

Summary of doctoral dissertation „*Internal security of Schengen states. Between border control and freedom of movement*”

The year 2015 was unprecedented for the EU and its external borders with 1,8 million detection of illegal entries, associated with an estimated one million individuals. Unlike almost any other year since World War II, the scenes of chaos and tragic images of those who have lost their lives have sharpened the focus of migration issues. It can be challenge to provide for the continuous functioning of border activities in a situation where thousands of migrants of mixed backgrounds, circumstances and nationalities, arrive at the border in very short time.

The problem with irregular migration began in 2011, along with events of Arab Spring. The already difficult issue of irregular migration rendered even more complex by the tragic attacks in Europe in 2015 and 2016 and growing threat from foreign terrorist fighters.

The main aim of the dissertation is to show the evolution in position of EU and Schengen states in the approach to internal security in context of border protection system. It is truly important to identify why some Schengen states implement the Schengen acquis with different involvement although through removing border control on internal borders they take responsibility for security of the other members. What is important, this analysis is supposed to recognize the division of roles in the field of ensuring the internal security between EU and Schengen states. Due to the importance of states internal security problems, the shape of internal security of the whole European Union is connected with political vision and institutional capacity of single member states. The cooperation between Poland and Germany on common internal border is indicated here as an example of good cooperation based on the Schengen acquis.

The next important object of research was analysis how Integrated Border Management creates an important security component. The author intends to show and analyze Schengen concept as regional security system sensitive to threats coming from outside.

The last research area that has been analyzed is the future of Schengen zone. There is no doubt that freedom of movement is one of the greatest achievements of the European Union. On the other hand member states are responsible for ensuring internal security. Due to the direct connection between internal security and the security of the borders maintenance and further development of Schengen area is tied with development of international cooperation on the EU ground.