Acceptance of criminal liability of the legal persons in the South East Europe countries – the solution of legislator in Kosovo

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The issue of criminal liability of legal persons is currently a concept that has been raised worldwide, as result of the growing influence of legal entities, in all areas of economic and social life, thus enabling the potential for committing many criminal offences on their behalf and benefit.

After a long tradition in the "Common law", in recent decades the corporate criminal liability is also accepted in the countries that are part of the "Civil law" as a response to the need of protecting from corporate crimes. This trend has existed also in the South East Europe countries towards regulation such liability (Kosovo, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Albania, Serbia, Croatia, etc.).

In this paper we will analyze in the comparative aspect the legal solution in the South East Europe countries. In particular, we will address the main aspects of criminal liability of legal persons in the Republic of Kosovo.

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