted by OKRI:
- Issues: the initiation of the proceedings, the length of proceedings, the perpetrators' features, the features of the crime,, the phases of the crime, the court decisions, the sentencing practise, the Unions funds concerned, the subject of the projects, experience of prosecution offices

## Issues to be discussed regarding in the training

- 1) Separation of crimes of trading in influence from buying influence
- 2) Offences against EU's financial interest
- 3) Prevention of corruption
- 4) Non-law enforcement crime prevention
- 5) Undercover tools
- 6) What regulations apply to bodies and persons exposed to an increased risk of corruption
- 7) High-level corruption – economic corruption
- 8) Field of suspect cooperation
- 9) Relationship between criminal law and competition law

# Guidelines for processing cases

- 1) Cases from four countries: Hungary, Italy, Romania and Poland
- 2) Background material
  - problem raising (what issue does the case carry)
  - related national law
- 3) Criteria to the cases
  - initiation of proceedings
  - historical facts
  - evidence, use of covert instruments
  - form of court proceedings
  - length of proceeding
  - other issues



# Dissemination of the project

- **Project website** – <https://critcor.okri.hu/>
- **Conferences**
- **Volume:** „Distinguishing criteria between petty and high-ranking corruption Countries' case studies”
- **„Training Material:** European Perspective on Corruption” – a comparative analysis of substantive and procedural questions
- „Guidelines for Practitioners – **Toolkit** for Preventing, Investigating and Prosecuting Corruption Cases”
- **Other publications**



# Thank you for your kind attention!

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